

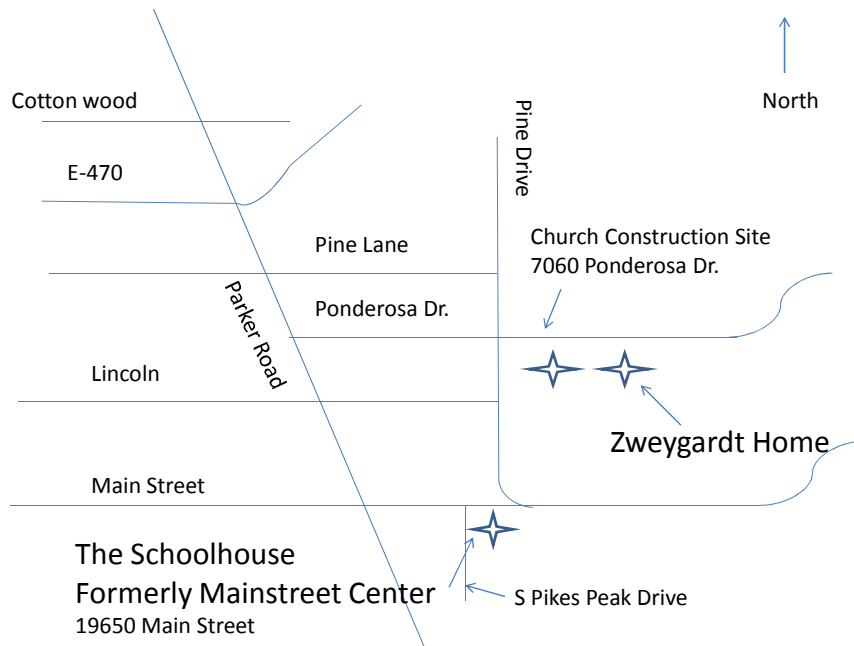


MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, March 15, 2016

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TOMORROW IS FINAL 2016 LENTEN WEDNESDAY EVENT

Spirit of Hope's final Wednesday night of fellowship and worship is tomorrow, March 16th! It will take place at the home of Delmer and Lavonne Zwegardt. The Zwegardts live next to the future church facility at 7150 East Ponderosa Drive, Parker, CO 80138 (see map below). The soup suppers are going very well! Please bring a soup or desert to share 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 these Wednesdays of Lent have been on "The Exclusivity of Jesus." Passages that talk about the uniqueness of God's love shown to us exclusively through our Lord and Savior have been studied. Tomorrow night we conclude our studies by looking at Matthew 16:13-20 where Jesus asks his first disciples (and us) "Who Do You Say that I Am?" Concluding with prayer by 8:00 pm we are all invited to help with clean up of the host home.



THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE – PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

Holy Week begins this Sunday, March 20, at Spirit of Hope with Palm and Passion Sunday. Worship begins as we remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on that first Palm Sunday. All worshippers will be given a palm frond for this part of the service and worship will be led by our Spirit of Hope Choir. Also, the passion account from the gospel of John will be read as an overview to the events we will remember during Holy Week that culminate on Easter Sunday. Fellowship is at 9:00 am at the Schoolhouse in Parker followed by worship at 9:30 am. Sunday School for all ages is at 11:00 am.

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.

The blue missions tub will be out for two more Sundays to receive your donations of these paper products for SECOR. Thank you for your continued support of our mission partners at SECOR.

UPCOMING WORSHIP EVENTS IN MARCH

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

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. This service will take place in the gymnasium where we have Sunday worship. **THERE WILL BE A NEED FOR SOME KIND OF RSVP FOR WORSHIP IN ORDER TO PREPARE ENOUGH OF THE FOOD ITEMS THAT WILL BE A PART OF THE SERVICE. PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR DAVE IF YOU DID NOT RAISE YOUR HAND TO RSVP ON SUNDAY! THANK YOU!**)

Friday, March 25, 7:00 pm, Good Friday Worship with Redeemer Presbyterian Church at their meeting place, the Core Knowledge School on Pine Drive (11661 Pine Dr, Parker, CO 80138)

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

YOUTH NEWS

Upcoming Youth Group Events

*New Event! 3/20 Easter Egg Hunt with Redeemer, Grand Hall in Idyllwilde, 4:30-6:45 pm

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

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

Easter Egg Hunt with Redeemer's Youth Group

Sunday, March 20th, youth in grade 7 and up are invited to join us for a special evening of Easter fun! We will have an Easter Egg hunt (Youth Group Style!), enjoy dinner together, worship with music provided by our joint praise team (made up of youth and leaders from both Redeemer and Spirit of Hope!) and hear a short message. Please bring a main dish to share. This event will be in place of our regularly scheduled youth group night and will, instead, take place from 4:30-6:45 pm at the Grand Hall in Idyllwilde. Bring a friend along to enjoy the fun! Please RSVP by 3/16, if possible.

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. RSVP by 3/20.

High School Sunday School New Series

Continuing this Sunday our high school students are engaging in a new series on "Hot Topics." We will see what the Bible has to say regarding the issues of abortion, racism, sexual temptation, and homosexuality. Students will also learn how they can respond when confronted with or helping someone through these issues that are so prevalent in our culture. A detailed letter has been sent out to parents. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Wendy Poch.

2016 Youth Mission Team Announced

The following youth and adult leaders have answered the call to participate in Spirit of Hope's 5th annual youth mission trip. This year the youth team will be returning to the White Mountain Apache Reservation and will work with our mission partners Apache Youth Ministries. Please keep the team members in your prayers as they begin preparations for this year's trip, which takes place June 4th - June 11th. We have started a wait list for the trip. If you are interested in serving on the team, please contact Wendy Poch.

Elena Diederich
Sarah Diederich
Amanda Page
Dylan Poch
Delaney Ragan
Ben Reinicke

Tim Reinicke

James West

Rachel West

Gregory West

Young Adult Assistant Leaders: Tiffany Poch and Sarah West

Adult Leaders: Tim Lehnerz, Glenn Poch, Wendy Poch

SEMINARIAN SUPPORT

By Pastor Dave

Spirit of Hope member Wendy Poch has applied and been accepted to Beyond the River Academy (BTRA), a cutting edge institution for the training of pastoral candidates for LCMC. Wendy plans to begin the online and remote meeting class study in July. In the meantime she will be preparing and even beginning some of her required field training. AT LAST WEEK'S CHURCH BOARD MEETING, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE CREATION OF A FUND AT SPIRIT IF GIOE TO HELP WITH SOME OF WENDY'S SEMINARY COSTS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE PLEASE PUT "BTRA FUND" IN THE MEMO LINE OF YOUR CHECK OR ON AN ENVELOPE WITH A CASH CONTRIBUTION. Thank you and please continue to pray and encourage Wendy as she begins this adventure and seeks the Lord's will for this part of her life.

BUILDING PROJECT NEWS

Last week's scheduled delivery of the fire suppression tanks was pushed to today (3-15-16) due to our supplier having equipment break downs that altered their delivery schedules. The tanks should be delivered and installed today. 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 the installation of the septic system began on Friday and should complete this week.

The order for recycled asphalt has been released and scheduling for that delivery should be known in the next few days. Once delivered it will need to be spread and compressed in the parking lot. This is one of the "self-perform" work items we will need to complete with volunteers to help with the spreading and compacting. Stay tuned as a call for those volunteers will go out once we know when delivery is scheduled.

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:

For the family of Cathy Morano's friend in Chicago, Frank, who passed from this world last Friday. Cathy and Frank's former wife, Traci, thank everyone at Spirit of Hope for their prayers

Thanksgiving for a clean pathology report for Victoria Fisher's sister in San Diego, Evelyn Hall.

For healing and recovery for Jackie Dillon from successful eyelid surgery last week

Thanksgiving for the safe birth of Rodney and Peggy Pobar's first grandchild, a girl, Ryllie, to their daughter, Kyllie, in Utah on February 28

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 Zweggardt'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

March income (to date) = **\$27,400***

March expenses (to date) = **\$5,498**

Checking = **\$29,298**

Money Market (Reserves) = **\$22,166**

Building Fund = **\$146,968**

***Includes special \$10,000 pledged contribution to the Building Fund**