



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, February 27, 2018

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PASTOR DAVE FISHER IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES THIS COMING SATURDAY, MARCH 3, AT 303-941-0668.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER & BIBLE STUDY TOMORROW

The spiritual season of Lent continues tomorrow Wednesday, February 28. Our next Wednesday night Lenten soup supper fellowship, worship and Bible study will take place at the home of the Poch family (see below for the schedule of future locations!). Soup supper potluck begins at 6:00 pm. Please bring a soup or dessert to share. Bread, crackers, and beverage will be provided.

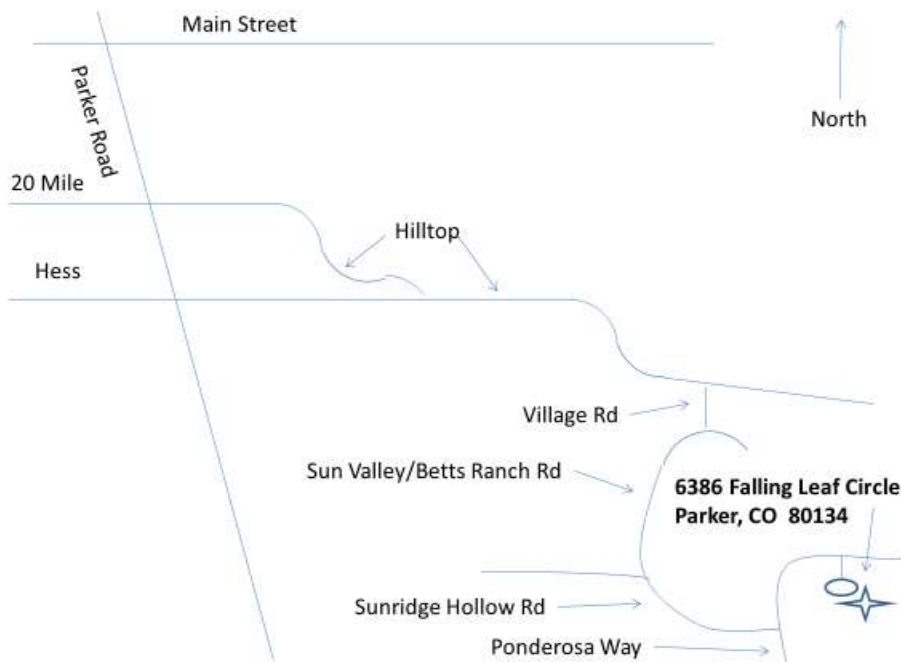
A map for directions to the Poch home is also below. Thank you, Intern Wendy, Glenn, Tiffany and Dylan! The theme of these midweek gatherings is "Tools from the Catechism." Each Wednesday we will look at a section of Martin Luther's Small Catechism along with selected scripture verses and see what insights into Christian living they give.

Feb. 28: Creeds – Poch Home

Mar. 7: Prayer – Lehnerz Home

Mar. 14: Sacraments – Zwegardt Home

Mar. 21: Confession and Forgiveness - Giles Home



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

This coming Sunday will be the first one of March and the third Sunday in the season of Lent. On March 4, we continue our reading through the gospel of Luke at Spirit of Hope. Luke 6:43-49 is the text this Sunday. Jesus compares effective living as a disciple to good fruit from healthy trees and good buildings with firm foundations. Fellowship starts at 9:00 am in the gym at Pine Lane Elementary North (6485 E Ponderosa Drive, Parker, CO 80138). Worship follows from 9:30 to 10:30 am. Sunday School begins as close to 10:45 am as possible.

SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS SUNDAY

Kid's meet with Andrea Hoyt and Victoria Fisher for a lesson on the gospel of John.

Youth meet with Pastor Dave for a class addressing youth issues.

Wendy West facilitates a discussion for women. The ladies are now in a new Max Lucado study on the book of Romans.

Brad Hoyt will lead a General Adult discussion on Christian understandings of suffering.

MARION MEDICAL MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY

If you would like to participate in a life changing mission trip to Africa that will save lives and dramatically improve quality of life in hundreds of villages by providing safe drinking water, applications are now available online at www.mmmwater.org. Volunteers deliver pumps and pipe, help with installation, document information for each well and participate in a dedication ceremony at each village. Trip length is 25 days with dates this year 14 September through 8 October for team one, and 5 October through 29 October for team two.

Applications must be submitted before April 1 and team selections will be announced by April 15th. Volunteers are responsible for their own transportation, insurance, visas, food, lodging and required immunizations. Total cost is about \$3,000, but don't let that be the reason you don't apply. Mission funds and sponsorship are available to make the cost manageable.

If you feel led to this opportunity Wayne Schultz is available to answer any questions you might have and to help with the application process and preparation for the trip.

YOUTH NEWS!

Upcoming Youth Events

Sunday, March 11, Youth Group from 12-2 pm. – NINE SQUARE!!!

Sunday, March 25, Special Palm Sunday Youth Event!

YOUTH MISSION TRIP 2018!

All families with youth and young adults going into grade 7 and up should have received a letter announcing this year's youth mission trip to the White Mountain Apache Reservation. The trip is scheduled from July 21st-28th. You are welcome to invite friends to join this team as we continue to build relationships with Apache youth, support that AYM staff, and be witnesses to the Lord on the reservation through acts of service, prayer, and study. If you would like more information, please contact Pastor Dave or Intern Wendy.

DEAD SEA SCROLLS ALL CHURCH EVENT

An exhibition is coming from March 16 through September 3 at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science on the Dead Sea Scrolls. Discovered in Israel in 1948, the scrolls (some of which are books of the Bible) date back over 2,000 years. Enough people have come

forward who are interested in an all church outing to see this once in a lifetime exhibit. We are thinking of going on a Sunday afternoon. A signup sheet with suggested dates will be available the next few Sundays before and after worship. A group of 10 or more people receives a 10% discount off the standard pricing. That is \$16.15 for kids and youth under 18, \$23.35 for adults and \$19.75 for seniors over 65. If you are interested please let Pastor Dave know.

Prayer Requests - If you have a prayer request for the prayer chain please contact Pastor Dave at 303-941-0668 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 Sherry Helmeke-Clark as she and her family mourn the death of Sherry's niece, Krisitn, last Wednesday. Also, Sherry gives thanks for her family and her husband Bob, who has been helping her every day in the aftermath of this tragedy. Prayers for strength and peace.

For God to open a door for Eva-Liisa Luhamets in Estonia to gain a new job after her current work situation finishes at the end of March

For healing for, Opal Skarphol, the mother of our general contractor, Dustin Skarphol, from recent surgery

For Wayne Schultz' family as they mourn the loss of Wayne's brother, Linn,

For DeDe Elliott's friend in Estonia, Kerli, to have healing, strength and comfort in the face of a diagnosis last week that she has a new form of cancer

For continued healing for Cherri Lusk who is undergoing rehab therapy to regain her strength

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 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, Mean Street Ministries, 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)

March Birthdays

3/9 Susan Spancers
3/17 Ramie Larson
3/17 Ben Reinicke
3/18 Sherry Helmeke Clark
3/20 Lavonne Zwegardt
3/24 DeDe Elliott
3/25 James West
3/25 Rachel West
3/30 Cathy Morano

March Anniversaries

3/6 Mike & Donna Maxwell
3/6 David & Sheri Giles
3/7 Douglas & Carolyn Kleven
3/31 John & Kandy Parsons

QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE

February income (to date) = **\$18,129**
February expenses (to date) = **\$10,921**
Checking = **\$36,911**
Money Market (Reserves) = **\$22,215**
Building Fund = **\$226,049**