



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, February 2, 2016

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THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

The first Sunday of February this year sees the celebration of Transfiguration Sunday at Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church. This lesser festival on the church year calendar remembers the event in Jesus' life that revealed His divine glory to three of His disciples. We will continue and finish reading chapter 9 of the letter of 1 Corinthians (1 Cor.9:19-27). The apostle Paul continues to speak about how a Christian can use his or her freedom to further the work that God has called them to. Fellowship begins at 9:00 am and worship is at 9:30 am. Sunday School classes resume this Sunday at 11:00 am.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES THIS SUNDAY

Sunday School classes for all ages resume this Sunday. Kids will meet in the gym, confirmation youth in room 003 in the basement, youth in room 004 in the basement, the women's study in room 200 and the general adult class in room 204 of the old school house.

ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

Last Sunday, January 31, Spirit of Hope held its fifth annual meeting in the gym of the Old Schoolhouse. Opened and closed in prayer by Pastor Dave, the meeting was led by President Wayne Schultz and attended by 37 people. The minutes of last year's annual meeting and three special congregational meetings in 2015 were approved as well as the 2015 financial report. Brief ministry and building project presentations were made by Pastor Dave, Wendy Poch and Rodney Pobar. The 2016 general fund budget was approved and board members as well as appointed officers were recognized.

2016 Church Board and Appointed Officers

Church Board

President – Wayne Schultz

Board Members*

Steve Gutknecht

Brad Hoyt

Tim Lehnerz

Susan Spancers

Wendy Poch

Rev. David R. Fisher

***Vice-president and Secretary will be selected by the new board at their first meeting after January 31, 2016**

Appointed Officers

Bud Blazier – Treasurer

Renee Nefe – Financial Secretary

LENT BEGINS FEBRUARY 10

The spiritual season of Lent will begin this year in nine eight short days on February 10th with Ash Wednesday. A solemn Ash Wednesday service will take place at 7:00 pm on February 10 at the Ruth Memorial Chapel at The Schoolhouse. Once again this service will feature the imposition of ashes on the forehead as well as Holy Communion. Subsequent Wednesday night Lenten fellowship, worship and Bible study will 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 "The Exclusivity of Jesus." Six scripture passages that talk about the uniqueness of God's love shown to us exclusively through our Lord and Savior will be studied on the Wednesdays of Lent.

Feb.10: Cross Bearing - Mat.16:21-28

Feb.17: The Way, Truth and Life - Jn.14:5-7

Feb.24: No Other Name - Acts 4:1-12

Mar. 2: The Narrow Gate - Mat.7:13-14

Mar. 9: The Shepherd and the Sheep - Jn.10:1-10

Mar.16: Who Do You Say that I Am? - Mat.16:13-20

In addition to the Wednesday times of worship and fellowship here are some other spiritual activities you might consider this Lenten season:

DAILY LENTEN DEVOTIONALS

Attached to this newsletter is the daily Lenten devotional from the North American Lutheran Church. Authored by Pastor David Wendell, the devotions follow the daily devotional readings for Lectionary Year II in the green Lutheran Book of Worship we sometime use at Spirit of Hope. The devotions are one page long and an excellent way to increase your devotional discipline in Lent.

THE THORN – EASTER PAGENT PRODUCTION RETURNS TO SOUTHEAST CHRISTIAN

Some of our members at Spirit of Hope have seen the production entitled, The Thorn. It is a presentation of the passion of Jesus in a unique way. Sometimes refer to as "tame Easter play meets Cirque du Soleil and Jackie Chan," the Gospel is clearly presented in both the production itself and in a pastoral presentation near the end of each performance. The production utilizes a national touring cast and crew supplementing that cast and crew with local volunteers. This year the Parker English language showing of The Thorn will take place on Friday, March 11, at 7:30 pm and Saturday, March 12, at 10:00 am and 7:30 pm at Southeast Christian Church. For a limited time there is a promotion offering 20% off the normal ticket price. Visit the link to a promo video <http://thethorn.net/>. The promo code is SAVE20.

YOUTH NEWS

Upcoming Youth Group Events

2/6 Prayer Breakfast, Chick-fil-A, 9 am

2/14 Special Youth Group Night: Valentine's Party

2/28 Youth Group Night, Poch Home, 6-8:30 pm, Bible Study Topic: "What Happens After We Die?"

3/5 Prayer Breakfast, Chic-fil-A, 9 am

3/6 Youth Group Night, Poch Home, 6-8:30 pm, Bible Study Topic: "Who is Jesus?"

3/20 Youth Group Night, Poch Home, 6-8:30 pm, Bible Study Topic: "What is Jesus' Message?"

Important Youth Group Night Date Changes

Parents and youth: Beginning in March, please mark your calendars with some important date changes to Youth Group Nights.

Traditionally we have met on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. Beginning in March we will meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays as this

works better for the church calendar and also avoids conflict with various spring holidays. This means we will have back to back youth group nights on February 28th and March 5th. Be sure to check our upcoming events list as well as our Youth Group Facebook page for more details.

Youth Mission Trip 2016

White Mountain Apache Reservation

Youth going into grade 7 and up next fall, as well as college students and young adults, are invited to join this year's youth mission team. We will be heading back to the White Mountain Apache Reservation to work with our mission partners, Apache Youth Ministries, June 4th through June 11th. The youth will need several more adult chaperones who are willing to drive their vehicles and be a part of our team. The church will sponsor all chaperones, so there will not be a charge for a chaperone's trip. If you are interested, please contact Wendy Poch to be placed on a potential chaperone list. Priority will be given to parents with youth attending, but all adults are welcome to add their name to the list. More detailed information has been sent to youth families. If you would like more information, please contact Wendy.

Youth Mission Trip Deposits Due

Youth families: If your students would like to participate in this year's youth mission trip, please turn in the Commitment Form and deposit by February 21st.

NEXT HOPEFUL SPIRITS MEETING WILL BE FEBRUARY 9 at 2:00 PM

The next meeting of the Hopeful Spirits women's study, service and fellowship ministry will take place on Tuesday, February 9, at 2:00 pm at the home of Sara Gutknecht. Please contact Sara for more information.

BUILDING PROJECT NEWS

Construction on the building project continues at the construction site, 7060 Ponderosa Drive. In ground plumbing has been completed and has passed inspection. The excavation of the holes needed for the fire suppression water tanks is nearly complete. Work is likely to be delayed this week due to the major snow storm visiting the area. We are still looking into selling the mound of excess top soil to one

individual or company that can come and do the removal. If you know of such a person or company, please contact Rodney Pobar at 303-815-9877. Thank you!

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

PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR DAVE DIRECTLY WITH ANY NEW PRAYER REQUESTS THAT YOU HAVE. THANK YOU!

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 of thanksgiving for the safe delivery of Penelope and Violet Garret, daughters of Cindy and Will Garret, in Utah on Friday, January 22. Penny and Violet are the new granddaughters of Sue and Wayne Schultz. Please pray for strength and health for each of the girls as Penny is home and Violet stays at the hospital to gain weight

Prayers of thanksgiving for healing and strength for Sheri Giles' mom in Washington state, Elizabeth Zeh., Elizabeth has been recovering from congestive heart failure, which the doctors believe was brought on by chemo drugs she was taking following successful cancer surgery

Prayers for healing for Ben Potthoff, son of Herb and Beth Potthoff. Ben dislocated his right knee before Christmas and will be having surgery on it late this spring or early summer

Prayer for safety for Steve and Sara Gutknecht's son-in-law, Jon Claassen, who is deployed over the next several months with the U.S. Army

For renewed healing for Mike Maxwell in Grand Junction from cancer

For healing for Paul Soules, Cherri Lusk's father, being treated for cancer

Prayers of healing and strength for Will Garrett in Utah, son-in-law of Wayne and Sue Schultz, from a brain tumor diagnosis

For healing for Lavonne and Delmer Zwegardt's son, Dane, from lung cancer

For continued healing and strength for Sue Schultz from cancer

For our church as we seek God's guidance 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

For peace, healing and recovery for all the recent victims of terror around the world and that the plans of terrorists will be thwarted and stopped

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

January income = **\$16,438**

January expenses = **\$15,386**

February income (to date) = **\$0**

February expenses (to date) = **\$1,354**

Checking = **\$20,800**

Money Market (Reserves) = **\$22,162**

Building Fund = **\$124,177**