



**SPIRIT OF HOPE**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

7060 Ponderosa Drive  
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## **MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Wednesday, February 3, 2021**

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**LEAD PASTOR WENDY POCH IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES THIS COMING SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2021, AT 303-841-3553.**

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

Tuesday – Friday from 9 am – 1 pm.

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

This coming Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, will be special at Spirit of Hope. At the conclusion of worship Pastor Wendy will be installed as the Lead Pastor of the congregation. This marks a milestone in the transition process of pastoral leadership from Pastor Dave to Pastor Wendy. Pastor Dave will continue as Senior Pastor of the congregation until the end of April but will function in a supporting role to Pastor Wendy. Pastor Dave will preach this coming Sunday as we continue through the letter to the Hebrews. Hebrews 7:11-28 is the text and explains why Jesus is the perfect High Priest who forever intercedes on our behalf before God the Father.

Sunday School will be in recess this Sunday as there will be a reception for Pastor Wendy after worship to celebrate her becoming Lead Pastor.

**IN PERSON ATTENDANCE REQUIRES EVERYONE WHO WANTS TO COME TO MAKE A RESERVATION.**

You can do that by cutting and pasting this link:

<https://sohworshipfebruary7.eventbrite.com> into your browser.

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!**

### **ANNUAL MEETING RECAP**

On Sunday, January 31, 2020, following the conclusion of the 9:30 am worship service Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church held its annual meeting. The meeting was presided over by congregational President John Parsons. The business of the meeting consisted of officially receiving an annual report on the mission, ministries and activities of Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church for the year 2020 and approving or denying the proposed general fund budget for 2021. The minutes of the previous annual meeting of January 26, 2020 and a special congregational meeting of June 28, 2020 were passed. The proposed balanced budget for 2021 was also approved. The congregation further approved amendments to the constitution and bylaws of the congregation related to the process of calling future pastors to the congregation. Appreciation was given to outgoing board members Bill Byers and Pam Malone and the 2021 board was officially introduced. Thanks were also extended to tech team members Byron Irish, Dave Giles and Steve Selby for facilitating online participation of members.

### **CHANGES COMING IN FEBRUARY TO SPIRIT OF HOPE**

On February 1, a significant milestone in our congregation occurred. Pastor Wendy transitioned from being Associate Pastor to Lead Pastor of Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church. Pastor Dave stays on as Senior Pastor and will support Pastor Wendy in this new role through the end of April. **THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, PASTOR WENDY WILL BE INSTALLED AS THE LEAD PASTOR AT THE CONCLUSION OF WORSHIP THAT MORNING.** Afterward, a reception will be held in her honor (Covid guidelines will be observed). Sunday School will be in recess that day. Please plan to attend if you are able to congratulate and celebrate with Pastor Wendy, or send her your best wishes if you are not able to attend.

As Pastor Wendy steps into this new role, Pastor Dave and President John Parsons have encouraged her to observe a regular Sabbath day

(day off). After prayerful consideration, Pastor Wendy has agreed and decided to make Monday her Sabbath day. As such, **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS SWITCH TO TUESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 9:00 AM TO 1:00 PM (OFFICE CLOSED ON MONDAYS) STARTING THIS WEEK! OUR CONGREGATIONAL NEWSLETTER WILL NOW BE SENT OUT ON WEDNESDAYS STARTING FEBRUARY 3.**

Of course, if you need or desire to meet with Pastor Wendy or Pastor Dave outside of office hours, please contact them directly.

### FEBRUARY EVENTS AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

SUNDAY, FEB.7 – INSTALLATION OF LEAD PASTOR WENDY

SUNDAY, FEB.14 – TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

TUESDAY, FEB.16 – HOPEFUL SPIRITS 1:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, FEB.17 – MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST 7AM

WEDNESDAY, FEB.17 – ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP 7PM

WEDNESDAY, FEB.24 – MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP 7PM

### HOPEFUL SPIRITS

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

In March, Hopeful Spirits will begin a 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. The following review describes the book:

“With candor, humor and passion Joanna Weaver invites us to cultivate a 'Mary heart' that delights in time with God and assigns him top priority. Yet she doesn't discard the service-oriented Martha. Instead, she wisely and practically models how to balance the Mary and Martha qualities in us all.”

Come join us as we learn to balance our Mary and Martha selves...."This book invites us to join in the chorus of daily communion with Christ, despite the pressures that threaten to silence us". You may purchase the book on Amazon here: Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World: Finding Intimacy With God in the Busyness of Life: Weaver, Joanna: 9781578562589: Amazon.com: Books[[https://www.amazon.com/Having-Mary-Heart-Martha-World/dp/1578562589/ref=sxsts\\_sxwds-bia-wc-nc-](https://www.amazon.com/Having-Mary-Heart-Martha-World/dp/1578562589/ref=sxsts_sxwds-bia-wc-nc-)

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you need assistance of any kind in obtaining the book.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY: PRAYER, 7:00 - 8:30 PM**  
**CLASS WILL BE IN-PERSON IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**  
**AND ALSO ON ZOOM**

"God has designed prayer as a means of intimate and joyous fellowship between God and humankind" (O. Hallesby on Prayer). But how are we supposed to pray? How do we start? How do we go deeper in prayer and deeper into our relationship with God? You are invited to this six-week class on prayer currently being taught by Pastor Dave and Pastor Wendy (on alternating weeks) where we discuss these topics and more. All are welcome whether you have never prayed before or have a vibrant prayer life. This class is now meeting in the Fellowship Hall. To join us on Zoom this Wednesday, please click here on Wednesday evening:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84896778939?pwd=ZWNIUmhjTmY4UjByQjRhTFlybEE1Zz09> Passcode: 825177

**PAPER REDUCTION AT WORSHIP SERVICES BEGINS THIS SUNDAY**  
Beginning in February, we will be moving toward using less paper in our worship services. You will still have the option of having a paper bulletin should you desire one. But we would like to encourage those comfortable utilizing the screens during worship to do so in order to

help the church save money on extensive printing costs. As such, beginning in February, rather than placing bulletins in your seats, they will be available by request from the usher.

## **DOUGLAS COUNTY COLORADO COVID UPDATE**

Douglas County remains in CODE ORANGE (High Risk) 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. **PLEASE WATCH EMAIL AND FUTURE NEWSLETTERS FOR ADJUSTMENTS TO OUR PRACTICES!** Masks are still required at all times while in the building except for worship leaders actively leading worship or while taking communion during worship. 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 in your prayers:**

Thanksgiving for Jim and DeDe Elliott as numerous family members who are finishing recovering from COVID-19.

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**

**January Income = \$22,349**

**General Fund Offerings = \$18,036**

**Debt Reduction Offerings = \$4,200**

**Dedicated Offerings = \$113**

**Other Income = \$0**

**January expenses = \$15,152**

**February Income (to date) = \$0\***

**February Expenses (to date) = \$5,921**

**Checking = \$27,820**

**Money Market = \$23,221 (Reserves = \$10,438 Dedicated = \$12,783)**

**Loan Interest Escrow Account = \$9,717**

**Building Money Market = \$13,806**

**\*Sunday, January 31, 2021 offerings are counted as January income but deposited on February 1, 2021**