



## MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, March 13, 2018

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**PASTORAL INTERN WENDY POCH IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES THIS COMING SATURDAY, MARCH 17, AT 303-514-5266.**

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE HOPEFUL SPIRITS IS TODAY, MARCH 13, FROM 2 TO 4 PM AT THE HOME OF SARA GUTKNECHT (20490 Oakbrook Lane, Parker, CO 80138)**

### **LENTEN SOUP SUPPER & BIBLE STUDY TOMORROW**

The spiritual season of Lent continues tomorrow Wednesday, March 14. Our next Wednesday night Lenten soup supper fellowship, worship and Bible study will take place at the home of Lavonne and Delmer Zwegardt (see below for the schedule of future locations!). Soup supper potluck begins at 6:00 pm. Please bring a soup or dessert to share. Bread, crackers, and beverage will be provided. A map for directions to the Poch home is also below. Thank you, Lavonne and Delmer! The theme of these midweek gatherings is "Tools from the Catechism." Each Wednesday we will look at a section of Martin Luther's Small Catechism along with selected scripture verses and see what insights into Christian living they give.

**Mar. 14: Sacraments – Zwegardt Home**

**Mar. 21: Confession and Forgiveness - Giles Home**



### **THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE – 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT**

This coming Sunday will be the fifth Sunday in the season of Lent. On March 18, we continue our reading through the gospel of Luke at Spirit of Hope. Luke 7:11-17 is the text this Sunday. Jesus raises the son of a widow from the dead! Hope in the midst of grief is the subject covered this week. Come early for Fellowship. It 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**

Kid's meet with Andrea Hoyt and Victoria Fisher for a lesson on the gospel of John.

Youth meet with Pastor Dave for the second part of a class on handling stress in biblical ways.

Wendy West facilitates a discussion for women. The ladies are now in a Max Lucado study on the book of Romans.

Wayne Schultz will lead the General Adult class in the second of three separate topics for the Sundays before Easter. This Sunday–Miracles. March 25 – Seven Last Words.

## **HOLY WEEK SERVICES AT SPIRIT OF HOPE!**

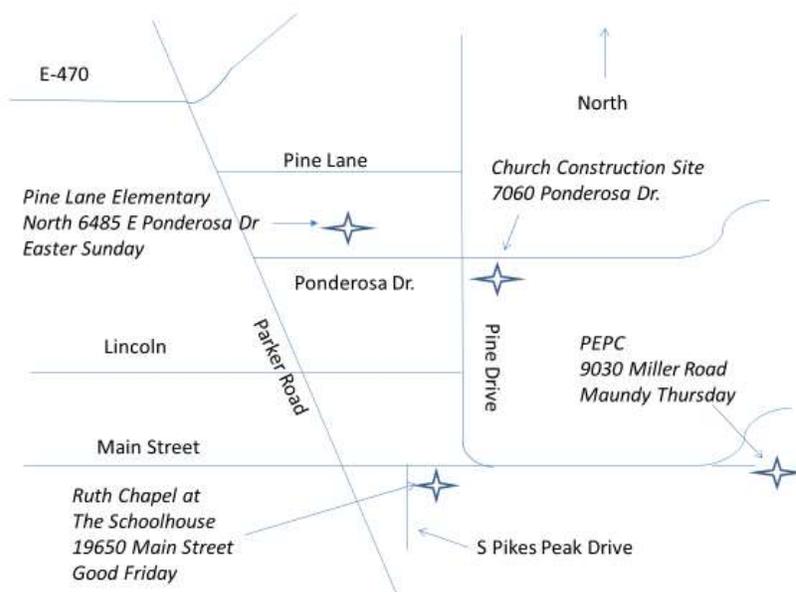
Holy Week begins this year on Sunday, March 25. At Spirit of Hope we will have our Palm and Passion Sunday celebration at our current meeting facility of Pine Lane Elementary North. We will remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday. All worshippers will be given a palm frond for this part of the service. The passion account from the gospel of Luke will be read as an overview to the events we will remember during Holy Week that culminate on Easter Sunday.

Maundy Thursday worship will be held at 7:00 pm on March 29 at Parker Evangelical Presbyterian Church (9030 Miller Road, Parker, CO 80138). The account of Jesus' Last Supper and the celebration of Holy Communion will highlight this service.

On March 30, at 7:00 pm, Good Friday Worship will take place at the Ruth Memorial Chapel at the Schoolhouse facility (19650 Mainstreet, Parker, CO 80138). We return to a more traditional, Lutheran service of shadows (also known as "Tenebrae"). We will read the account of Jesus' crucifixion from the gospels as well as sing traditional Good Friday and Holy Week hymns.

We return to Pine Lane Elementary North for the celebration of The Resurrection of our Lord, Easter Sunday, April 1. Festival worship will be led by our Spirit of Hope Choir and feature Easter hymns and communion as we celebrate Jesus' victory over death!

Plan now to attend all these worship opportunities and draw nearer to God!



## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

A very warm welcome to new Spirit of Hope Members, Cindy Garrett and her daughters, Penny and Violet. The Garretts were welcomed into the congregation formally at the beginning of last Sunday's worship service. They moved into the Parker area in August from Utah. Cindy is the daughter of Spirit of Hope President, Wayne Schultz.

## **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](http://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 14 September through 8 October for team one, and 5 October through 29 October 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 is available to answer any questions you might have and to help with the application process and preparation for the trip.

## **YOUTH NEWS!**

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

Sunday, March 25, Special Palm Sunday Youth Event! We will go to the movies and see "Paul, Apostle of Christ." Times and details will be posted on the youth Facebook page next week.

April 8, Youth Group

April 22, Youth Group

## **YOUTH MISSION TRIP 2018!**

All families with youth and young adults going into grade 7 and up should have received a letter announcing this year's youth mission trip to the White Mountain Apache Reservation. The trip is scheduled

from July 21st-28th. You are welcome to invite friends to join this team as we continue to build relationships with Apache youth, support that AYM staff, and be witnesses to the Lord on the reservation through acts of service, prayer, and study. If you would like more information, please contact Pastor Dave or Intern Wendy.

**PARENTS: COMMITMENT FORMS AND DEPOSITS FOR THE YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO THE APACHE RESERVATION ARE DUE ON MARCH 18TH. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR DAVE OR INTERN WENDY.**

### **DEAD SEA SCROLLS ALL CHURCH EVENT**

Thank you to all who signed up for the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibition this spring and summer at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. Pastor Dave will now look at the sign-up sheet and try to arrange a Sunday trip to see these archeological treasures from the past.

### **THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS**

**Don't forget to direct Choice Dollars®**

Grant funding from Thrivent Financial through its Thrivent Choice® program can help support organizations you care about. Don't let Choice Dollars expire.

Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have Choice Dollars available have until March 31, 2018 to direct any remaining 2017 Choice Dollars. Help support Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church. Go to [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

**Prayer Requests - If you have a prayer request for the prayer chain please contact Pastor Dave at 303-941-0668**

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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 Cathy Morano's friend's father in Chicago, James Kallas, as he recovers from recent foot surgery and awaits a further possible foot surgery

For prayers of strength and peace for Sherry Helmeke-Clark as she and her family mourn the recent death of Sherry's niece, Krisith

For God to open a door for Eva-Liisa Luhamets in Estonia to gain a new job after her current work situation finishes at the end of March

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)**

### **March Birthdays**

- 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 Mike & Donna Maxwell
- 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) = **\$6,453**

March expenses (to date) = **\$3,101**

Checking = **\$34,202**

Money Market (Reserves) = **\$22,217**

Building Fund = **\$230,282**