



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, February 28, 2017

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LENT BEGINS TOMORROW – MARCH 1

The spiritual season of Lent begins tomorrow, Wednesday, March 1st with Ash Wednesday. A solemn Ash Wednesday service will take place at 7:00 pm tomorrow at the Ruth Memorial Chapel on Main Street in Parker at The Schoolhouse where Spirit of Hope worshiped prior to the move to Pine Lane Elementary. 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, worship and Bible study will again take place at a variety of member's homes; a different home each week (see schedule below). The theme for this Lenten season will be a study of The Lord's Prayer. Utilizing Luther's Small and Large Catechisms we will look at a different petition each week of this model prayer that Jesus taught.

Mar. 1: The Character of the Father – Ruth Memorial Chapel

Mar. 8: The Father's Kingdom – Lehnerz Home

Mar. 15: The Father's Provision – Susan Spancers Home

Mar. 22: The Father's Forgiveness – Giles Home

Mar. 29: The Father's Guidance – Poch Home

April 5: The Father's Protection - TBA

THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE – 1st SUNDAY IN LENT

This week at Spirit of Hope we observe the first Sunday in Lent. Our message will be based on our continued reading through the Acts of the Apostles. Chapter 21 verses 17-32 will form the basis of the message as we read about Paul in Jerusalem and the almost immediate trouble he finds himself in. Fellowship begins at 9:00 am

and the worship service begins between 9:30-9:40 am. Sunday School classes for all ages are at 11:00 am.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES THIS SUNDAY

Kid's meet with Andrea Hoyt and Victoria Fisher for a lesson about Jesus; His life and teachings.

Confirmation students and parents meet with Pastor Dave for a discussion on worship.

Youth meet with Wendy and Glenn Poch for a class on apologetics.

The Women's Study will join Tim Lehnerz and Brad Hoyt as they lead the General Adult study class "Why I Believe: Finding Answers to Life's Most Difficult Questions." The curriculum seeks to help understand and articulate why we, as Christians, believe in God, the Bible, Creation, the Resurrection and related topics.

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

By Pastor Dave

As I reported via e-mail and last Sunday during the announcements at the end of church, significant progress has been made in closing the most recent funding gap to complete our building project this year. The requirement last week to complete the project w/o the fellowship hall was approximately \$100,000.

AS OF SUNDAY AFTERNOON, WE HAVE MET THAT GOAL AND CAN GET TO A CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY! Praise the Lord and THANK YOU to all who have offered additional loans and gifts! On Sunday other gifts were offered. WE ARE NOW WORKING TO CLOSE THE GAP TO COMPLETE THE ENTIRE PROJECT. **That goal now stands at \$47,500.** PLEASE LET PASTOR DAVE OR A BOARD MEMBER KNOW IF YOU HAVE ADDITIONAL GIFTS OR LOANS THAT YOU FEEL CALLED AND MOVED BY THE LORD TO OFFER. In the meantime, the church board has called for a special congregational meeting for Sunday, March 12 (see official notice below). After that meeting and pending a positive vote to proceed, a revised contract with Skarco Design will be signed. Skarco has graciously continued working under the old contract and is scheduling work to happen in March. So, the project is continuing.

Thank you for your continued prayers on this project!

OFFICIAL MEETING NOTICE

In accordance with Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church By Law B3.01 the church board calls for a special congregation meeting to be held on Sunday, March 12, 2017 at 11:00 am at the current meeting facility of Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church (Pine Lane Elementary South, 6475 Ponderosa Drive, Parker, CO 80138). The purpose of this meeting will be to present information related to proceeding with the current building project to a certificate of occupancy that is within the financial capability of the congregation and to vote on a recommendation to that effect.

YOUTH NEWS!

Upcoming Youth Events

3/12 Youth Group Night, Poch Home, 6-8 pm

3/26 Youth Group Night, Poch Home, 6-8 pm

Youth Mission Trip Female Leader/Co-Leader

This year we have 10 youth and young adults on the youth mission team for the trip that will take place June 25th-30th in Colorado Springs. Because Wendy Poch has Biblical Greek classes every day throughout June and July she is seeking assistance with female leadership for this trip. You do not need to have any special skills nor will you have to do any planning. You only need to be willing to work alongside our youth and support them. If you are willing to spend a day and a night (or two or three) serving our youth, please contact her at wendy.poch@spiritofhopelcmc.org. If you would like to attend the whole week, that is most definitely an option that can be discussed as well.

UPCOMING EVENTS!!!

Tomorrow – Men’s Prayer Breakfast at Parker Village Inn 7-8am

Ash Wednesday Service at Ruth Memorial Chapel 7-8pm

Thursday, March 2, Choir Rehearsal at Dillon Home 7-8:30 pm

Sunday, March 12, Youth Night at Poch Home 6-8pm

Tuesday, March 14, Hopeful Spirits at Gutknecht Home 2-4pm

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:

Prayers for continued healing for Damon Osko, Tracey Ramirez' three month old grandson, from RSV bronchitis. Damon is now home

Prayers of healing and comfort for Walter Polnar and family upon the recent passing of Walter's sister Carol in Connecticut

Prayers for healing for Beth Potthoff's friend in St. Louis, Shelly Goebel, who has been diagnosed with cancer

Prayers for continued healing and strength from cancer for Sue Schultz as she continues treatment for cancer

For healing for Dane Zwegardt as he continues treatment for lung 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

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

March Birthdays

3/9 Susan Spancers
3/14 Sue Schultz
3/17 Ramie Larson
3/17 Ben Reinicke
3/18 Sherry Helmeke Clark
3/20 Lavonne Zwegardt
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 = **\$14,242**

February expenses = **\$10,846**

Checking = **\$28,957**

Money Market (Reserves) = **\$22,203**; Building Fund = **\$93,122**