



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, December 31, 2019

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SENIOR PASTOR DAVE FISHER IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES THIS COMING SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, AT 303-841-3553.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THE REST OF THIS WEEK. REGULAR OFFICE HOURS WILL RESUME NEXT WEEK.

THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE – EPIPHANY SUNDAY

This Sunday at Spirit of Hope we will observe Epiphany Sunday, the Sunday closest to the Epiphany of our Lord (January 6). At the Epiphany, the Magi found the Messiah, Jesus, in Bethlehem and presented Him with treasures of gold, frankincense and myrrh. This Sunday we will also return to reading and preaching through the gospel of Luke. Luke 18:15-17 is the text where we have the story of Jesus welcoming children. Everything begins this Sunday at 9:00 am with Fellowship at our church facility at 7060 Ponderosa Drive, Parker, CO 80138. Worship begins at 9:30 am. Intergenerational Sunday School is in recess this Sunday.

JANUARY HAPPENINGS AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

New Member Orientation – January 5

LCMC Three Days of Prayer – January 7-9

Wednesday Adult Bible Study Resumes January 8

January 8 – Lutheran Catechism Class Concludes

January 15 to February 19 – Galatians

Young Adult Game Night – January 10 (see article below)

Marion Medical Mission Trip Share – January 12

Annual Congregational Meeting – January 26

NEXT NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION IS SUNDAY, JANUARY 5TH!

The next new member orientation will be held **THIS COMING SUNDAY** on January 5, 2020. This session is for those interested in learning more about Spirit of Hope and/or who are considering making Spirit of Hope their new church home. The session will run from 11:15 am to noon following worship that day. Please contact Pastor Dave at pastordave@spiritofhopelcmc.org for more information or to RSVP.

MIDWEEK WEDNESDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY RESUMES JAN. 8

Our midweek Adult Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, January 8, 2020, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm at the church facility. That night we will finish the fall study on the Lutheran Catechisms covering Holy Communion and Martin Luther's Table of Duties. On January 15, we will begin a six-week study on Galatians. Come and be enriched through Bible study!

YOUNG ADULT GAME NIGHT

Friday, January 10th, 6 pm -9pm High School students and all youth group graduates are invited to bring a favorite game to play! We will enjoy dinner and time to catch up with one another! This event will take place at the church and is being hosted by the West family. Please RSVP to Wendy West by January 8th.

MARION MEDICAL MISSION TRIP SHARE

On Sunday, January 12, Tiffany Poch, Wayne Schultz and Pastor Dave will share about their trip to Africa in September and October of this year with Marion Medical Mission. Tiffany served on Team 1 and Pastor Dave served on Team 2 in Tanzania. Wayne served on Team 2 in Zambia. Together with other U.S. volunteers and their African partners, Marion Medical Mission installed and dedicated over 3,000 shallow water drinking wells in rural villages of Malawi, Zambia and Tanzania. Come hear what God did! The presentation will be from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm after worship.

LCMC CALLS FOR THREE DAYS OF PRAYER

Once again, the association that Spirit of Hope belongs to, Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ, is encouraging Three Days of Prayer at the beginning of 2020. Every congregation, member, and pastor of LCMC is invited to join together January 7-9, 2020 for the 8th Annual Three Days of Prayer. The themes for each of the three days are as follows:

Tuesday, January 7: This is a day focused on confession. We have made our lives, our relationships—and even the church—in our own image. We confess that the church belongs to Jesus and not to us. We gather to lay down our pride, our sin and our agenda and ask the Lord of the church for forgiveness, which He gives freely and with mercy.

Wednesday, January 8: This is a day of petition. Pray for your congregation, for the pastors, for the leaders, for those who carry out ministries, for the Sunday school teachers, for the confirmation leaders, for those leading adult Bible studies and for those leading small groups. Pray for those in hospital and nursing home ministries. Pray for all those connected to your church that they might know God's redeeming love for all in Christ.

Thursday, January 9: This is a day for vision. Pray that the Holy Spirit will again move through the hearts and minds of leaders and pastors that God's vision for His church might be revealed and fulfilled. This is a time of prayer for renewal, revival and encouragement. Pray for God's vision.

Please plan now to set aside some time for prayer on each of these three days.

OFFICIAL MEETING NOTICE!

In accordance with Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church By Law B3.01 the church board calls for the annual meeting of the congregation to be held on Sunday, January 26, 2020, following the conclusion of the 9:30 am worship service at the church facility of Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church (7060 Ponderosa Drive, Parker, CO 80138). The

purpose of this meeting will be to officially receive an annual report on the mission, ministries and activities of Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church for the year 2019 and approve or deny the proposed general fund budget for 2020. An annual report including the proposed 2020 general fund budget will be sent to the congregation at least one week prior to the date of the annual meeting.

2020 CHURCH BOARD NOMINEES

Nominees have been determined for the 2020 church board. They are Carol Palin, Susan Spencers and Gary Flora. The congregation is invited to give any input to the current church board before their next meeting of January 14, 2020.

Prayer Requests - If you have a prayer request for the prayer team please contact Pastor Wendy Poch or Pastor Dave Fisher at 303-841-3553 or wendy.poch@spiritofhopelcmc.org. or pastordave@spiritofhopelcmc.org.

Jesus said; "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

Please include the following people in your prayers:

For comfort and peace for Shelly Blazier and her family as they mourn the loss of Shelly's father, Jerry, this last weekend

For our Christian brothers and sisters all over the world who suffer persecution to be comforted and strengthened and for the Lord God to defeat the evil of terrorism done to them

For Spirit of Hope mission partners: Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ, Southeast Community Outreach, Mean Street Ministry, Apache Youth Ministries, East European Mission Network, Missionary Carrie, Tartu Academy of Theology

For Spirit of Hope mission allies: Marion Medical Missions, Bethesda Lutheran Ministries, Compassion International, the Institute of Lutheran Theology

For missionaries around the world as they seek to proclaim the gospel

All of our military fighting for our freedoms

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES (Members and Friends)

January Birthdays

- 1/4 Andrew West
- 1/4 Renee Nefe
- 1/7 Thane Larson
- 1/8 Tim Lehnerz
- 1/10 Kasja Larson
- 1/17 Sara Gutknecht

1/21 Bea Zwegardt
1/22 Penny & Violet Garrett
1/25 Gregory West
1/30 Delories Admundson
1/31 Melissa Andrews

QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE

December income = \$42,662*

December expenses = \$26,883*

Checking = \$28,450

Money Market = \$29,202 (Reserves = \$10,421 Dedicated = \$18,781)

Building Loan Interest Escrow = \$23,111

***Reflects \$10,000 gift to Tartu Academy of Theology Home of Hope Project**