



## MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, February 9, 2016

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### **NEXT HOPEFUL SPIRITS MEETING WILL BE FEBRUARY 9 at 2:00 PM THAT IS TODAY!**

The next meeting of the Hopeful Spirits study, service and fellowship ministry will take place TODAY, Tuesday, February 9, at 2:00 pm at the home of Sara Gutknecht (20490 Oakbrooke Lane, Parker, CO 80138). Please contact Sara at 303-805-4306 for more information.

### **LENT BEGINS TOMORROW, FEBRUARY 10**

The spiritual season of Lent begins tomorrow, February 10<sup>th</sup> with Ash Wednesday worship at the Ruth Memorial Chapel of The Schoolhouse. At 7:00 pm a solemn Ash Wednesday service will take place featuring the imposition of ashes on the forehead as well as Holy Communion. Subsequent Wednesday night Lenten fellowship, worship and Bible study will take place at a variety of member's homes; a different home each week. Members offering their homes are the Giles, Lehnerz, Poch, Zwegardt families and Susan Spancers. Details on dates and locations will be published in next week's newsletter. Susan Spancers' will host next week.

The theme for this Lenten season will be "The Exclusivity of Jesus." Six scripture passages that talk about the uniqueness of God's love shown to us exclusively through our Lord and Savior will be studied on the Wednesdays of Lent.

Feb.10: Cross Bearing - Mat.16:21-28

Feb.17: The Way, Truth and Life - Jn.14:5-7

Feb.24: No Other Name - Acts 4:1-12

Mar. 2: The Narrow Gate - Mat.7:13-14

Mar. 9: The Shepherd and the Sheep - Jn.10:1-10

Mar.16: Who Do You Say that I Am? - Mat.16:13-20

In addition to the Wednesday times of worship and fellowship here are some other spiritual activities you might consider this Lenten season:

### **DAILY LENTEN DEVOTIONALS**

Attached again to this newsletter is the daily Lenten devotional from the North American Lutheran Church. Authored by Pastor David Wendell, the devotions follow the daily devotional readings for Lectionary Year II in the green Lutheran Book of Worship we sometime use at Spirit of Hope. The devotions are one page long and an excellent way to increase your devotional discipline in Lent.

### **THE THORN – EASTER PAGENT PRODUCTION RETURNS TO SOUTHEAST CHRISTIAN**

Some of our members at Spirit of Hope have seen the production entitled, The Thorn. It is a presentation of the passion of Jesus in a unique way. Sometimes referred to as "tame Easter play meets Cirque du Soleil and Jackie Chan," the Gospel is clearly presented in both the production itself and in a pastoral presentation near the end of each performance. The production utilizes a national touring cast and crew supplementing that cast and crew with local volunteers. This year the Parker English language showing of The Thorn will take place on Friday, March 11, at 7:30 pm and Saturday, March 12, at 10:00 am and 7:30 pm at Southeast Christian Church. For a limited time there is a promotion offering 20% off the normal ticket price. Visit the link to a promo video <http://thethorn.net/>. The promo code is SAVE20.

### **THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE – 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT**

The first Sunday in Lent is this coming Sunday, February 14, which is also St. Valentine's Day. Did you know that Valentine's Day has Christian origins? This Sunday we will explore those origins in the Kid's Message. We will also start a new chapter in the letter of 1 Corinthians (1 Cor.10:1-13). The apostle Paul shares some warnings from the Old Testament on not becoming overconfident in our walk with the Lord. Fellowship begins at 9:00 am and worship is at 9:30 am. Sunday School classes are at 11:00 am.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES THIS SUNDAY**

Sunday School classes for all ages continue this Sunday. Kids will meet in the gym, confirmation youth will join the youth in room 004 in

the basement, the women's study is in room 200, the general adult class is in room 204 of the old school house and Pastor Dave will offer a new member orientation in room 003 in the basement of The Schoolhouse.

## **SPECIAL LENTEN MISSION PROJECT – SECOR PAPER PRODUCTS DRIVE**

This Lenten season Spirit of Hope will offer a special mission project to benefit Southeast Community Outreach (SECOR). As you know we collect tomato products during every five Sunday month of the year. Tomato products are an item that SECOR finds challenging to keep in stock. Another item SECOR finds difficult to stock are paper products; especially paper towels, toilet paper and facial tissue. On the five Sundays of Lent this year the blue missions tub will be out to receive your donations of these paper products for SECOR. The first Sunday of Lent is this coming Sunday, February 14. Thank you for your continued support of our mission partners at SECOR.

## **YOUTH NEWS**

### ***Upcoming Youth Group Events***

2/14 Special Youth Group Night: Valentine's Party

2/28 Youth Group Night, Poch Home, 6-8:30 pm, Bible Study Topic: "What Happens After We Die?"

3/5 Prayer Breakfast, Chic-fil-A, 9 am

3/6 Lunch, Movie (RISEN!), and Dessert Discussion, 12 pm

3/20 Youth Group Night, Poch Home, 6-8:30 pm, Bible Study Topic: " Who is Jesus?"

### ***Youth Mission Trip 2016***

#### ***White Mountain Apache Reservation***

Youth going into grade 7 and up next fall, as well as college students and young adults, are invited to join this year's youth mission team. We will be heading back to the White Mountain Apache Reservation to work with our mission partners, Apache Youth Ministries, June 4th through June 11th. The youth will need several more adult chaperones who are willing to drive their vehicles and be a part of our team. The church will sponsor all chaperones, so there will not be a charge for a chaperone's trip. If you are interested, please contact Wendy Poch to be placed on a potential chaperone list. Priority will be given to parents with youth attending, but all adults are welcome to

add their name to the list. More detailed information has been sent to youth families. If you would like more information, please contact Wendy.

### ***Youth Mission Trip Deposits Due***

Youth families: If your students would like to participate in this year's youth mission trip, please turn in the Commitment Form and deposit by February 21st.

### ***Special Movie Event - "Risen!"***

Youth and parents are invited to join us for a special event on Sunday, March 6th. We will enjoy a pizza lunch at church and then head over to the AMC Arapahoe Crossing to watch Risen. Following the movie we will head over to McDonalds to have dessert and a discussion about the movie. Parents are encouraged, though not required, to attend. \$7 pp. RSVP by Weds, March 2nd.

### **BUILDING PROJECT NEWS**

Construction on the building project slowed last week due to the major snow storm of Monday and Tuesday. Some in ground electrical work is next on the list before the foundation floor can be poured. A professional excavator has been hired to finish the holes for the fire suppression water tanks and arrangements for the sale of the mound of topsoil have been made. Much of this work is scheduled to start this coming Thursday as the weather warms this week. Please continue to pray for safety and favorable working conditions for all working at the construction site. Thank you!

**Prayer Requests - If you have a prayer request for the prayer chain please contact Pastor Dave at 303-941-0668 or [dave.fisher51@gmail.com](mailto:dave.fisher51@gmail.com)**

**PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR DAVE DIRECTLY WITH ANY NEW PRAYER REQUESTS THAT YOU HAVE. THANK YOU!**

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 Violet Garret and Will Garret. Violet is one of the new granddaughters of Sue and Wayne Schultz and Will is their son-in-law. Please pray for strength and health for Violet who is still in the hospital and for her to gain weight. Please pray for strength and healing for Will as he continues to be treated for cancer

Prayers of thanksgiving for healing and strength for Sheri Giles' mom in Washington state, Elizabeth Zeh., Elizabeth has been recovering from congestive heart failure, which the doctors believe was brought on by chemo drugs she was taking following successful cancer surgery

Prayers for healing for Ben Potthoff, son of Herb and Beth Potthoff. Ben dislocated his right knee and will be having surgery on it late this spring or early summer

Prayer for safety for Steve and Sara Gutknecht's son-in-law, Jon Claassen, who is deployed over the next several months with the U.S. Army

For renewed healing for Mike Maxwell in Grand Junction from cancer

For healing for Paul Soules, Cherri Lusk's father, being treated for cancer

For healing for Lavonne and Delmer Zwegardt's son, Dane, from lung cancer

For continued healing and strength for Sue Schultz from 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

For peace, healing and recovery for all the recent victims of terror around the world and that the plans of terrorists will be thwarted and stopped

## **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

### **February Birthdays**

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

## **QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE**

February income (to date) = **\$4,021**

February expenses (to date) = **\$3,510**

Checking = **\$22,665**

Money Market (Reserves) = **\$22,162**

Building Fund = **\$124,177**