



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, March 10, 2020

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ASSOCIATE PASTOR WENDY POCH IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES THIS COMING SATURDAY, MARCH 14, AT 303-841-3553.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: MON. – THURS. 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE HOPEFUL SPIRITS IS TOMORROW!!!

The next meeting of the Hopeful Spirits group will be tomorrow, Wednesday, March 11, from 1:30 to 3:30 pm at the church facility!

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER & WORSHIP – TOMORROW!

Our next Wednesday night Lenten soup supper fellowship and worship service are tomorrow night Wednesday, March 11. Soup supper potluck begins at 6:00 pm. Please bring a soup or dessert to share. Bread, crackers, and beverage will be provided.

Lenten worship will take place at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. These Wednesday services in Lent will be informal and feature the singing of hymns and songs by request of those at the service. The theme for our Lenten homilies is “The Body of Christ.” Looking at the parts of the body that our Lord used during His earthly ministry, we will reflect upon how we use our bodies, that is, our lives to serve Him. Here are the remaining topics:

March 11 – The Mouth of Christ – to speak God’s Word

March 18 – The Ears of Christ – to hear our prayers

March 25 – The Eyes of Christ – to see our needs

April 1 – The Heart of Christ – beating with love

WEDNESDAY LENTEN OFFERINGS TO HELP MISSIONARY CARRIE

During this Lenten season, fifty percent of the first five Wednesday offerings will go to our mission partner Carrie B., who serves as a missionary in SE Asia. The reason for the first five offerings is that at the end of next month missionary Carrie, who is currently in the United States on leave, will be visiting us and we want to bless her when she comes. Please pray for her and those she serves.

THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE – THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

The Third Sunday in the season of Lent is this coming Sunday, March 15. We continue reading through the Gospel of Luke for our Sunday messages. This Sunday we will read how about how a different group of opponents to Jesus tried to trap our Lord in His speech. This was a second attempt to discredit Christ. Come and learn about how the Lord answered them! The story is found in Luke 20:27-40 and Pastor Wendy will give the message this Sunday. Also, this Sunday the Praise Band will be back to lead the singing of hymns in a contemporary fashion. The Mission Ark will continue to be open as March is a five Sunday month (see article below). **SINCE WE ARE IN COLD AND FLU SEASON AND DUE TO THE POTENTIAL THREAT OF CORONAVIRUS, WE WILL SUSPEND THE SHARING OF THE PEACE DURING LENT AND CONTINUE TO ALTER SOME OF OUR WORSHIP PRACTICES TO MINIMIZE EVERYONE TOUCHING THE SAME ITEMS DURING WORSHIP.**

Come as we gather around word and sacrament this Sunday at 9:00 am with Fellowship at our church facility at 7060 Ponderosa Drive, Parker, CO 80138. Worship begins at 9:30 am. Intergenerational Sunday School is at 11:00 am.

THIS SUNDAY'S INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

Intergenerational Sunday School this Sunday will be a lesson about a time in the early church when the Apostle Paul had to confront the Apostle Peter about his behavior. The story is recorded in Galatians 2:1-21 with some background material appearing in Acts 10:34-35. The theme of the lesson this week is Consistency. Pastors Wendy and Dave lead the lessons. Come and learn together this Sunday!

MARCH IS A FIVE SUNDAY MISSION TUB MONTH

Spirit of Hope continues the tradition of collecting tomato products for SECOR Cares and reading glasses, action toys and Christian coloring books for Mean Street Ministry. The Mission Ark will be open again this Sunday. Thanks for your donations!

MARION MEDICAL MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY

If you would like to participate in a life changing mission trip to Africa that will save lives and dramatically improve quality of life in hundreds of villages by providing safe drinking water, applications are now available online at www.mmmwater.org. Volunteers deliver pumps and pipe, help with installation, document information for each well and participate in a dedication ceremony at each village. Trip length is 25 days with dates this year September 11 through October 5 for team one, and October 2 through 26 for team two. Applications must be submitted before April 1 and team selections will be announced by April 15th. Volunteers are responsible for their own transportation, insurance, visas, food, lodging and required immunizations. Total cost is about \$3,000, but don't let that be the reason you don't apply. Mission funds and sponsorship are available to make the cost manageable.

If you feel led to this opportunity Wayne Schultz, Rodney Pobar, Tiffany Poch or Pastor Dave are available to answer any questions you might have about the application process and preparation for the trip.

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. 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 those in the nation of Malawi who are suffering from the effects of recent continual rains and subsequent flooding

For comfort for Donna Maxwell and family on the passing of her husband, Mike, last Thursday in Grand Junction, Colorado

For healing for Pastor Dave's mother, Janice Fisher, from muscular/neurological issues in her legs

For Theresa Rader who has a hernia and blood clot condition to be healed

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, Southeast Community Outreach, Mean Street Ministry, 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)

March Birthdays

3/2 Cindy Garrett
3/8 Margie Flora
3/9 Susan Spancers
3/17 Ramie Larson
3/17 Ben Reinicke
3/18 Sherry Helmeke Clark
3/20 Lavonne Zwegardt
3/24 DeDe Elliott
3/25 James West
3/25 Rachel West
3/30 Cathy Morano

March Anniversaries

3/6 David & Sheri Giles
3/7 Douglas & Carolyn Kleven
3/31 John & Kandy Parsons

QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE

March income (to date) = \$13,495

March expenses (to date) = \$4,575

Checking = \$25,234

Money Market = \$29,217 (Reserves = \$10,436 Dedicated = \$18,781)

Building Loan Interest Escrow = \$23,104