



SPIRIT OF HOPE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Wednesday, February 17, 2021

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SENIOR PASTOR DAVID FISHER IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES THIS COMING SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2021, AT 303-841-3553.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Tuesday – Friday from 9 am – 1 pm.

*****ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE IS TONIGHT AT 7:00 PM!*****

Tonight we will begin our Lenten series called “The Hands of Lent”. On this Ash Wednesday, Pastor Wendy will be preaching on Psalm 24:3-6 in which we will focus on our “Dirty Hands” and how the Lord has chosen to cleanse us. Those present in the sanctuary will have the opportunity to come forward to receive ashes. Those present in the sanctuary and online are invited to participate in Holy Communion. Masks are required throughout the service.

To make a reservation for sanctuary seating, please click here:

<https://sohworshipashwedsfeb17.eventbrite.com>

To worship via our live-stream, please click here:

[LIVE Ash Wednesday Service, February 17, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. - YouTube](#)

THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

This coming Sunday, February 21st Pastor Wendy will take us deeper into the importance of the New Covenant as she preaches on Hebrews 9:1-14, which highlights the sacrifices given under the Old Covenant vs the true sacrifice of the New Covenant. It is also a praise

band Sunday! Intergenerational Sunday School will immediately follow worship.

IN PERSON ATTENDANCE REQUIRES EVERYONE WHO WANTS TO COME TO MAKE A RESERVATION.

You can do that by cutting and pasting this link into your browser:

<https://sohworshipfebruary21.eventbrite.com>

The YouTube live-stream link and worship bulletin for those who wish to join us online will be sent later this week.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED PATIENCE AND COOPERATION WITH HEALTH GUIDELINES AND PRACTICES!

SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS WEEK

Immediately after worship on Sunday we will have intergenerational Sunday School in which we learn about Peter trying to walk on water. In this lesson, we will focus on salvation through Christ alone. Our texts this week are Matthew 14:22-33 and Romans 7:9-25

WHAT IS ASH WEDNESDAY ALL ABOUT ANYWAY?

Many people ask Lutherans why they participate in Ash Wednesday and why they choose to receive ashes on their foreheads. There are three reasons why we go to church to receive ashes on Ash Wednesday. First, the ashes remind people of their sinfulness. Second, the ashes remind people of their mortality. Third, the ashes remind people that they have been redeemed. If you would like to read more about this, you're invited to Pastor Wendy's blog to read an article she wrote a few years ago which unpacks it a bit:

[Ashes to Ashes and Dust to Dust: Why Lutherans Receive Ashes on Ash Wednesday – Life Through Lutheran Lenses](#)

\$\$ LENTEN OFFERINGS \$\$

This year, 100% of the offerings given during our Wednesday evening Lenten services will be given to our mission partner, SECORCares. During this pandemic, SECORCares has been serving a population that has grown exponentially. Thank you for supporting those in need in our local community through your Lenten offerings!

LENT AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

This year our Lenten theme is called “The Hands of Lent”. In this era of separation due to COVID, in which we are not even allowed to shake hands, give hugs, or even touch each other, it is appropriate for us to focus on both our hands and the hands of God. We are unable to do our traditional hymn sing due to COVID, but we will have a full service that will include 3-4 Lenten hymns (and a few other favorites!) each week. Wednesday evening and Holy Week services begin at 7 pm. Here is our Lenten schedule:

- 2/17/21 Ash Wednesday: “Dirty Hands”
(Includes the distribution of ashes and Holy Communion)
- 2/24/21 “Seeking Hands”
- 3/3/21 “Hurting Hands”
- 3/10/21 “Nervous Hands”
- 3/17/21 “Angry Hands”
- 3/24/21 “Estranged Hands”
- 4/1/21 Maundy Thursday: “Serving Hands” (Communion)
- 4/2/21 Good Friday: “Into Thy Hands” (Tenebrae Service)
- 4/4/21 Easter Sunday: “Living Hands!”

\$\$ FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY \$\$

Spirit of Hope will be hosting a 10-week in-person Financial Peace University course. This course provides the tools to help learn how to budget; how to avoid debt, manage debt, and get out of debt; how to plan for your future and how to live as one who has been blessed to be a blessing. This class would be great to give as a gift to those who are beginning life together or to anyone who wants to prepare for or improve their financial future. The course includes a year of access to helpful financial tools. Those attending are encouraged to invite others to this community outreach event. Bryan Saper will be our guide for this class that will meet on **Sunday evenings from 6:00 – 8:00 pm from March 21st – May 23rd**. The class will not meet on Easter Sunday. The cost for each person/couple/family is \$129. **To register for this course, please contact Pastor Wendy.** For more information, click here (but be sure to contact Pastor Wendy before signing up online!) [Financial Peace University \(daveramsey.com\)](http://daveramsey.com)

KING SOOPERS CHARITABLE GIVING PROGRAM

Did you know that you can help Spirit of Hope when you shop at King Soopers? All you have to do is link your Kroger card to Spirit of Hope! You can do that by clicking here: [Kroger - Kroger Community Rewards](#) and search for Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church, Parker, CO. If you prefer, you can ask for help at the customer service desk. Once your card is linked, a percentage of your purchase will go toward the ministry of Spirit of Hope. There is no cost to you whatsoever! During the last quarter, Spirit of Hope received \$176 from the community rewards program. Thank you to all of you who have been participating!

AMAZON SMILE CHARITABLE GIVING PROGRAM

If you shop on Amazon, you can also help support Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church without any cost to you simply by shopping through the Amazon Smile program. Click on this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/> and then search for Spirit of Hope Parker, CO. Amazon will give Spirit of Hope a small percentage of your purchase, at no cost to you, which will help support our mission and ministry!

THANK YOU!!!

I (Pastor Wendy) would like to thank each and every one of you for the tremendous outpouring of love and support that you have shared with me, not only as I transitioned into becoming the Lead Pastor of our congregation, but also throughout the entire journey that we have been on together for many years now! Your sweet cards, notes of encouragement, gifts, and most importantly, your prayers, will always be cherished and treasured. I am very blessed to be able to serve you, my brothers and sisters, as we head into the future that God is preparing for us. I would especially like to thank Pastor Dave for all the love, support, encouragement (and patience!) he has shared with me over these many years as he mentored me and prepared me to serve in this capacity. It goes without saying that I, and that Spirit of Hope as a whole, would not be here without his faithful, wise and compassionate leadership. Thank you, all of you. I look forward to all that God has in store for us as we step out in faith together to do His kingdom work! To God be the glory!

HAVING A MARY HEART IN A MARTHA WORLD

In March, Hopeful Spirits will begin a Bible study on "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World", by Joanna Weaver.

We will be using a Study Guide along with the book. The following review describes the book:

“With candor, humor and passion Joanna Weaver invites us to cultivate a 'Mary heart' that delights in time with God and assigns him top priority. Yet she doesn't discard the service-oriented Martha. Instead, she wisely and practically models how to balance the Mary and Martha qualities in us all.”

Please contact Pastor Wendy if you would like assistance in obtaining the book and study guide.

DOUGLAS COUNTY COLORADO COVID UPDATE

Douglas County has moved to Level Yellow on the Colorado COVID Dial. For Spirit of Hope, this means that outdoor Sunday fellowship (weather permitting) and communion (2nd & 4th Sundays) may return to our schedule. Masks are still required at all times while in the building except for worship leaders actively leading worship, while taking communion during worship, or at the discretion of a class/meeting instructor. Keeping of a six-foot distance between household units is still in effect. Our pastors and church board continue to monitor the situation and may make further adjustments as deemed necessary.

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 pastor.dave@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 and situations in your prayers:

Thanksgiving for Jim and DeDe Elliott as numerous family members who are finishing recovering from COVID-19.

For Kandy and John Parsons as they grieve the loss of Kandy's mother, and Spirit of Hope member, Hazel Kjellsen.

For the Carpenter family as they mourn the loss of Anne's brother, Jay.

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

For our nation and Parker community as we deal with the COVID-19 coronavirus situation that the virus will be suppressed, that treatment and the coming vaccine will be effective, that those infected will be healed and that those who have lost loved ones will be comforted,

For states and areas of our nation that have seen increases and spikes in COVID-19 cases for those outbreaks to subside

For our economy and the economies of the world to recover

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, SECORCares, Mean Street Ministry, Alternatives Pregnancy Center, Apache Youth Ministries, Institute of Lutheran Theology, Missionary Carrie, Tartu Academy of Theology

For Spirit of Hope mission allies: Marion Medical Mission, Compassion International, SONetwork, LCMC Disaster Relief Fund

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)

February Birthdays

2/10 Steve Gutknecht

2/12 Tom Nefe

2/13 Beth Potthoff

2/26 Steve Howland

February Anniversaries

2/4 Jordan & Melissa Andrews

2/4 Pat & Chris Schmidt

QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE

February Income (to date) = \$12,809

General Fund Offerings = \$10,811

Debt Reduction Offerings = \$2,000

Dedicated Offerings = \$616

Other Income = \$1,088*

February Expenses (to date) = \$5,089

Checking = \$38,011

Money Market = \$23,221 (Reserves = \$10,438 Dedicated = \$12,783)

Loan Interest Escrow Account = \$7,814

Building Money Market = \$15,017

***Includes Thrivent Grant Funds**