



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, December 5, 2017

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PASTORAL INTERN WENDY POCH IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES FOR THIS COMING SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, AT 303-514-5266.

THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE – 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The season of Advent continues this Sunday, December 10! This Sunday we continue our Advent readings in the gospel of Luke with chapter 1 verses 39-56. This is Luke's account of the visit of Mary to her cousin Elizabeth. Both women are miraculously pregnant and anticipating great things in their futures. Anticipations surrounding Christmas will be one of the themes addressed as we read these verses on Sunday. Also, this Sunday the Spirit of Hope Choir under the direction of Brenda Reinicke returns to present a special Christmas themed anthem! Fellowship Time starts at 9:00 am in the gym at Pine Lane Elementary North (6485 E Ponderosa Drive, Parker, CO 80138). Worship is from 9:30 to 10:30 am. Sunday School for all ages is from 11:00 am until noon.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR THIS SUNDAY

Kid's class – studying the Gospel of John is taught by Andrea Hoyt and Victoria Fisher meeting in the upstairs art room

High School youth class on the Gospel of Luke will be taught by Intern Wendy this Sunday and meets in the band room behind the stage in the gym

Women's Study facilitated by Wendy West is studying the Gospel of Luke using a resource by Christian author, Max Lucado, meeting in the upstairs resource center

A new General Adult Study continues this Sunday as Joseph Ravitts leads a class entitled, "Why Did God Do That?" Stories from scripture that are sometimes confusing will be covered to answer this question. The class meets in the main gym

YOUTH NEWS!

Upcoming January Youth Events

Prayer and pie night 1/3 from 7-8:30 pm at the Parker Village Inn

Youth Group 1/7 from 12-2 pm

Youth Group 1/28 from 12-2 pm.

EEMN YOUTH MISSION TEAM

Spirit of Hope is excited to offer our youth several exciting mission opportunities in 2018. The first opportunity is to serve for just over two weeks in Bulgaria and Slovakia (with a side trip to Philippi!). This mission team will be part of a larger team from around the world serving under EEMN. Teens and young adults will be working with high school students at a Christian adventure camp, similar to our own Lutheran Valley Retreat. Not only will adventures be had with Eastern European teens, but there will be significant time spent studying and discussing the Bible, worshipping, and helping the teens with their English language skills. Parents received a detailed information letter in October and EEMN gave a presentation at Spirit of Hope in November. There is an Early Bird registration discount for team members who register before December 31st. All team members must register by January 31st. Our second mission trip offering will be a trip to serve on the White Mountain Apache Reservation with Apache Youth Ministries. This may be a youth trip or all church trip depending on the needs of AYM. Details will be available in the coming months. If you would like more information on either of these trip opportunities, please contact Pastor Dave or Intern Wendy.

DECEMBER IS A FIVE SUNDAY MISSION TUB MONTH!

This month Spirit of Hope continues the tradition of collecting tomato products for SECOR and reading glasses, action toys and Christian coloring books for Mean Street Ministry. Thanks for your donations!

MEAN STREET MINISTRY CHRISTMAS EVENT – THIS SATURDAY!

Christmas on Colfax is an event for poor and homeless families conducted by our mission partners, Mean Street Ministry. It happens

this year **THIS SATURDAY**, December 9th, 11am - 3pm. The goal is to bless the homeless and low income families in the Denver area with a fun, God-filled afternoon. Participant first will come in, get registered and head off to a fun program. Illusionist Mel LaMar will share the gospel message through magic. Then everyone is treated to a yummy holiday meal. At this time, youth will come down to the parents, collect information about their children and then shortly return with a wrapped Christmas present for each child. After lunch, kids get to enjoy face painting, a horse drawn carriage ride and possibly more. If God is calling you to be involved in any way, large or small way, please contact Tim Lehnerz or Pastor Dave **BY WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6**. Anything at all will be dearly appreciated.

HOPEFUL SPIRITS BLESSING BAGS NEEDS

THIS COMING SUNDAY IS THE FINAL SUNDAY TO CONTRIBUTE ITEMS TO THE HOPEFUL SPIRITS' BLESSING BAG PROJECT. THERE WILL BE A BASKET AT CHURCH TO RECEIVE DONATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS.

THE REMAINING ITEMS THAT ARE NEEDED ARE WINTER HATS, SCARVES AND CHAP STICKS! ALL ITEMS WILL BE PACKED IN A GALLON ZIPLOCK BAG FOR DISTRIBUTION FROM THE CONGREGATION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!!!

HOPEFUL SPIRITS MEETING NOTES

Meeting November 14, 2017

Present were Renee Nefe, Carol Palin, Kandy Parsons, and Sara Gutknecht.

The meeting was opened with prayer.

Sara gave a Thanksgiving devotion from the Salvation Army, another devotion on Choose Gratitude Every Day, Not Just at Thanksgiving, and we read Bible verses on Thanksgiving.

BLESSING BAGS—we will be shopping for items for the Blessing Bags on Monday, December 4th and will be packing the bags on Tuesday, December 12th at Sara's house. This will be a social meeting, spouses invited or anyone who would like to come. We will have Xmas goodies, fellowship and beverages. The bags will be taken to church on December 17th and given to any of our members who want to help with giving to the homeless.

We are hoping to have enough items to be able to share bags with Mean Street Ministries.

We also discussed making scarves for Mean Street Ministry...using up yarn. Carol had a great idea for neck warmers...and brought a pattern for a knitted neck warmer or a flannel to the Crossways Bible class. If anybody is interested in this, please contact Carol. Sara has the patterns but has never made them...

CRAFT/BAKE SALE — This year's craft sale was a success, raising \$463.00 for missions. Such a success that the suggestion was made that we have a craft and bake sale twice next year. Susan suggested we have the next craft/bake sale before Mother's Day 2018. A tentative date was chosen-April 29, 2018-the focus will be on Mother's Day gifts or craft kits that someone could make for their mothers. (And maybe fathers...but we did not get that far.)

Sayings with the word 'hope'— We are collecting sayings or verses with the word 'hope' in them. If anyone knows of such, please share.

Warm Hearts, Warm Babies— Renee brought a flyer from this organization...we discussed what we could do to help, and will revisit this in January. Maybe a fabric, batting donation?

Carrie Breum—Over the past several months, members of Hopeful Spirits have collected ideas for Carrie Breum to use in China with her students. Our packet is finally complete and will be given to Wendy for mailing.

Banners for new church—. On hold until we can get measurements for available spaces.

A thank you note from Loreena Hoyt was shared.

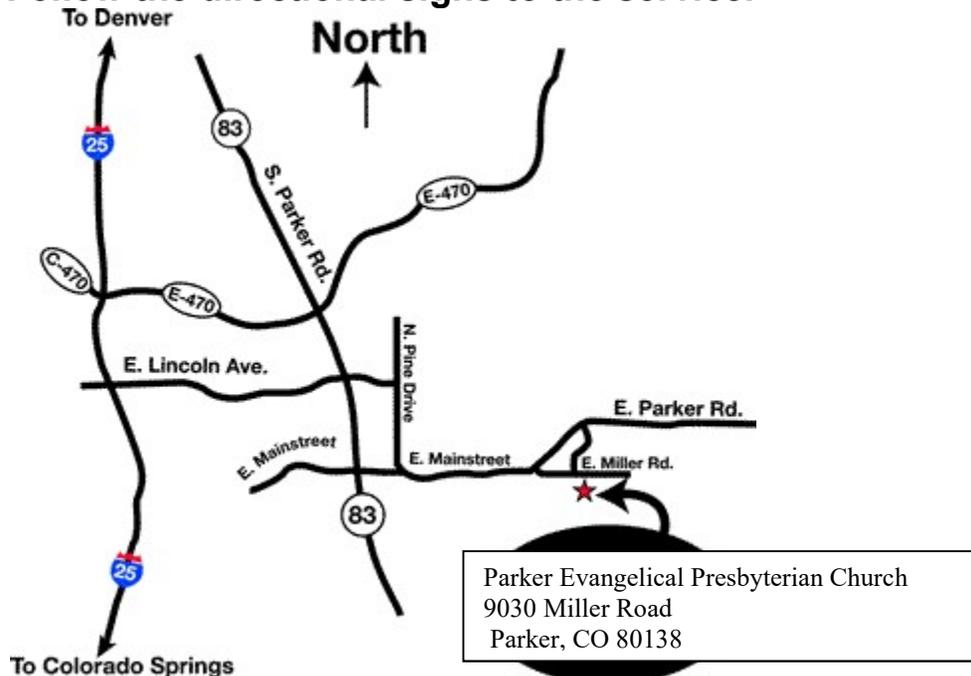
Our meeting was closed with prayer, praying for healing for those in our congregation who are dealing with health issues.

Next meeting December 12 at Sara's House.

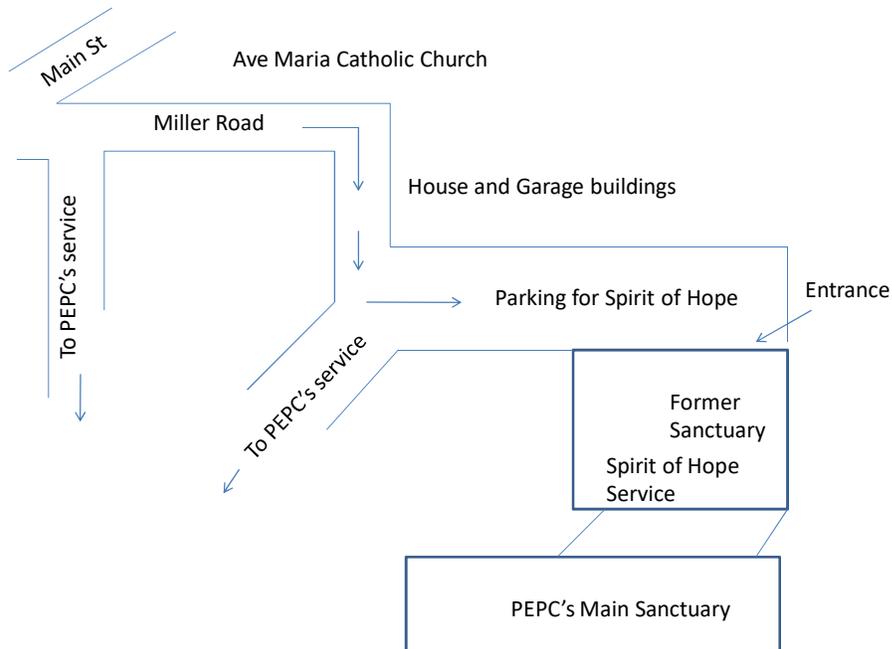
WORSHIP ON CHRISTMAS EVE

Once again, our good friends at Parker Evangelical Presbyterian Church (PEPC) are allowing us to use their Student Center (former sanctuary) for Christmas Eve worship. Christmas Eve is on Sunday this year. We will celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent on Christmas Eve morning at Pine Lane Elementary North at 9:30 am. Then, we will have our candlelight, communion and carol service at PEPC in the evening. PEPC is located at 9030 Miller Road, Parker, CO 80138 (see maps below). The Christmas Eve service will be at 7:30 pm.

PEPC is located on East Parker Road. At South Parker Road and Mainstreet, go east on Mainstreet for about 2.5 miles to Miller Road. Turn right on Miller Road and you'll see the main entrance to PEPC on the right. Their property is adjoined to Ave Maria Catholic Church. Follow the directional signs to the service.



Once you arrive to the campus at PEPC follow the directions of the parking attendants and signs to the former sanctuary that is now called the Student Center. Please see the map below.



PLEASE BRING A SMALL PLATE OF COOKIES AND OTHER CHRISTMAS “FINGER FOOD” TO SHARE FOR OUR BRIEF RECEPTION AFTER WORSHIP!

VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Once more there is a need for some volunteers to help with worship and fellowship on Christmas Eve. Two Communion assistants, two ushers, and fellowship set up and clean up helpers are needed at this time. Please see or contact Pastor Dave ASAP if you are able to help in any of these ways. Thank you!

Prayer Requests - If you have a prayer request for the prayer chain please contact Pastor Dave at 303-941-0668 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 healing for a friend of Christian Ramirez, Taryn Serio, and Taryn’s sister and another friend who were involved in a recent serious auto accident. Please pray for Taryn to heal as well as the other two involved in the accident who are suffering from concussions and trauma

For healing for Wayne Schultz' brother, Linn, and his wife, Leslie, who live in Texas. Linn has fallen several times in his care facility and recently cracked two ribs. Please pray for healing and strength for both Linn and Leslie

For healing for Jackie Dillon who was involved in a recent auto accident in which she suffered four broken ribs and bruises

For healing and strength for Rachel Winegar, the adult daughter of Ben Potthoff's 5th grade teacher. Rachel is battling colon cancer and being treated with chemotherapy in the Denver area

For continued healing from vascular issues for James Kallas the father of Cathy Morano's friend in Chicago, Traci

For healing for Tracey Ramirez from her recent ankle surgery

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 our church as we seek God's guidance and providence as we continue the building project

For Spirit of Hope mission partners: Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ, Southeast Community Outreach, Mean Street Ministries, 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)

December Birthdays

12/5 Denise Christensen
12/5 Laura Zwegardt
12/11 Carolyn Kleven
12/16 Chloe Lehnerz
12/20 Herb Potthoff
12/21 Delmer Zwegardt
12/28 Joseph Ravitts

December Anniversaries

12/14 Marvin & Polly Gates
12/18 Justin & Crystal Trawny
12/23 Wayne & Sue Schultz
12/27 Jack & Jean Huebsch

QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE

November income = **\$11,386**

November expenses = **\$13,290***

December income (to date) = **\$5,750**

December expenses (to date) = **\$1,554**

Checking = **\$35,138**

Money Market (Reserves) = **\$22,211**

Building Fund = **\$453,766**

***Reflects third quarter benevolence checks being cashed**