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Mission News From SPIRIT OF HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH Wednesday, February 16, 2022

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THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

This Sunday, Pastor Wendy will be preaching on John 7:37-52 in which Jesus invites all who are thirsty to come to him and drink. This is an invitation to believe in Jesus as the Christ and to receive the promised Holy Spirit! Sunday School will begin at 11:00. Adults will be studying the Book of James with Wayne Schultz and elementary students will be learning more about our Scripture text with Pat Schmidt and Pastor Wendy.



OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Tuesday: 9-4

Wednesday: 9-2 (due to the storm, afternoon/evening activities on Zoom)

Thursday: Closed/Memorial Service (evening activities will still take place)

Friday: 12-4 (Subject to change. Please call/text prior to heading to the church office.)



PLEASE GIVE A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW ACCOMPANIST, TOM WERTZ!

Spirit of Hope has a new accompanist! Please give a hearty hello to Tom Wertz. Tom will begin playing at this Sunday's worship service. Tom comes to us with many years of experience as a church pianist and is eager to help serve the people of God here at Spirit of Hope. Welcome aboard, Tom!

2022 LENTEN OFFERINGS

This year Spirit of Hope will be giving away 100% of our Wednesday evening Lenten offerings to help victims of the Marshall Fire in Boulder County. We are thankful for this opportunity to help locally now as this news story has begun to fade from national headlines. Thank you for supporting those in need as many will be struggling for years to come.



LENT 2022 at SPIRIT OF HOPE

This year our Lenten Theme will be “Living and Dying as Christians”. We will be utilizing the Lord’s Prayer as presented in the Small Catechism as well as texts from the Gospel of John. Of

special note, this new series will flow from each Sunday and Wednesday worship service. You are encouraged to break away from your busy schedule and join us for Wednesday evening suppers and worship in order to engage more fully in the entire series. Here is the worship schedule:

- Wednesday, March 2nd:** **Ash Wednesday Worship @ 7:00 pm**
Jesus is the Good Shepherd (John 10:1-18)
- Sunday, March 6th:** **Worship @ 9:30 am**
“Our Father” (John 14:1-14; 5:16-30)
- Wednesday, March 9th:** **Soup Supper @ 6:00 pm, Worship @ 7:00**
“Hallowed Be Thy Name” (John 12:1-11)
- Sunday, March 13th:** **Worship @ 9:30 am**
“Thy Kingdom Come” (John 11:1-44)
- Wednesday, March 16th:** **Soup Supper @ 6:00 pm, Worship @ 7:00**
“Thy Will Be Done” (John 13:1-17)
- Sunday, March 20th:** **Worship @ 9:30 am**
“Give Us This Day Our Daily...” (John 11:1-44)
- Wednesday, March 23rd:** **Soup Supper @ 6:00 pm, Worship @ 7:00**
“Forgive Us...” (John 13:31-38)
- Sunday, March 27th:** **Worship @ 9:30 am**
“Lead Us Not into Temptation” (Jn 14:15-31)
- Wednesday, March 30th:** **Soup Supper @ 6:00 pm, Worship @ 7:00**
“Deliver Us from Evil” (John 15:1-25)
- Sunday, April 3rd:** **Worship @ 9:30 am**
“Thine is the Kingdom...” (John 15:26-16:15)
- Wednesday, April 6th:** **Soup Supper @ 6:00 pm, Worship @ 7:00**
“Amen” (John 16:16-33)
- Sunday, April 10th:** **PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 9:30 am**
- Thursday, April 14th:** **MAUNDY THURSDAY**
CHRISTIAN SEDER SUPPER 5:30 pm
- Friday, April 15th:** **GOOD FRIDAY**
Traditional Tenebrae Service 7:00 pm
- Easter Sunday, April 17th:** **RESURRECTION CELEBRATION 9:30 am**

COMING UP THIS WEEK AT SPIRIT OF HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH!

Wednesday, February 16th

4:30 pm Confirmation (Zoom)

7:00 pm Bible Study (Zoom)

(C.S. Lewis: *The Great Divorce*)

Thursday, February 17th

12:00 pm Memorial Service

5:30 pm – Zumba Gold

Friday, February 18th

9:00 – 11:00 am Coffee with the Pastor at Fika on Mainstreet

Sunday, February 20th

9:30 am Worship; 11:00 am Sunday School

Tuesday, February 22nd

12:00 pm Digging Deeper Bible Study

Wednesday, February 23rd

4:30 pm – 5:45 pm Confirmation

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm Book Study: C.S. Lewis *The Great Divorce*



FRIDAY, MARCH 4th: YOUTH & FAMILY GAME NIGHT, 5:30 PM

Bring the kids, grandkids, even great-grand kids to enjoy dinner and age-appropriate games! Details coming soon.

QUESTIONS ABOUT CHRISTIAN LIVING AND DYING

This coming Lent we will be discussing Christian Living and Dying using the Lord's Prayer as our focal point. Pastor Wendy is also working on developing seminars/classes that will be held throughout the year on topics related to Christian decision making at the end of life. ***If you have questions, or certain topics that you would like to see be addressed, simply write down your questions or thoughts anonymously and place them in the basket on the table in the Narthex.***



CHRISTIAN DECISION MAKING AT THE END OF LIFE

This year we will be having conversations about living and dying as Christians. One of the topics in this category includes Christian decision making at the end of life. Many people

wait until they believe death is near to begin having conversations about desires and decisions with their families. But that is a very stressful time to begin these conversations. If we are going to truly walk together as a church family, then we must also be prepared to walk beside one another at all stages of our lives. That means helping one another by praying, by being present, and also by providing practical and technical help.

As such, SoH will be offering classes/seminars on topics such as:

- Planning funeral elements ahead of time to make things easier on families
- Medical decision making in light of our faith
- Medical Power of Attorney
- Living wills and other options
- Medical Assistance in Dying (which is legal in Colorado)
- Bioethics
- Suffering
- Cremation, traditional burials, and other options
- Grief
- Legacy planning
- Providing for the future Church
- And more!

Some of these classes will be led by me and others in our church family. Some of them will be led by professionals in various fields (funeral home directors, lawyers, financial experts, etc.). As a reminder, I would love to know what questions you may have. In fact, I'd love to know the questions you have that you've never wanted to ask! You may write your question down and place it in the basket in the narthex and you may do so anonymously.

Stay tuned for more information. In the meantime, let us love one another and walk side by side as we do life together.

Your Sister in Christ,
Pastor Wendy

FROM THE LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS

*****NEW EVERY WEEK!*****

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The First Petition: *"Hallowed Be Thy Name."*



FROM THE SMALL CATECHISM

"What does this mean? God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also".

FROM THE SCRIPTURES

"But God's firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: 'The Lord knows those who are His,' and 'Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity'" (2 Timothy 2:19).

FROM LUTHER'S WRITINGS

"Thus, we Christians, through our rebirth in baptism, became children of God. And if we pattern ourselves after our Father and all his ways, all his goods and names are likewise our inheritance forever. Now, our Father is and is called merciful and good, as Christ says, 'Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful' (Luke 6:36). He also says, 'Learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart' (Matthew 11:29). God is, furthermore, just, pure, truthful, strong, guileless, wise, etc. These are all names of God and are comprehended in the words 'thy name,' for the names of all virtues are also given to God. And since we are baptized into these names and are consecrated and hallowed by them, and since they have thus become our names, it follows that God's children should be called and also be gentle, merciful, chaste, just, truthful, guileless, friendly, peaceful, and kindly disposed toward all, even toward our enemies. For the name of God, in which we were baptized, works all this in us. But we should always pray that the name of God may abide in us, be active in us, and be hallowed. [AE 42:28]

THIS WEEK'S DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Wednesday	John 7:1-9	Jesus at the Festival of Booths
Thursday	John 7:10-24	Jesus Teaches at the Festival
Friday	John 7:25-31	Questions about Who Jesus Is
Saturday	John 7:32-36	Attempt to Arrest Jesus
Sunday	John 7:37-52	Life-giving Water
Monday	John 8:1-11	Encounter at the Temple Courts
Tuesday	John 8:12-20	Jesus Is the Light of the World
Wednesday	John 8:21-30	Disputes over Jesus' Ministry



February Birthdays

2/10 Steve Gutknecht
2/12 Tom Nefe
2/26 Steve Howland

February Anniversaries

2/4 Jordan and Melissa Andrews
2/4 Chris and Pat Schmidt
2/28 Ryan and Tiffany Hanson



BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES



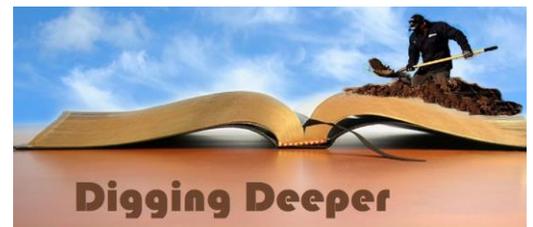
THE BOOK OF JAMES SUNDAYS 11:00 am

Wayne Schultz leads this study through the book of James. There's a lot that's packed into this little book and all of it is practical for us as Christians today.

DIGGING DEEPER WITH PASTOR WENDY THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

TUESDAYS 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Join Pastor Wendy as we dig deeper into the Gospel of John. You are welcome to bring a lunch! No homework and no prep.



*Submit yourselves, then, to God.
Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. (James 4:7)*



WEDNESDAYS 7:00 – 8:30 pm
THE GREAT DIVORCE by C.S. Lewis

The Great Divorce is a fascinating allegory by C.S. Lewis in which a busload of people take a trip from hell up to the entrance of heaven. For various reasons, some make it to heaven while others make the choice to

remain separated from God in hell. Each of the characters brings to light various struggles we often have with grace. The book also touches upon theological concepts that are also worthy of deeper discussion. Pastor Wendy will be leading this class.

ADVENTURES IN THE NARRATIVE LECTIONARY

Our elementary students will be studying the sermon text of the day as presented in the Narrative Lectionary. On occasion, there will be times when a different and more age-appropriate subject will be studied instead. This class meets at 11:00 am on Sunday mornings and is taught by Pat Schmidt and Pastor Wendy.

ONLINE BIBLE STUDY?

If you are interested in participating in an online version of our “Digging Deeper” class, where we are going through the Gospel of John verse by verse, please contact Pastor Wendy and let her know what day (morning or afternoon) of the week would work best for you.

*****PRAYERS*****

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

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



A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

By Pastor Wendy

Gracious God, you alone are holy and yet you have given us your holiness. In order to do so, you chose to take our sin entirely upon yourself.

What love you have for your children! What love you have for the world! Help us to be instruments of your grace, extending that same grace to those who might sin against us, just as we have sinned

against you. Let your forgiveness flow freely through us into all those you place in our paths this week so that others may truly see your love through us, your children. We pray this in your holy name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

Please include the following people and situations in your prayers:

For Brad, who is recovering from a car accident that caused numerous and significant injuries.

For a family in our community that is grieving the third family death inside of a year.

For Susan, who is grieving the death of her father.

For Pam and her daughters as they grieve the death of their beloved husband and father, John.

For Stephanie who is recovering from radiation treatments.

For Rebecca who is undergoing radiation.

For Sara as she goes through intensive chemotherapy.

For Janie as she recovers from radiation and prepares for surgery.

For those who are first responders to all emergencies: fire fighters, EMTs and law enforcement.

For all of our local, state, and federal leaders that they would hear God's voice and lead with His wisdom.

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. We also pray for missionaries around the world.

For Spirit of Hope mission partners: Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ, SECORCares, Mean Street Ministry, Alternatives Pregnancy Center, Apache Youth Ministries, LCMC Disaster Relief, Lutheran Military Veterans and Families Ministries, Tartu Academy of Theology, Marion Medical Mission.

For Spirit of Hope mission allies: Compassion International, SONetwork, Operation Christmas Child/Samaritan's Purse, the Institute of Lutheran Theology, Stephen Ministry.

All of our military fighting for our freedoms.

QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE

February Income (to date) = \$9,829

General Fund Offerings = \$8,865

Debt Reduction Offerings = \$700

Dedicated Offerings = \$112

Other Income = \$151

February Expenses = \$8,951

Checking Accounts Balance = \$32,124

Debt Reduction Account Balance = \$12,160

Money Market Account Balance = \$118,215