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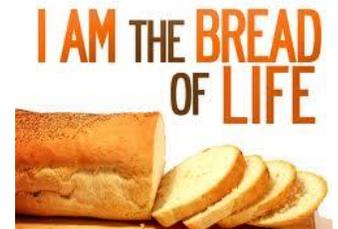
## Mission News From SPIRIT OF HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH Wednesday, February 9, 2022

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### THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

This Sunday, Pastor Wendy will be preaching on John 6:35-59 in which Jesus shares that He is the Bread of Life. Sunday School will begin at 11:00. Adults will be studying the Book of James with Wayne Schultz and elementary students will be learning more about Jesus as the Bread of Life with Pat Schmidt and Pastor Wendy.



### OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

The church office will be open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 12-4 this week. **Thursday's office hours will be 2:30-5:30 pm.**

### COMING UP THIS WEEK AT SPIRIT OF HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH!

#### Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>

4:30 pm Confirmation

7:00 pm Bible Study

(C.S. Lewis: *The Great Divorce*)

#### Thursday, February 10<sup>th</sup>

5:30 pm – Zumba Gold (*Canceled this week*)

6:45 pm – Church Board Meeting

#### Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>

9:30 am Worship; 11:00 am Sunday School

#### Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>

12:00 pm Digging Deeper Bible Study

#### Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am – Men's Prayer Breakfast

4:30 pm – 5:45 pm Confirmation

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm Book Study: C.S. Lewis *The Great Divorce*





## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Beginning with this edition of our newsletter, our "From the Lutheran Confessions" column (below) will be focused on the Lord's Prayer. Beginning with the first Sunday in Lent, we will be focused on the Lord's Prayer in both Sunday morning and Wednesday evening worship services. The Lord's Prayer will also serve as the foundation for our preaching series on how to live and to die as Christians.

The introduction to the Lord's Prayer is "Our Father who art in heaven". This beautiful line of prayer is an entire prayer unto itself! In "A Simple Way to Pray", Martin Luther wrote the following:

"O Heavenly Father, dear God, I am a poor unworthy sinner. I do not deserve to raise my eyes or hands toward thee or to pray. But because thou hast commanded us all to pray and hast promised to hear us and through thy dear Son Jesus Christ hast taught us best how and what to pray, I come to thee in obedience to thy word, trusting in thy gracious promise. I pray in the name of my Lord Jesus Christ together with all thy saints and Christians on earth as he has taught us: Our Father who art in heaven..."

This simple line is a sweet and blessed invitation from our God. He is "our" Father. Not just mine. Not just yours. But ours. Together, we are his precious children and our Father delights in hearing from us. He loves hearing about our day. He longs to hear us ask for his help because his greatest joy is in providing for his children.

I often hear people say they feel bad because they fall asleep while praying in bed at night. My dear brothers and sisters, which of you would be angry if your child or grandchild fell asleep in your loving arms while talking to you? Instead, you are sure to delight, as you look at them with eyes overflowing with love, that your little one felt so content, loved, and safe that they could sweetly doze. So, too, does our heavenly Father delight when we trust in His love for us. We may always resume our conversation with our sweet Father in heaven when we arise, for He is always eager to start the day with his children as well!

Our Father speaks to us through His own Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Our souls respond to his Spirit-breathed Word as we are encouraged to approach our loving Father with boldness, confidence, and with full dependence on him. Lord, move us to always pray, "Our Father, who art in heaven..."

Your Sister in Christ,  
*Pastor Wendy*

## FROM THE LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS

**\*\*\*NEW EVERY WEEK!\*\*\***

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Introduction: *"Our Father who art in heaven."*



### FROM THE SMALL CATECHISM

"What does this mean? With these words, God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father".

### FROM THE SCRIPTURES

"If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!" (Matthew 7:11)

### FROM LUTHER'S WRITINGS

"The best way to begin or introduce the prayer is to know how to address, honor, and treat the person to whom we submit our petition, and how to conduct ourselves in his presence, so that he will be gracious toward us and willing to listen to us. Now, of all names there is none that gains us more favor with God than that of 'Father'. This is indeed a friendly, sweet, intimate, and warm-hearted word. To speak the words 'Lord' or 'God' or 'Judge' would not be nearly as gracious and comforting to us. The name 'Father' is part of our nature and is sweet by nature. That is why it is the most pleasing to God, and why no other name moves him so strongly to hear us. With this name we likewise confess that we are the children of God, which again stirs his heart mightily; for there is no lovelier sound than that of a child speaking to his father." (AE 42:22)



**WELCOME TO THE  
SPIRIT OF HOPE FAMILY!!!  
We would like to give a  
very warm welcome to the  
newest members of the**

**Spirit of Hope family: Thaddeus Cummins, Harry and Lucette Kottcamp, and Larry and Karen Jordahl. Please be sure to give them a hearty hello when you see them at church!**



## February Birthdays

2/10 Steve Gutknecht  
2/12 Tom Nefe  
2/26 Steve Howland

## February Anniversaries

2/4 Jordan and Melissa Andrews  
2/4 Chris and Pat Schmidt  
2/28 Ryan and Tiffany Hanson

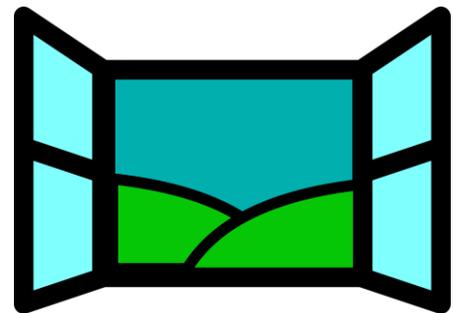


## THIS WEEK'S DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Wednesday	John 5:30-47	Relationship between Jesus and John
Thursday	John 6:1-15	Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand
Friday	John 6:16-21	Jesus Walks on Water
Saturday	John 6:22-34	Questions about Jesus' Miracles
Sunday	John 6:35-39	The Bread of Life
Monday	John 6:40-59	Bread of Eternal Life
Tuesday	John 6:60-69	Words of Eternal Life
Wednesday	John 7:1-9	Jesus at the Festival of Booths

## WINDOW WASHING HELP NEEDED

We have a lot of windows, both large and small, in our church facility. And they are in desperate need of cleaning both inside and out. While it is too cold this week to clean the outside of the windows, Pastor Wendy is looking for volunteers to help clean them on the inside. If you can spare some time and are willing to come and clean a few windows, your help would be very much appreciated. The church is open from noon – 4:00 pm Tuesday – Friday and you can just drop in during those times. If a different time works better for you, just let Pastor Wendy know so that she can deactivate the alarm system for you. Extra squeegees are welcome as they make cleaning large windows much easier! ***We would especially like to have the windows in our entry way and the main windows in the fellowship hall to be cleaned this week as we have a memorial service next week for a member of our community. Any help you can offer would be greatly appreciated!***



# BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES



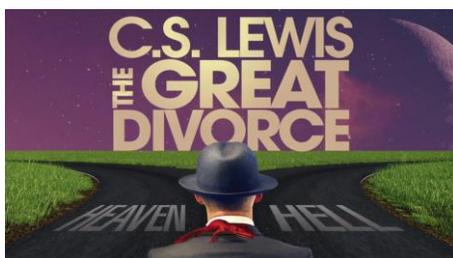
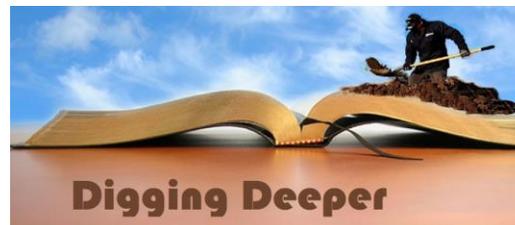
## THE BOOK OF JAMES SUNDAYS 11:00 am

Wayne Schultz leads this study through the book of James. There's a lot that's packed into this little book and all of it is practical for us as Christians today.

## DIGGING DEEPER WITH PASTOR WENDY THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

TUESDAYS 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Join Pastor Wendy as we dig deeper into the Gospel of John. You are welcome to bring a lunch! No homework and no prep.



WEDNESDAYS 7:00 – 8:30 pm

## THE GREAT DIVORCE by C.S. Lewis

The Great Divorce is a fascinating allegory by C.S. Lewis in which a busload of people take a trip from hell up to the entrance of heaven. For various reasons, some make it to heaven while others make the choice to

remain separated from God in hell. Each of the characters brings to light various struggles we often have with grace. The book also touches upon theological concepts that are also worthy of deeper discussion. Pastor Wendy will be leading this class.

## ADVENTURES IN THE NARRATIVE LECTIONARY

Our elementary students will be studying the sermon text of the day as presented in the Narrative Lectionary. On occasion, there will be times when a different and more age-appropriate subject will be studied instead. This class meets at 11:00 am on Sunday mornings and is taught by Pat Schmidt and Pastor Wendy.

## ONLINE BIBLE STUDY?

If you are interested in participating in an online version of our "Digging Deeper" class, where we are going through the Gospel of John verse by verse, please contact Pastor Wendy and let her know what day (morning or afternoon) of the week would work best for you.

## \*\*\*PRAYERS\*\*\*

**Prayer Requests** - If you have a prayer request for the prayer team, please contact Pastor Wendy @ 303-841-3553 or [wendy.poch@spiritofhopelcmc.org](mailto:wendy.poch@spiritofhopelcmc.org)

***Jesus said; "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."***



### **A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK**

**By Pastor Wendy**

Loving Lord, as we prepare to celebrate St. Valentine's Day next week, remind us of your love for us. You love us enough to give up all the riches of heaven for us. You love us enough to actually die for us. And you love us enough to conquer our death so that we may spend eternity with you. For you so loved the world that you have your one and only Son, that whoever believes in him will not perish, but may have everlasting life. Help us to be intentional about sharing your love with all those we meet this week. We pray this in your holy name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

### **Please include the following people and situations in your prayers:**

For Susan, who is grieving the death of her father.

For Kylie who is pregnant, due in March, but who has been in early labor.

For Pam and her daughters as they grieve the death of their beloved husband and father, John.

For Stephanie who is recovering from radiation treatments.

For Rebecca who is undergoing radiation.

For Sara as she goes through intensive chemotherapy.

For Janie as she begins radiation after completing chemotherapy.

For those who are first responders to all emergencies: fire fighters, EMTs and law enforcement.

For all of our local, state, and federal leaders that they would hear God's voice and lead with His wisdom.

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. We also pray for missionaries around the world.

For Spirit of Hope mission partners: Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ, SECORCares, Mean Street Ministry, Alternatives Pregnancy Center, Apache Youth Ministries, LCMC Disaster Relief, Lutheran Military Veterans and Families Ministries, Tartu Academy of Theology, Marion Medical Mission.

For Spirit of Hope mission allies: Compassion International, SONetwork, Operation Christmas Child/Samaritan's Purse, the Institute of Lutheran Theology, Stephen Ministry.

All of our military fighting for our freedoms.

## **QUESTIONS ABOUT CHRISTIAN LIVING AND DYING**

This coming Lent we will be discussing Christian Living and Dying using the Lord's Prayer as our focal point. Pastor Wendy is also working on developing seminars/classes that will be held throughout the year on topics related to Christian decision making at the end of life. If you have questions, or certain topics that you would like to see be addressed, simply write down your questions or thoughts anonymously and place them in the basket on the table in the Narthex.

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

**February Income (to date) = \$7,752**

**General Fund Offerings = \$6,990**

**Debt Reduction Offerings = \$500**

**Dedicated Offerings = \$110**

**Other Income = \$151**

**February Expenses = \$5,404**

**Checking Accounts Balance = \$32,365**

**Debt Reduction Account Balance = \$12,226**

**Money Market Account Balance = \$119,152**