



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, March 1, 2016

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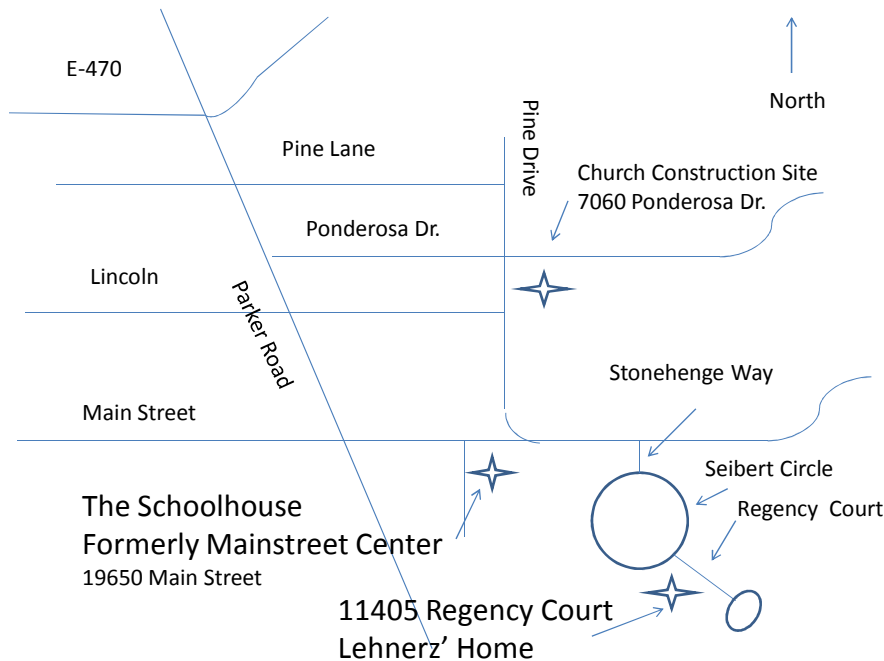
TOMORROW'S LENTEN WEDNESDAY EVENT

Spirit of Hope's next Wednesday night of fellowship and worship is tomorrow, March 2nd! It will take place at the home of Tim and Nancy Lehnerz. The Lehnerz live at 11405 E. Regency Court, Parker, CO 80138. This location is more east-central in the Parker area (see map below). The Lehnerz home is located on a long cul de sac. Please park on the street up and down the cul de sac as best as possible. We are continuing with soup suppers this week as well! Please bring a soup or desert and serving utensils. Beverages, bowls, bread and paper goods will be provided. Fellowship is from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Following fellowship there is a time of worship and Bible study. Hymns and songs by request are sung from the green Lutheran Book of Worship or the blue With One Voice service and songbook. The singing is also accompanied on piano by Stacy Fahrion. Bible studies for the rest of the Wednesdays of Lent are on "The Exclusivity of Jesus." Passages that talk about the uniqueness of God's love shown to us exclusively through our Lord and Savior will be studied. Tomorrow night we will look at Matthew 7:13-14 where Jesus describes Himself as the narrow gate through which we find life. Concluding with prayer by 8:00 pm we are all invited to help with clean up of the host home.

Here is the schedule of upcoming homes and Bible verses:

Mar. 9: The Shepherd and the Sheep - Jn.10:1-10 (Giles home)

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



THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE – 4th SUNDAY IN LENT

The fourth Sunday in the season of Lent is this coming Sunday, March 6. We dive into a new chapter in our reading of 1 Corinthians (11:2-16). The apostle Paul begins a discussion about order and propriety in worship. 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

Here is where Sunday School classes for all ages are taking place this coming Sunday. Kids will meet in the gym for a study on Moses, confirmation youth and parents will join Pastor Dave in room 003 in the basement for a discussion on worship, youth are in room 004 in the basement for their continued study of Bible Basics, the women's study on Women of the Bible is in room 200, and the general adult class is in room 204 of the old school house.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

New members, John and Kandy Parsons, and Gary Flora, were welcomed into the formal membership of Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church on February 21. John and Kandy have recently completed a move from Southern California and now are fully retired; John from Thrivent Financial and Kandy from the banking industry. Gary has

been a Colorado resident for many years and has spent several years enjoying retirement from being an engineer with Lockheed. Please welcome these new brothers and sisters in Christ who join us in the mission and ministry at Spirit of Hope.

SPECIAL LENTEN MISSION PROJECT – SECOR PAPER PRODUCTS DRIVE

This Lenten season Spirit of Hope is offering 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 Sundays of Lent this year the blue missions tub will be out to receive your donations of these paper products for SECOR. Thank you for your continued support of our mission partners at SECOR.

NEXT HOPEFUL SPIRITS MEETING IS TUESDAY, MARCH 8

The next meeting of the Hopeful Spirits is one week from today on Tuesday, March 8, at the home of Sara Gutknecht (20490 Oakbrooke Lane, Parker, CO 80138) from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Come for study, fellowship, service and fun!

UPCOMING WORSHIP EVENTS IN MARCH

Sunday, March 20, 9:30 am Palm/Passion Sunday

Thursday, March 24, 7:00 pm, Special Maundy Thursday Worship (This year we will have a modified Seder Worship explaining the connections of Passover with Holy Communion. The service will take place in the gymnasium where we have Sunday worship. **THERE WILL BE A NEED FOR SOME EXTRA HELP TO PREPARE THE FOOD ITEMS THAT WILL BE PART OF THIS SERVICE. PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR DAVE IF YOU CAN HELP.)**

Friday, March 25, 7:00 pm, Good Friday Worship with Redeemer Presbyterian Church at their meeting place, the Core Knowledge School on Pine Drive

Sunday, March 27, 9:30 am, Easter Festival Service and Fellowship

YOUTH NEWS

Upcoming Youth Group Events

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?"**

**4/3 Youth Group Night, Poch Home, 6-8:30 pm, Bible Study Topic:
"What is Jesus' Message?"**

4/6 Prayer and Pie Night

4/15-4/17 Feed the Need, Youth Encounter, New Mexico

4/30 Youth Mission Trip Training, Poch Home, 9 am - 12 pm

This Sunday - 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 McDonald's to have dessert and a discussion about the movie. Parents are encouraged, though not required, to attend. This is also a great opportunity to bring a friend to church! \$7 pp. RSVP by Weds, March 2nd.

Youth Encounter/Feed the Need - Albuquerque, New Mexico

Spirit of Hope will be partnering with Faith Lutheran, LCMC, New Mexico for a weekend of youth group worship, fun and service! We will be on the road by noon on Friday, April 15th and return in time for dinner on April 17th. This means arrangements will need to be made to miss a 1/2 day of school. Youth Encounter is sponsoring the event which includes time spent packing meals for those in need, working in a food pantry/shelter, awesome worship, large group games, and more! The event is totally free!!!! Participants will receive a fundraising packet that will help them to raise money for meal packing. But fundraising is not required, and no amount is too large or too small. There will be many other churches participating in this event, which is open to students in grades 7 and up. Registration will begin this week and is due by March 20th.

GREETING CARDS ARE BACK!

You may have noticed that handmade greeting cards created by members of our congregation have been on a table near the badge board as you entered the worship area on Sundays. The cards are

offered for a free will suggested donation and all donations go to support mission trips and mission activities from Spirit of Hope.

A CALL TO ORDAINED PASTORAL MINISTRY

By Pastor Dave

As announced on Sunday, February 21st, one of our members at Spirit of Hope, Wendy Poch, has discerned a call from the Lord to pursue pastoral ministry in our association, Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC). Wendy has been praying and thinking about seeking ordained pastoral ministry for several months now and has been in conversation with me, her family and other brothers and sisters both in and outside of the congregation. At last month's Church Board meeting she was unanimously endorsed and encouraged by all the board members to pursue this new venture. Wendy has applied to one of the institutions that LCMC is partnered with for the training and equipping of new pastors, Beyond the River Academy (BTRA). BTRA is a cutting edge institution for the training of pastoral candidates for LCMC. Making extensive use of current technology, students at BTRA are able to live in their current homes and basically "field train" for pastoral ministry. The good news in this is that Wendy and her family will not have to move to a distant city to train in a seminary, but will get to stay in Parker and at Spirit of Hope while she studies to be a pastor. Wendy has sent her application in and, if all proceeds as expected, she will begin her studies in July. The process normally takes anywhere from two to five years depending on how fast a student is able to complete course work. Please pray and encourage Wendy as she begins this adventure and seeks the Lord's will for this part of her life.

BUILDING PROJECT NEWS

Over the next two weeks the fire suppression tanks are due to be delivered and installed. Before that delivery, approximately 25 tons of pea gravel will be placed as a bedding material in the hole that has been dug for the tanks. Once the tanks are in our general contractor will arrange for the piping from the tanks and a fire hydrant to be installed. In the meantime we are working to get recycled asphalt scheduled to be delivered so that it can be spread and compressed in the parking lot. This will be one of the "self-perform" work items and we will need some volunteers to help with the spreading and compacting when that happens. All of these items are required by the

fire department before we can start using combustible materials like wood when we put up the walls.

THE THORN – EASTER PAGENT AT SOUTHEAST CHRISTIAN

Some of our members at Spirit of Hope have seen the production entitled, The Thorn. This year one of our members, Tiffany Poch, is a cast member. The Thorn 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.

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

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 healing for Victoria Fisher's sister in San Diego, Evelyn Hall. Evelyn is undergoing surgery today to remove a malignant growth on her skin. Please pray for a successful surgery and that the cancer has not spread to any other part of her body

Prayers for healing for Will Garret as he continues to deal with a brain tumor.

Prayers of thanksgiving for healing and strength for Sheri Giles' mom in Washington state, Elizabeth Zeh., as she continues follow up chemotherapy after her successful cancer surgery last summer

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

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

QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE

February income = **\$20,569**

February expenses = **\$10,971**

Checking = **\$31,788**

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

Building Fund = **\$123,332**