



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, February 23, 2016

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TOMORROW'S LENTEN WEDNESDAY EVENT

Spirit of Hope's next Wednesday night of fellowship and worship is tomorrow, February 24th! It will take place at the home of Glenn and Wendy Poch who live at 6386 Falling Leaf Circle, Parker, CO 80134. This location is in the south Parker area (see map below). The Poch home is located on a cul de sac. Please park on the street in the cul de sac as best as possible. Soup supper went so well last week that we are going to keep it going! Please bring a soup or desert and serving utensils. Beverages, bowls, bread and paper goods will be provided. Fellowship is from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

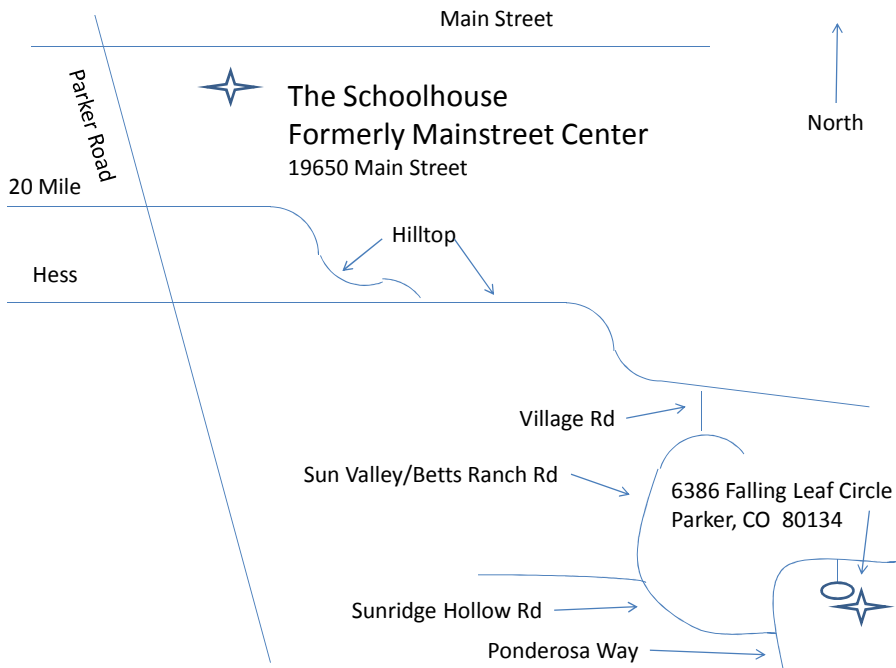
Following fellowship there is a time of worship and Bible study. Hymns and songs by request will be sung from the green Lutheran Book of Worship or the blue With One Voice service and songbook. Bible studies for the rest of the Wednesdays of Lent are on "The Exclusivity of Jesus." Passages that talk about the uniqueness of God's love shown to us exclusively through our Lord and Savior will be studied. Tomorrow night we will look at Acts 4:1-12 where the apostle Peter declares that there is no other name under heaven by which we must be saved than Jesus. Concluding with prayer by 8:00 pm we are all invited to help with clean up of the host home.

Here is the schedule of upcoming homes and Bible verses:

Mar. 2: The Narrow Gate - Mat.7:13-14 (Lehnerz home)

Mar. 9: The Shepherd and the Sheep - Jn.10:1-10 (Giles home)

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



THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE – 3rd SUNDAY IN LENT

The third Sunday in the season of Lent is this coming Sunday, February 28. We will finish studying chapter 10 of 1 Corinthians (10:23-11:1). The apostle Paul concludes a long discourse on how the Christian should live to please God and not hurt a fellow believer's walk with God in the process. Fellowship begins at 9:00 am and worship is at 9:30 am. Sunday School classes are at 11:00 am.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES THIS SUNDAY

Here is where Sunday School classes for all ages are taking place this coming Sunday. Kids will meet in the gym, confirmation youth will join Pastor Dave in room 003 in the basement, youth are in room 004 in the basement, the women's study on Women of the Bible is in room 200, and the general adult class is in room 204 of the old school house.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

New members, John and Kandy Parsons, and Gary Flora, were welcomed into the formal membership of Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church last Sunday. John and Kandy have recently completed a move from Southern California and now are fully retired; John from

Thrivent Financial and Kandy from the banking industry. Gary has been a Colorado resident for many years and has spent several years enjoying retirement from being an engineer with Lockheed. Please welcome these new brothers and sisters in Christ who join us in the mission and ministry at Spirit of Hope.

SPECIAL LENTEN MISSION PROJECT – SECOR PAPER PRODUCTS DRIVE

This Lenten season Spirit of Hope is offering a special mission project to benefit Southeast Community Outreach (SECOR). As you know we collect tomato products during every five Sunday month of the year. Tomato products are an item that SECOR finds challenging to keep in stock. Another item SECOR finds difficult to stock are paper products; especially paper towels, toilet paper and facial tissue. On the Sundays of Lent this year the blue missions tub will be out to receive your donations of these paper products for SECOR. Thank you for your continued support of our mission partners at SECOR.

YOUTH NEWS

Upcoming Youth Group Events

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 Lunch, Movie (RISEN!), and Dessert Discussion, 12 pm

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

4/3 Youth Group Night, Poch Home, 6-8:30 pm, Bible Study Topic: "What is Jesus' Message?"

4/6 Prayer and Pie Night

4/15-4/17 Feed the Need, Youth Encounter, New Mexico

4/30 Youth Mission Trip Training, Poch Home, 9 am - 12 pm

Special Movie Event - "Risen!"

Youth and parents are invited to join us for a special event on Sunday, March 6th. We will enjoy a pizza lunch at church and then head over to the AMC Arapahoe Crossing to watch Risen. Following the movie we will head over to McDonald's to have dessert and a discussion about the movie. Parents are encouraged, though not required, to attend. This is also a great opportunity to bring a friend to church! \$7 pp. RSVP by Weds, March 2nd.

Youth Encounter/Feed the Need - Albuquerque, New Mexico

Spirit of Hope will be partnering with Faith Lutheran, LCMC, New Mexico for a weekend of youth group worship, fun and service! We will be on the road by noon on Friday, April 15th and return in time for dinner on April 17th. This means arrangements will need to be made to miss a 1/2 day of school. Youth Encounter is sponsoring the event which includes time spent packing meals for those in need, working in a food pantry/shelter, awesome worship, large group games, and more! The event is totally free!!!! Participants will receive a fundraising packet that will help them to raise money for meal packing. But fundraising is not required, and no amount is too large or too small. There will be many other churches participating in this event, which is open to students in grades 7 and up. Registration will begin this week and is due by March 20th.

GREETING CARDS ARE BACK!

You may have noticed that handmade greeting cards created by members of our congregation have been on a table near the badge board as you entered the worship area on Sundays. The cards are offered for a free will suggested donation and all donations go to support mission trips and mission activities from Spirit of Hope.

A CALL TO ORDAINED PASTORAL MINISTRY

By Pastor Dave

As announced at the end of announcements last Sunday, one of our members at Spirit of Hope, Wendy Poch, has discerned a call by the Lord to pursue pastoral ministry in our association, Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC). Wendy has been praying and thinking about seeking ordained pastoral ministry for several months now and has been in conversation with me, her family and other brothers and sisters both in and outside of the congregation. At last week's Church Board meeting she was unanimously endorsed and encouraged by all the board members to pursue this new venture. On Sunday, after the announcement, we all laid hands and prayed for Wendy.

Wendy has applied to one of the institutions that LCMC is partnered with for the training and equipping of new pastors, Beyond the River Academy (BTRA). BTRA is a cutting edge institution for the training of pastoral candidates for LCMC. Making extensive use of current

technology, students at BTRA are able to live in their current homes and basically “field train” for pastoral ministry. The good news in this is that Wendy and her family will not have to move to a distant city to train in a seminary, but will get to stay in Parker and at Spirit of Hope while she studies to be a pastor. Wendy has sent her application in and, if all proceeds as expected, she will begin her studies in July. The process normally takes anywhere from two to five years depending on how fast a student is able to complete course work. Please pray and encourage Wendy as she begins this adventure and seeks the Lord’s will for this part of her life.

CHURCH BOARD UPDATE

At the Church Board meeting of last week (Tuesday, February 16), Tim Lehnerz was selected to continue as Vice President of the congregation and Brad Hoyt was selected to continue as Secretary. Thank you, Tim and Brad, for your willingness to service in these offices!

THE THORN – EASTER PAGENT AT 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 referred 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.

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 for healing for Will Garret as he continues to deal with a brain tumor. Prayers of thanksgiving for Will and Cindy’s daughter, Violet, who has come home from the hospital, joins her sister, Penny, and is

gaining weight. Prayers of thanksgiving for the safe delivery of Clara, the daughter of Bethany and Adam, Wayne and Sue Schultz' daughter and son-in-law in Idaho

Prayers of thanksgiving for healing and strength for Sheri Giles' mom in Washington state, Elizabeth Zeh., as she continues follow up chemotherapy after her successful cancer surgery last summer

Prayers for healing for Ben Potthoff, son of Herb and Beth Potthoff. Ben dislocated his right knee 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

For healing for Lavonne and Delmer Zweggardt'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 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

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

February income (to date) = **\$17,767**

February expenses (to date) = **\$10,626**

Checking = **\$29,332**

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

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