



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, December 6, 2016

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THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE – 3rd SUNDAY IN ADVENT

This Sunday, December 11, is the third Sunday in Advent and a Mission Sunday at Spirit of Hope. This coming Sunday Pastor Dave will be back to preach on the theme of humility and hope that comes to us from the Christmas character of the shepherd. The Bible verse for this Sunday will come from Ezekiel 34:11-16 where God Himself promises to become the Good Shepherd of His sheep. An added blessing this Sunday will be the Spirit of Hope Choir offering some Christmas anthems in worship!

On this Mission Sunday, we will once again provide envelopes at the beginning of worship for a special offering to support short term mission trips from Spirit of Hope. Fellowship Time is from 9:00 to 9:30 am. Worship is from 9:30 to 10:30 am. Sunday School classes will all join together this Sunday at 11:00 am for a special mission trip sharing from Tiffany Poch (see article below).

SPECIAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS THIS SUNDAY

This coming Sunday, Spirit of Hope's very own Tiffany Poch will give a presentation on her just completed three month extended short term mission trip to Nicaragua. Come and hear all that Tiffany experienced and how the Lord worked through her and her team mates at the CIRCIN orphanage where they were based.

MISSION FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR SHORT TERM MISSION TRIPS

The Mission Fund at Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church exists to help support short term mission trips for youth and adults in the congregation. The fund offsets costs of youth mission trips in order to make mission opportunities more available to families. For adults,

the fund is meant to help those who believe they are called to participate in a short-term mission trip, but may not have all the funds available for that trip to happen. Overseen by the Mission Team on a case by case basis, the mission fund can provide up to 1/3 of the cost of an individual's short-term mission trip costs. Many mission organizations such as our partners at EEMN take applications for the coming year's trips now in December. Please contact the members of the Mission Team (Pastor Dave, Wendy Poch, Tim Lehnerz, or Chuck West) if you are interested in applying.

YOUTH NEWS!

Upcoming Youth Group Events

12/9 St. Nicholas Weekend

1/8 Youth Group Night, Poch Home, 6-8 pm

1/22 Youth Group Night, Poch Home, 6-8 pm

St. Nicholas Weekend 12/9 ***Update***

To better accommodate the majority of our youth families, we have decided to modify St. Nicholas Weekend this year. This year's event will be on Friday only. We will meet at the Poch home at 4:30 pm (new time!). We will be working on a Bible project for Mean Street Ministry, enjoy dinner together, Christmas games and gift exchange, and a movie. We will wrap up the evening by 11:00 pm. Every student is asked to bring a fun roll of duct tape. Adults present will include Pastor Dave, Wendy West, Glenn Poch and Wendy Poch. Parents: Look for a detailed email coming soon!

HOPEFUL SPIRITS NEWS!

The Next Hopeful Spirits Meeting is Tuesday, December 13, from 2 to 4 pm at the home of Sara Gutknecht

CROSSWAYS UPDATE

We have met the minimum for the upcoming Crossways course, but we certainly still have room for you! Materials for this two-year long Bible study will again be available for previewing this Sunday. Class begins on January 25th. Please contact Wendy Poch or Sara Gutknecht by January 4th if you would like to join us. More details can be found in the letter attached to this newsletter.

WORSHIP ON CHRISTMAS EVE, DAY AND NEW YEAR'S DAY

Once again, our good friends at Parker Evangelical Presbyterian Church (PEPC) are allowing us to use their Student Center (former sanctuary) for not only Christmas Eve worship, but also Christmas Day and New Year's Day as well. Both of those holidays are on Sunday this year. PEPC is located at 9030 Miller Road, Parker, CO 80138. Maps will be included in next week's newsletter. The Christmas Eve communion and candlelight service will be at 7:30 pm. Christmas Day and New Year's Day services will be at 9:30 am. PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A CORRECTION FROM WHAT WAS ANNOUNCED ON SUNDAY (Pastor Dave incorrectly gave the wrong time for the announcements that were read).

CHURCH BOARD NEWS

At the meeting of November 9, the church board recognized the proposed incoming board members for 2017. Current board members Wayne Schultz, Brad Hoyt and Wendy Poch are scheduled to off the board. Board members Susan Spancers, Steve Gutknecht and Tim Lehnerz have one year remaining on their terms. Spirit of Hope member John Parsons has been nominated to come onto the board. Board members Wayne Schultz and Brad Hoyt have agreed to renew their terms on the board with an option to step down after the completion of the building project. As a point of information Wendy Poch will continue to attend board meetings as part of her student pastor requirements with ILT. She will have voice but no vote and be required to make periodic reports to the board as a part of her internship.

From now until the annual meeting of the congregation in late January or early February (the date has not yet been set) members of the congregation are welcome to submit input to the board as a whole or any individual board members regarding the proposed incoming board members.

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

This week's expected concrete pouring of the pad will be pushed to next week due to the cold snowy weather forecast of today and tomorrow. Drawings have been corrected and finalized and are being resubmitted to the fire department today. Please pray they finally are approved. Thank you for continuing to pray for and support the building project.

Prayer Requests - If you have a prayer request for the prayer chain please contact Pastor Dave at 303-941-0668 or dave.fisher51@gmail.com

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:

Prayers for President Obama and President-elect Trump as they work together to peacefully transfer political power over the next several weeks

Prayers of thanksgiving for Tiffany Poch's safe return last week from her three-month mission trip to Nicaragua

Prayers for renewed healing and strength from cancer for Sue Schultz as she continues this current round of stronger chemotherapy

For healing for Dane Zwegardt as he continues treatment for lung cancer

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, Apache Youth Ministries, East European Mission Network, Tartu Academy of Theology

For special prayers of providence for the Tartu Academy of Theology in Estonia to meet their current funding shortfall

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

All of our military fighting for our freedoms

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

December Birthdays

12/5 Denise Christensen
12/5 Laura Zwegardt
12/7 Lowell Grauberger
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 = **\$13,948**

November expenses = **\$10,665**

December income (to date) = **\$3214**

December expenses (to date) = **\$2,718**

Checking = **\$27,372**

Money Market (Reserves) = **\$22,203**

Building Fund = **\$82,540**