



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, February 6, 2018

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PASTOR DAVE FISHER IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES THIS COMING SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, AT 303-941-0668.

THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE – TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

This coming Sunday, February 11, we will continue our reading through the gospel of Luke at Spirit of Hope. Luke 6:12-26 covers Jesus calling His core 12 disciples and delivering the Sermon on the Plain. Making prayerful decisions and focusing on what is really important in life are topics for this week's message. Also this Sunday we will remember the Transfiguration of our Lord at the beginning of worship. We will read about the event in our Lord's life when He was transfigured before His disciples Peter, James and John, on a mountaintop. Moses and Elijah appeared with Jesus and the voice of God's approval came from heaven upon our Lord. Luke 9:28-36 provides the account of the story this year.

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

In an effort to have enough time for classes, Sunday School will begin as soon as possible after 10:45 am during February.

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 on the gospel of Luke.

Wendy West facilitates a discussion for women. The ladies start a new study on the book of Romans.

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

YOUTH NEWS!

Upcoming Youth Events

Sunday, February 11, Youth Group from 12-2 pm.

THIS SUNDAY! WE MEET IN THE GYM FOR LUNCH, GAMES, AND A BRIEF DEVOTIONAL TIME!

Sunday, February 25, Youth Group from 12-2 pm.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATIONS SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 18 & 25

Pastor Dave will conduct identical new member orientations during the education hour (10:45 – 11:45 am) on the Sundays of February 18 and 25. The one-hour orientations are preparatory to becoming a formal new member at Spirit of Hope. Please contact Pastor Dave if you believe you are called to formally join Spirit of Hope.

POSSIBLE 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. We are thinking of possibly organizing a group from Spirit of Hope to go on a Sunday afternoon. 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. This is a once in a lifetime event! If you are interested please let Pastor Dave know.

LENT BEGINS FEBRUARY 14

The season of Lent begins on Valentine's Day this year. In a coincidence of the calendar Ash Wednesday falls on February 14 in 2018. Spirit of Hope begins the Lenten season with the traditional solemn service of the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion. As in the past few years, the service will take place at the Ruth Memorial Chapel on Mainstreet (19650 Mainstreet, Parker, CO 80138) at 7:00 pm. Following Ash Wednesday, for the five Wednesdays of Lent we will once again have soup supper fellowship in the homes of our members followed by hymn singing and Bible Study. The list of

homes and dates will be published in upcoming newsletters. The theme for this Lenten season is "Tools from the Catechism." Each Wednesday we will look at one of the five sections of Martin Luther's Small Catechism along with selected Bible passages to see what insights are provided for Christian living today. Plan now to spend some time in fellowship, worship and study this Lenten season.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE HOPEFUL SPIRITS IS NEXT TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, FROM 2 TO 4 PM AT THE HOME OF SARA GUTKNECHT

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

After a meeting with our general contractor, Skarco, a newly revised completion date estimate of May 1 has been given. This is dependent upon receiving the fire department's final approval for the fire suppression system. Once obtained, key components of the system (most notably the fire pump) can be ordered and the installation of the interior piping for the system can begin. In the meantime, other work on the site continues as scheduled. Once all the interior rough work is completed (fire sprinkler piping, HVAC, plumbing, electrical) and passes inspection the rest of the project should move rather quickly. Dry wall, landscaping, sidewalks, pump house construction, interior paint, interior fixtures, cabinetry and flooring will all be installed after passing rough interior inspection. Thank you once more for your prayers for the safe completion of the building project.

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 healing for, Opal Skarphol, the mother of our general contractor, Dustin Skarphol, from successful surgery last week

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

For DeDe Elliott's friend in Estonia, Kerli, who is recovering from recent surgery

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)

February Birthdays

2/10 Steve Gutknecht
2/12 Tom Nefe
2/13 Beth Potthoff
2/26 Steve Howland

QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE

January income = **\$23,303***

January expenses = **\$9,642**

February income (to date) = **\$6,275**

February expenses (to date) = **\$1,299**

Checking = **\$37,656**

Money Market (Reserves) = **\$22,215**

Building Fund = **\$186,046****

***December 31, 2017 offering deposited January 3, 2018 and includes \$10,000**

Building Fund Contribution

****Reflects \$300,000 draw for contractor on January 26, 2018**