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Mission News From SPIRIT OF HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH Wednesday, February 23, 2022

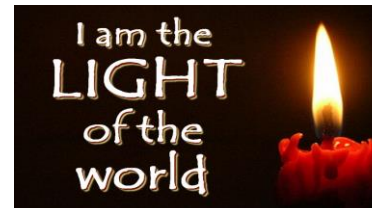
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THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

This Sunday is Transfiguration Sunday which is when we remember Jesus was transfigured while on top of a mountain with Peter, James, and John. Our sermon text will be John 9:1-41 in which Jesus says, “I AM the Light of the World”. Her sermon will be on “Seeing Jesus”.

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.



ASH WEDNESDAY: MARCH 2, 2022

One week from today is Ash Wednesday. That will also be the first day of Lent. Spirit of Hope will be having a special and solemn worship service at 7:00 pm which will include the imposition of ashes and holy communion. Soup Suppers will begin the following Wednesday. Please see the schedule (below) for our full Lenten schedule.



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.***

“For you will certainly carry out God's purpose, however you act, but it makes a difference to you whether you serve like Judas or like John.”

— C.S. Lewis, [The Problem of Pain](#)

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

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO JON & SARAH (WEST) DOYLE!

Sarah West and Jon Doyle pledged their lives to one another before God this past Saturday. Sarah and Jon, your Spirit of Hope family will be praying the Lord's blessings over your marriage. And, we rejoice with you and your families! Congratulations Mr. & Mrs. Doyle!



THE SPIRIT OF HOPE DIGITAL LIBRARY

Members, friends, and visitors of Spirit of Hope have free access to over 20,000 videos to support you and your family on their journey with the Lord. There are thousands of bible

studies, discipleship videos, conference presentations by theologians, marriage resources, and Christian children's programming galore. Spirit of Hope has purchased a membership with Rightnow Media and is passing this gift on to everyone who wishes to access it (with no strings attached!). If you would like to access these videos, you can set up your free personal account by clicking on this link (and you are welcome to share this link with your family and friends!): <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/SOH>

NEW MEMBER CLASS: TUESDAY, MARCH 8th @ 9:00 – 11:30 am

Would you like to become a member of Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church? Would you just like more information about who we are and what we believe? You're invited to our upcoming New Member Class on Tuesday, March 8th at 9:00 am. Breakfast will be provided. We will discuss our congregation's history, core beliefs and values, and get to know one another better too. Please RSVP to Pastor Wendy by Sunday, March 6th if you would like to attend.



COMING UP THIS WEEK AT SPIRIT OF HOPE!

Wednesday, February 23rd

4:30 pm Confirmation (Zoom)

7:00 pm Bible Study (Zoom)

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

Thursday, February 24th

5:30 pm – Zumba Gold

Friday, February 25th

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

Sunday, February 27th

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

Tuesday, March 1st

12:00 pm Digging Deeper Bible Study

2:00 – 4:30 pm Stephen Ministry Training

Wednesday, March 2nd (Ash Wednesday)

7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship with the Imposition of Ashes

“HE MUST BECOME GREATER...”

In John 3:22-36, the disciples of John the Baptizer become concerned that the number of disciples following Jesus had become larger than those who were following John. Then John tells his disciples that really was the plan all along. John said, “He must become greater; I must become less”.



As we do life together here at Spirit of Hope, and particularly as we come into this Lenten season, I encourage you (and me as well!) to live with this quote from John the Baptizer in mind. Where in your life do you need to become less so that Christ can become greater? Where do you need to yield so that Christ can have the right-of-way? Where do you need to take your name out of the lime-light so that Christ can shine brighter?

Keep in mind that Rome wasn't built in a day. We can't change everything overnight. Instead, let's ask the Lord to show each of us one place where we can become less so that He can be greater. Think of the positive impact this will have on each of us, our families, neighbors, and church!

To God be the glory!

Your Sister in Christ,
Pastor Wendy



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**



PRAYER GUIDE FOR UKRAINE

The following prayer guide was sent by the mission group
SEND International via Pioneers-USA Prayer Notes.
Please use it as a guide to pray for the situation in Ukraine.



1. Ask God to redeem this situation by drawing many people to Himself. May Ukrainians and Russians discover that Jesus is the only true source of peace, safety, comfort, truth and freedom.
2. Pray that Ukrainians ultimately would hope not in governments, elections or diplomacy, but in Jesus Christ.
3. Ask God to deliver those in Ukraine and Russia from evil. May He have mercy and heal Ukraine. May He give Ukraine peace and the chance to develop as a nation that values truth, justice and freedom, all rooted in the goodness of God.
4. Pray for a culture in which political disagreements don't lead to hatred or violence.
5. The conflict between Ukraine and Russia can spill over into personal conflict within families, especially when family members live on opposite sides of the border and are influenced by different sides of the "information war." Pray for unity and a love for one another that supersedes the problems between the countries.
6. Ask God to bless soldiers' wives and children with peace and safety while their husbands and fathers are gone.
7. Pray for the various world leaders involved in diplomacy over Ukraine.
8. Pray that the evangelical church will remain united, even as it faces difficult questions, such as how involved believers ought to be in politics or in armed conflict.
9. In the past few years, the Ukrainian evangelical church has become much more passionate about sending its own cross-cultural workers to reach the lost. Pray that this conflict will not dissuade Ukrainians from taking the gospel message to Russia and to other lands.
10. Pray for Christians in the military. This is a challenging time; ask God to guide them as their faith is being tested in new ways.
11. Fears stemming from the conflict come up frequently in conversation. Pray that missionaries and other believers will have many opportunities to explain to their neighbors and friends the reason for the hope within them, even in this time of trial.

FROM THE LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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



FROM THE SMALL CATECHISM

"How is God's name kept holy? God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect from this, heavenly Father!"

FROM THE SCRIPTURES

"As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, 'You shall be holy, for I am holy'" (1 Peter 1:14-16).

FROM LUTHER'S WRITINGS

"Now, God's name is profaned by us either through our words or in our works. (For whatever we do upon the earth must be either words or works, speech or act.) In the first place, then, God's name is profaned when people preach, teach, and say in God's name what is false and misleading. They use His name like an ornament and attract a market for falsehood. That is, indeed, the greatest way to profane and dishonor the divine name. Furthermore, men, by swearing, cursing, conjuring, and other such actions, grossly abuse the holy name as a cloak for their shame (1 Peter 2:16). In the second place, God's name is profaned by an openly wicked life and works, when those who are called Christians and God's people are adulterers, drunkards, misers, enviers, and slanderers (1 Corinthians 5:11). [LC III 40-43]

*"There are far, far better things ahead
than any we leave behind."*

— C.S. Lewis

THIS WEEK'S DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Wednesday	John 8:21-30	Disputes over Jesus' Ministry
Thursday	John 8:31-38	Who Is Israel's Father?
Friday	John 8:48-59	Jesus' Glory Comes from God
Saturday	Luke 14:25-35	The Cost of Discipleship
Sunday	John 9:1-41	Spiritual Blindness
Monday	Matthew 17: 1-13	The Transfiguration
Tuesday	Luke 12:22-34	Fear Not Little Flock
Wednesday	John 10:1-18	The Good Shepherd



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

COMING SOON: SUNDAYS @ 11:00 AM STARTING MARCH 6th
REFLECTIONS ON THE LORD'S PRAYER

FOR PEOPLE WITH CANCER (AND EVERYONE ELSE!)

"You have cancer," can be the most devastating words one can ever hear. Tragically, cancer continues to assault and afflict vast numbers of families. But for many the experience of cancer becomes a time of finding God's presence in a deeper and more beautiful way.

This video series of meditations on The Lord's Prayer was created by Ken Curtis when Ken was diagnosed with advanced cancer with little prospect for survival. He pursued a combination of traditional and alternative medicine, undergirded by a strong spiritual dimension and prayer support team.

While made particularly for people facing the crisis of cancer, the reflections are relevant for any health crisis (and also for grief and other spiritual crisis) as well as for those who may find themselves loving and/or caring for someone who is suffering.

This study is also appropriate for anyone who simply wants to spend time going deeper into this special prayer that was given to us by our Lord Jesus himself. Join Ken on this journey into the world of The Lord's Prayer *from original locations in Israel* that were important in the life of Jesus. ***The Lord's Prayer is not just a way of praying. It's a way of "seeing."*** When the prayer is grasped and uttered from the heart, it can -- and will -- change us. We realize how we are not alone, no matter how difficult or seemingly hopeless our situation. Even in our pain, there can come a joy and a feeling of rightness about our world.

This video series comes to us from our Rightnow Media digital library (which means you can also access the videos at home). Our own Ken Carpenter will lead this study and will include notes of his own and writings from Martin Luther at various points throughout the course.

Pastor Wendy is willing to facilitate an online version of this class during the week (showing the same video and using the same discussion questions) for those who are unable to attend Sunday School. Please contact Pastor Wendy if you are interested.



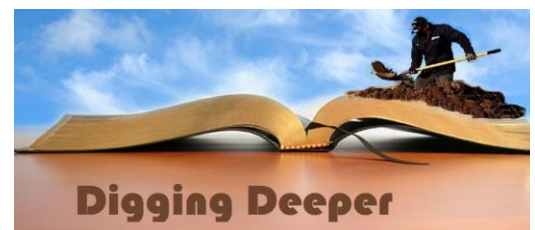
THE BOOK OF JAMES SUNDAYS 11:00 am

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. **This**

Sunday is the final session of this class.

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.





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. **After tonight's class we will pause the class due to Lent and will resume after Easter.**

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.



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

Heavenly Father, you are God and we are not. You are holy and we are sinners. Yet, you have made us holy through the blood of your Son, Jesus, our Christ. Help us, Lord, to keep your name holy in our lives this week so that you may be glorified in all that we say, think, and do. We

know that we cannot do this in our own strength but we also know that all things are possible with Christ. Lead and guide us Lord. Show us how to live as your children and honor your holy name. Amen.

Please include the following people and situations in your prayers:

For the situation in Ukraine.

For a loved one who is dealing with severe anxiety and depression.

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) = \$12,091

General Fund Offerings = \$10,580

Debt Reduction Offerings = \$1,120

Dedicated Offerings = \$239

Other Income = \$151

February Expenses = \$9,903

Checking Accounts Balance = \$33,323

Debt Reduction Account Balance = \$12,160

Money Market Account Balance = \$118,215

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.