



## MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, February 21, 2017

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### **THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE**

The third missionary journey of the apostle Paul concludes as we read Acts 21:1-16 this coming Sunday, February 26, at Spirit of Hope. Also this Sunday we will remember the Transfiguration of our Lord at the beginning of worship. We will read about the event in our Lord's life when He was transfigured before His disciples Peter, James and John, on a mountaintop. Moses and Elijah appeared with Jesus and the voice of God's approval came from heaven upon our Lord. Luke 9:28-36 provides the account of the story this year.

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 meets in the teacher's lounge for another study on a woman in the Bible.

Tim Lehnerz and Brad Hoyt will lead the General Adult study as the class views the second 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.

## **BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE**

As reported by two weeks ago by our congregational president Wayne Schultz, good news has come in since the annual meeting of January 29 and 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 However, during the same time, a current loan commitment was withdrawn leaving us with a shortfall of approximately \$250,000 (w/o the fellowship hall). **MORE LOAN OFFERS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS LEAVING A REQUIREMENT FOR APPROXIMATELY \$100,000!!!** The Church Board will meet tonight to pray and discern how to address this situation and move forward.

**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.

## **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 ONE WEEK FROM TOMORROW – MARCH 1**

The spiritual season of Lent will begin this year on Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> 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 – Ruth Memorial Chapel**

**Mar. 8: The Father's Kingdom – Lehnerz Home**

**Mar. 15: The Father's Provision – Susan Spancers Home**

**Mar. 22: The Father's Forgiveness – Giles Home**

**Mar. 29: The Father's Guidance – Poch Home**

**April 5: The Father's Protection - TBA**

**Prayer Requests - If you have a prayer request for the prayer chain please contact Pastor Dave at 303-941-0668 or [pastordave@spiritofhopelcmc.org](mailto: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 of healing for Damon Osko, Tracey Ramirez' three month old grandson, who is in Children's Hospital NICU with RSV bronchitis

Prayers of healing and comfort for Walter Polnar and family upon the passing last week of Walter's sister Carol in Connecticut

Prayers for healing for Beth Potthoff's friend in St. Louis, Shelly Goebel, who has been diagnosed with cancer

Prayers for continued healing and strength from cancer for Sue Schultz as she continues treatment for cancer

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 (as of 2/17/17) = **\$9,542**

February expenses (as of 2/17/17) = **\$8,611**

Checking = **\$26,492**

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

Building Fund = **\$93,122**

**\*This week's update is affected by yesterday's President's Day Holiday and Banks being closed**