



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, February 14, 2017

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THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

The third missionary journey of the apostle Paul continues this coming Sunday, February 19, at Spirit of Hope. During worship we will read about Paul's address to the leaders of Ephesus in Acts 20:13-38. Fellowship begins at 9:00 am and the worship service begins between 9:30-9:40 am. Sunday School classes for all ages are at 11:00 am.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES THIS SUNDAY

Kid's meet with Andrea Hoyt and Victoria Fisher for a lesson about Jesus; His life and teachings.

Confirmation students meet with Pastor Dave for a class on the Apostles' Creed.

Youth meet with Wendy and Glenn Poch for a class on apologetics.

The Women's Study is postponed until next Sunday.

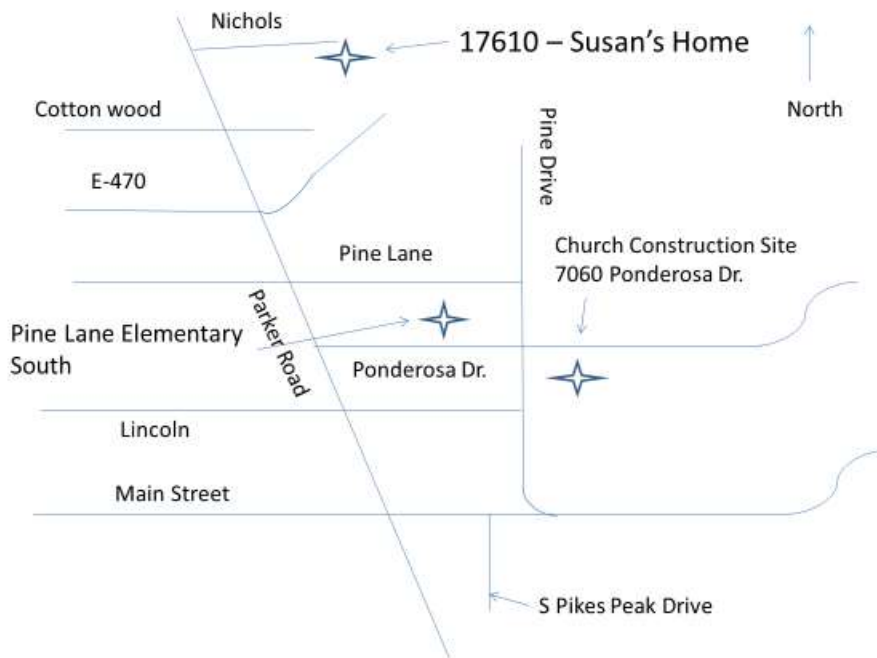
Tim Lehnerz and Brad Hoyt will lead the General Adult study as the class discusses the first video from the series by Pastor Chip Ingram, "Why I Believe: Finding Answers to Life's Most Difficult Questions."

The curriculum seeks to help understand and articulate why we, as Christians, believe in God, the Bible, Creation, the Resurrection and related topics.

SPECIAL ALL CHURCH FELLOWSHIP EVENT THIS SUNDAY!

On Sunday, February 19, 2017, Spirit of Hope will gather for an all church fellowship event – chili potluck and game event! The event will take place at the home of Susan Spancers (17160 East Nichols Place – see map below). Susan has hosted previous events such as the Labor Day Picnic. Thank you, Susan, for hosting this event!

Everyone is invited to bring their favorite chili recipe or a dessert! Bread, crackers, and beverages will be provided. The game of the day is bunko! The game is more enjoyable when played at card tables. If you can bring a card table it will help very much. Come and have some fun with your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ!



BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

As reported by our congregational president at the end of announcements this last Sunday, good news has come in since the annual meeting of January 29; a new challenge has also arisen. At the end of January's annual meeting the congregation required approximately \$560,000 to complete the building without the fellowship hall finished. The good news was that in those same two weeks additional offers of \$629,000 (\$71,000 in gifts and \$558,000 in loans) were received!!! This would have enabled the completion of the entire building as planned with the fellowship hall finished. However, during the same time, a current loan commitment was withdrawn leaving us with a shortfall of approximately \$250,000 (w/o the fellowship hall). Yet another loan offer has been received this week leaving a requirement for approximately \$200,000. The Church Board will meet next week to pray and discern how to address this situation.

IN THE MEANTIME, AND TO HAVE AS MUCH INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE BOARD AS POSSIBLE, PLEASE LET PASTOR DAVE OR A BOARD MEMBER KNOW IF YOU HAVE ADDITIONAL GIFTS OR LOANS THAT YOU FEEL CALLED AND MOVED BY THE LORD TO OFFER. After the Church Board meets and determines a funding recommendation a special congregational meeting will be called in early March. Thank you for your continued prayers on this project.

HOPEFUL SPIRITS MEETING NOTES - January 17, 2017

Present: Jean Huebsch, Wendy Poch, Marie Winkelman, and Sara Gutknecht.

Old Business: church directory - Many thanks to Renee -- the directory is in hand and progressing.

Handmade cards - it was decided to make some Easter cards; this will be a project either at the February or March meeting.

New Business: Wendy will check with Tiffany to see if we can write letters or send care packages to the orphanage in Nicaragua. Also Wendy will check and see if writing Kari - our missionary in China - would be a possibility.

We were supposed to start discussing the first part of "A Lineage of Grace" by Francine Rivers, which deals with the story of Tamar and Judah. However, we ended up having more of a current events lesson. We discussed the state of Lutheranism today, in its various manifestations; which was an eye opener and a very interesting discussion.

Next meeting: March 14, 2017.

We will be discussing the first section of "A Lineage of Grace" by Francine Rivers. This story deals with Tamar and Judah.

CROSSWAYS CONTINUES THIS WEDNESDAY!

The two-year Crossways Course continues on Wednesday nights, 7-8:30 pm. The class meets at the Bridgeside Building, 11031 So Pikes Peak Dr. lower level, Suite G105. If you have any questions or need help finding our meeting location contact Wendy Poch at 303-514-5266.

YOUTH NEWS!

Upcoming Youth Events

2/26 Youth Group Night, Poch Home, 6-8 pm

3/12 Youth Group Night, Poch Home, 6-8 pm

3/26 Youth Group Night, Poch Home, 6-8 pm

LENT BEGINS TWO WEEKS FROM TOMORROW – MARCH 1

The spiritual season of Lent will begin this year on Wednesday, March 1st with Ash Wednesday. A solemn Ash Wednesday service will take place at 7:00 pm on March 1 at the Ruth Memorial Chapel at The Schoolhouse where Spirit of Hope worshiped prior to the move to Pine Lane Elementary. Once again this service will feature the imposition of ashes on the forehead as well as Holy Communion. Subsequent Wednesday night Lenten soup supper fellowship, worship and Bible study will again take place at a variety of member's homes; a different home each week. Details on dates and locations will be published soon. The theme for this Lenten season will be a study of The Lord's Prayer." Utilizing Luther's Small and Large Catechism we will look at a different petition each week of this model prayer that Jesus taught.

Mar. 1: The Character of the Father

Mar. 8: The Father's Kingdom

Mar. 15: The Father's Provision

Mar. 22: The Father's Forgiveness

Mar. 29: The Father's Guidance

April 5: The Father's Protection

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:

Prayers for healing for Beth Potthoff's friend in St. Louis, Shelly Goebel, who was diagnosed with cancer last week

Prayers for continued 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 missionaries around the world as they seek to proclaim the gospel

All of our military fighting for our freedoms

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

February Birthdays

2/10 Steve Gutknecht

2/12 Tom Nefe

2/13 Beth Potthoff

2/26 Steve Howland

QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE

February income (to date) = **\$9,542**

February expenses (to date) = **\$4,033**

Checking = **\$31,069**

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

Building Fund = **\$93,129**