



**SPIRIT OF HOPE**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

7060 Ponderosa Drive  
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## **MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Wednesday, February 24, 2021**

Questions, comments or to unsubscribe contact one of our pastors at 303-841-3553 or [office@spiritofhopelcmc.org](mailto:office@spiritofhopelcmc.org). Also visit us on the web at [www.spiritofhopelcmc.org](http://www.spiritofhopelcmc.org).

### **SATURDAY PASTOR ON-CALL**

For the good health and well-being of our pastors and their families, our pastors try to spend a few hours on Saturdays with their families. However, they are still available in the case of a pastoral emergency. This Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Dave is on call at 303-841-3553.

### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK**

Tuesday – Friday from 9 am – 1 pm.

**\*\*\*Please note that the office may be on a weather delay/closed on Thursday. Please check with Pastor Wendy before coming in on Thursday.**

### **LENTEN SERVICE TONIGHT AT 7:00 PM**

Tonight we will continue our Lenten series called “The Hands of Lent”. Pastor Wendy will be preaching on Psalm 141:1-2. in which we will focus on “Seeking Hands” - how we communicate our seeking the Lord by using our hands and how the Lord communicates his seeking us with his. **To make a reservation for sanctuary seating, please click here: <https://sohlentfeb24.eventbrite.com>**

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

[LIVE Lenten Service, February 24, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. - YouTube](#)

**\*\*Please note that we are expecting snow this evening. As such, please use your best judgement with regard to driving tonight. Should you decide to stay home, we encourage you to worship with us via our live-stream!**

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

This coming Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> Pastor Wendy will continue to take us deeper into the importance of the New Covenant as she preaches on Hebrews 9:15-22, which highlights why and how Jesus is both the source and mediator of the New Covenant. We will also receive Holy Communion. **This Sunday, everyone will be invited to bring their communion elements with them up to altar to receive the body and blood of our Lord.** 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://sohworshipfebruary28.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 Barnabas, who gave freely to the Lord vs Ananias and Sapphira who gave to the Church but lied to the Lord. In this lesson, we will focus on having an honest relationship with our Lord. Our texts this week are Acts 4:32-5:11 and 2 Corinthians 9:6-15.

## **\$\$ 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!”

### **THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS WEEKEND EXPERIENCE**

You are invited to a special online virtual and visual pilgrimage through the Holy Land with teachings by Lutheran pastor, Bob Rognlien which takes place March 5th - 7th. Pastor Rognlien has led numerous Holy Land tours, some of which have been attended by members of our congregation. Pastor Ronglein has also published books on the Holy Land experience which are helpful for understanding the Scriptures. You may take this educational journey through the Holy Land while in the comfort of your own home. More information and ticket registration can be found here: [The Footsteps of Jesus Weekend Virtual Experience Tickets, Fri, Mar 5, 2021 at 5:00 PM | Eventbrite.](#)

### **\$\$ 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, which is a hybrid of online streaming and in-person discussions, 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 Sapen will be our guide for this class that will meet on **Sunday evenings from 6:00 – 8:00 pm from March 21<sup>st</sup> – May 23<sup>rd</sup>**. 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.

### **HAVING A MARY HEART IN A MARTHA WORLD**

In March, Hopeful Spirits will begin a new 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. If you would like to order the book and study guide, please click here:

**Book:** [Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World: Finding Intimacy With God in the Busyness of Life: Weaver, Joanna: 9781578562589: Amazon.com: Books](#)

**Study Guide:** [Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World Study Guide: Finding Intimacy with God in the Busyness of Life \(A 10-session Series for Personal or Group Study\): Weaver, Joanna: 9780307731609: Amazon.com: Books](#)

### **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!

## **DOUGLAS COUNTY COLORADO COVID UPDATE**

**Douglas County is currently in Level Yellow on the Colorado COVID Dial. For Spirit of Hope, this means that outdoor Sunday fellowship (weather permitting) and communion (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:wendy.poch@spiritofhopelcmc.org). or [pastor.dave@spiritofhopelcmc.org](mailto: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:**

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) = \$36,221**

**General Fund Offerings = \$12,156**

**Debt Reduction Offerings = \$2,300**

**Dedicated Offerings = \$21,765\*\***

**Other Income = \$1,113\***

**February Expenses (to date) = \$8,661\*\*\***

**Checking = \$57,395**

**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 and Amazon Smile Funds**

**\*\*Includes receipt of a \$20,000 donation to**

**Tartu Academy of Theology's Home of Hope.**

**\*\*\*Includes approximately 1/2 of our quarterly benevolence checks.**