



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, February 25, 2020

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ASSOCIATE PASTOR WENDY POCH IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES THIS COMING SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29, AT 303-841-3553.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: MON. – THURS. 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

LENT BEGINS TOMORROW – FEBRUARY 26

The spiritual season of Lent begins **TOMORROW**, February 26. The first solemn Ash Wednesday service in our new facility will take place at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. 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 and worship begins on March 4. The theme for this Lenten season will be “The Body of Christ.” Looking at the parts of the body that our Lord used during His earthly ministry, we will reflect upon how we use our bodies, that is, our lives to serve Him.

February 26 (Ash Wednesday) – The Feet of Christ – to lead the way

March 4 – The Hands of Christ – to help and heal

March 11 – The Mouth of Christ – to speak God’s Word

March 18 – The Ears of Christ – to hear our prayers

March 25 – The Eyes of Christ – to see our needs

April 1 – The Heart of Christ – beating with love

April 9 (Maundy Thursday) – The Blood of Christ – shed for us

WEDNESDAY LENTEN OFFERINGS TO HELP MISSIONARY CARRIE

During this Lenten season, fifty percent of the first five Wednesday offerings will go to our mission partner Carrie B., who serves as a missionary in SE Asia. The reason for the first five offerings is that at the end of next month missionary Carrie, who is currently in the United States on leave, will be visiting us and we want to bless her when she comes. Please pray for her and those she serves.

THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE – FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

This coming Sunday, begins a new month. March 1st is also the first Sunday in the season of Lent. Lent is the 40-day period (excluding Sundays) before Easter when Christians around the world concentrate more intentionally on their discipleship. This Sunday at Spirit of Hope we will continue to read through the gospel of Luke. During Holy Week, our Lord told a pointed and controversial parable about the people of His day rejecting the Messiah. Recorded in Luke 20:9-19, we will unpack this warning from Jesus and seek to learn from it for ourselves.

The Praise Band returns to lead the singing in worship for the first Sunday of the month and the Mission Ark will be open as March is a five Sunday month (see article below).

Come as we gather around word and sacrament this Sunday at 9:00 am with Fellowship at our church facility at 7060 Ponderosa Drive, Parker, CO 80138. Worship begins at 9:30 am. Intergenerational Sunday School is at 11:00 am.

THIS SUNDAY'S INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

Intergenerational Sunday School this Sunday will be a lesson about buying the power of the Holy Spirit, or rather how you cannot buy that power or the Holy Spirit's presence. Pastors Wendy and Dave will cover Acts 8:9-25 where Peter rebukes a sorcerer who tries to do this very thing. We will also look at Hebrews 3:7-14 as a part of this lesson. Come and learn together this Sunday!

MARCH IS A FIVE SUNDAY MISSION TUB MONTH

Spirit of Hope continues the tradition of collecting tomato products for SECOR Cares and reading glasses, action toys and Christian coloring books for Mean Street Ministry. The Mission Ark will be open again beginning this Sunday. Thanks for your donations!

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION APPOINTMENTS

By Pastor Dave

In the past we have arranged for group meetings for our new member orientations at Spirit of Hope. New member orientations are an opportunity for those interested in formal membership at Spirit of Hope to learn more about our history, mission, vision, values and core beliefs. There is no expectation that a person attending an orientation will join. The purpose is to share information.

Given the busy schedules that we keep these days, I want to offer the opportunity for individuals and families to meet with me privately for a new member orientation. Please text or call me at 303-941-0668 or e-mail me at pastordave@spiritofhopelcmc.org if you are someone you know may be interested. Thank you!

U.F.O. NIGHT RESCHEDULED!

The next Hopeful Spirits U.F.O. night is scheduled for Friday, March 6, at 7:00 pm at the church.

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. or 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:

For healing and recovery for Tracey Ramirez' mom, Bev Miller, who had successful surgery on Saturday to remove an intestinal blockage

For Hazel Kjellsen as she returns home this week and continues to recover there

For Pat Schmidt as she recovers at home from successful back surgery

For Theresa Rader who has a hernia and blood clot condition to be healed

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, Southeast Community Outreach, Mean Street Ministry, Apache Youth Ministries, East European Mission Network, Missionary Carrie, Tartu Academy of Theology

For Spirit of Hope mission allies: Marion Medical Missions, Bethesda Lutheran Ministries, Compassion International, the Institute of Lutheran Theology

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) = \$14,315

February expenses (to date) = \$10,471

Checking = \$22,549

Money Market = \$29,212 (Reserves = \$10,431 Dedicated = \$18,781)

Building Loan Interest Escrow = \$20,919