

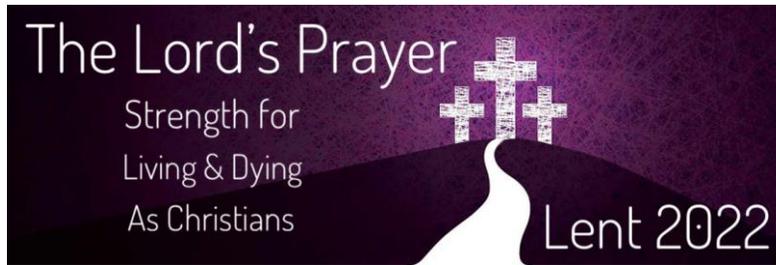


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Mission News From SPIRIT OF HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH Wednesday, March 16, 2022

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SOUP SUPPER, WEDNESDAY @ 6:00 PM
LENTEN WORSHIP, WEDNESDAY @ 7:00 PM
EASTER CHOIR REHEARSAL, WEDNESDAY @ 8:00 PM

Soup's on! Come and join us for a refreshing time of fellowship as we enjoy a simple meal of soup and bread before worship. If possible, please bring a soup or a dessert to share. If that's not possible, please come anyway.

We always have plenty for everyone!

Our series on the Lord's Prayer: Strength for Living and Dying as Christians continues at our Wednesday worship service. Our text will be John 13:1-17 in which Jesus washes his disciples' feet. We will be focused on the third petition of the Lord's Prayer, "Thy Will be Done".

THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

This Sunday we will be focused on the fourth petition of the Lord's Prayer, "Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread". Our text will be John 13:18-30 in which Judas is identified as the betrayer as he receives bread from Christ's own hand. Worship begins at 9:30 am. Sunday School begins at 11:00 am. Our children will be learning more about the Lord's Prayer with Pat Schmidt and Pastor Wendy. Our adults will continue their study on the Lord's Prayer as a source of strength in times of suffering which will be led by Ken Carpenter.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY: LAST CALL FOR PHOTOS

If you would like to be included in our new church directory, this Sunday is the last day to submit photos and updated information. Please contact Renee Nefe for more information. Thank you.



CHRISTIAN SEDER MAUNDY THURSDAY APRIL 14, 2022, 5:30 PM

This year, in lieu of a traditional Maundy Thursday service, we will be participating in a Christian Seder. The Jewish Passover Seder is the meal that Jesus and His disciples shared on the night in which He was betrayed, which we

recognize as Maundy Thursday. The Christian Seder is largely the same with the very notable exception that we recognize Jesus as the fulfillment of all that God has promised and we will give Him thanks and praise in a unique way on this special evening.

Our Christian Seder will take place at Spirit of Hope on Thursday, April 14th at 5:30 pm. In order to prepare for this event, we do need everyone who is planning to attend to RSVP as soon as possible (and no later than April 10th). We are also asking everyone to bring a Kosher dish and/or special Seder ingredients to share. Please note that while we will be focused on the Messianic Haggadah, **an entire and bountiful dinner will be served!** Click on this link to RSVP and to sign up to bring the item(s) of your choice:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F49AEA72AA6FBC52-christian>

We are also in need of volunteers to assist with this event both prior to the event and especially the day of the event. If you are able to help, please contact Pastor Wendy. Thank you!

ZUMBA GOLD IS MOVING TO MORNINGS!

Beginning **March 24th**, Zumba Gold will begin meeting Thursday mornings at 9:00 am in the fellowship hall. The class is no longer meeting in the evenings. Come and join us for a fun and upbeat time that will help us both in body and spirit! The entire class is adaptable which means you can make any modifications necessary...including doing it sitting down! We don't do any jumping – everything is low-impact. Classes are \$3 a session. Each participant will sign a release waiver prior to participating. Thank you to Tanya Diederich, Certified Zumba Gold Instructor, for leading this class.



Welcome

WELCOME TO THE SPIRIT OF HOPE FAMILY!

Please give a hearty welcome to Spirit of Hope's newest member, Marge Arnott! Marge was introduced to everyone on Sunday, March 13th. Marge, we are so glad you are part of our Spirit of Hope family!

A HEART-FELT THANK YOU FROM PAM MALONE & FAMILY

Thank you to Pastor Wendy and the Spirit of Hope family for all of your support in John Malone's passing as well as the subsequent passing of his father. You have all showed up for our family in so many ways, from dropping off much needed meals, providing food for the memorial potluck, sending cards, and most importantly keeping us in your prayers. Your kindness is appreciated more than you know and we are so grateful to be part of such a caring and supportive fellowship. Thank you for providing moments of light and peace during a very dark and difficult time.

Sincerely,
The Malone Family

COMING UP THIS WEEK AT SPIRIT OF HOPE



Wednesday, March 16th

7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

6:00 pm Soup Supper

7:00 pm Worship

Friday, March 18th

9:00 – 11:00 am Coffee with the Pastor at Fika on Mainstreet

Sunday, March 20th

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

Tuesday, March 22nd

12:00 – 1:00 pm Digging Deeper Bible Study

2:00 – 4:30 pm Stephen Minister Training

Wednesday, March 23rd

6:00 pm Soup Supper

7:00 pm Worship

8:00 pm Easter Choir

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: A VISIT FROM ESTONIA!

On Sunday, May 1st, @ 5:00 pm, Siimon Hammer, from the Tartu Academy of Theology/Home of Hope in Estonia will be coming to Spirit of Hope. He will be talking to us about the work our mission partner is doing, especially in light of the situation in Ukraine and eastern Europe. We will have a potluck dinner. RSVP's are not required, but we would like everyone to bring a dish to share, especially as we will be inviting church leaders from neighboring congregations to join us as our guests so that they can learn more about and potentially support the important work our mission partner is doing.



WHO WAS ST. PATRICK?

Many people think St. Patrick's Day is a good excuse for eating corned beef and cabbage, enjoying green beverages, and listening to Irish music. In my home state of Illinois, the Chicago River is dyed green. And, it's certainly okay if these things happen (though I've always wondered about dyeing a river green)! But who was St. Patrick and why do we continue to honor him with a special day today?

St. Patrick of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints. He was born in Roman Britain and when he was fourteen or so, he was captured by Irish pirates during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. At the time, Ireland was a land of Druids and pagans but Patrick turned to God and wrote his memoir, *The Confession*. In *The Confession*, he wrote:

"The love of God and his fear grew in me more and more, as did the faith, and my soul was rosed, so that, in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers and in the night, nearly the same. I prayed in the woods and on the mountain, even before dawn. I felt no hurt from the snow or ice or rain."

Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found some sailors who took him back to Britain and was reunited with his family.

A few years after returning home, Patrick saw a vision he described in his memoir:

"I saw a man coming, as it were from Ireland. His name was Victoricus, and he carried many letters, and he gave me one of them. I read the heading: 'The Voice of the Irish.' As I began the letter, I imagined in that moment that I heard the voice of those very people who were near the wood of Foclut, which is beside the western sea-and they cried out, as with one voice: 'We appeal to you, holy servant boy, to come and walk among us.'"

The vision prompted his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained by St. Germanus, the Bishop of Auxerre, whom he had studied under for years, and was later ordained a bishop and sent to take the Gospel to Ireland.

Patrick arrived in Slane, Ireland on March 25, 433. There are several legends about what happened next, with the most prominent claiming he met the chieftain of one of the druid tribes, who tried to kill him. After an intervention from God, Patrick was able to convert the chieftain and preach the Gospel throughout Ireland. There, he converted many people -eventually thousands - and he began building churches across the country.

He often used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity and entire kingdoms were eventually converted to Christianity after hearing Patrick's message.

Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in Confessions. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering he died March 17, 461.

He died at Saul, where he had built the first Irish church. He is believed to be buried in Down Cathedral, Downpatrick. His grave was marked in 1990 with a granite stone.

In His Footsteps:

Patrick was a humble, pious, gentle man, whose love and total devotion to and trust in God should be a shining example to each of us. So complete was his trust in God, and of the importance of his mission, he feared nothing -not even death.

"The Breastplate," Patrick's poem of faith and trust in God:

"Christ be within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ inquired, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger."

In the Lutheran Church, we believe that all believers are saints and that we are all equal in the eyes of God. Still, since our roots are Roman Catholic, we also recognize and acknowledge the accomplishments of certain saints that have set positive examples for us in Christian living. Such saints have been given a "feast day" in which they are remembered. The Feast of St. Patrick is March 17th.

Your Sister in Christ,
Pastor Wendy

PS – The majority of this article is from https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=89



MARTIN LUTHER'S "A SIMPLE WAY TO PRAY"

A great resource to assist you in your prayers throughout Lent is Martin Luther's "A Simple Way to Pray". Luther wrote this small booklet in response to a question from his barber, who was struggling with knowing how to pray. In this booklet, Luther uses the Lord's Prayer as a foundation for developing our own prayers. He uses a technique called "braided prayers" or "prayer weaving". Luther then shows us how to do the same thing with the Ten Commandments and the Apostles' Creed. A copy of the booklet was attached to the email that accompanied this newsletter. You can also copy and paste this link into your browser:

<https://wmpl.org/filed/resources/public/Literature/ASimpleWaytoPray.pdf>

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES



SUNDAYS @ 11:00 AM

REFLECTIONS ON THE LORD'S PRAYER

This study appropriate for anyone who simply wants to spend time going deeper into this special prayer that was given to us by our Lord Jesus himself. Join Ken Curtis, via RightNow Media, on this journey into the world of The Lord's Prayer *from original locations in Israel* that were important in the life of Jesus. ***The Lord's Prayer is not just a way of praying. It's a way of "seeing."*** When the prayer is grasped

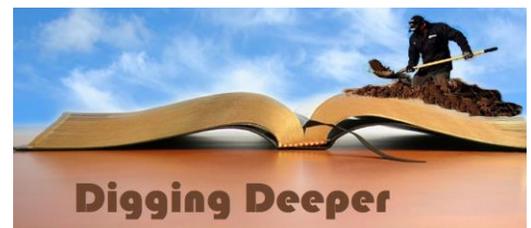
and uttered from the heart, it can -- and will --change us. We realize how we are not alone, no matter how difficult or seemingly hopeless our situation. Even in our pain, there can come a joy and a feeling of rightness about our world.

Our own Ken Carpenter will lead this study and will include notes of his own and writings from Martin Luther at various points throughout the course.

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.



LENT 2022 at SPIRIT OF HOPE
(This week's events in red)



Wednesday, March 2nd:	Ash Wednesday Worship @ 7:00 pm Jesus is the Good Shepherd (John 10:1-18)
Sunday, March 6th:	Worship @ 9:30 am "Our Father" (John 14:1-14; 5:16-30)
Wednesday, March 9th:	Soup Supper @ 6:00 pm, Worship @ 7:00 "Hallowed Be Thy Name" (John 12:1-11)
Sunday, March 13th:	Worship @ 9:30 am "Thy Kingdom Come" (John 11:1-44)
Wednesday, March 16th:	Soup Supper @ 6:00 pm, Worship @ 7:00 "Thy Will Be Done" (John 13:1-17)
Sunday, March 20th:	Worship @ 9:30 am "Give Us This Day Our Daily..." (John 11:1-44)
Wednesday, March 23rd:	Soup Supper @ 6:00 pm, Worship @ 7:00 "Forgive Us..." (John 13:31-38)
Sunday, March 27th:	Worship @ 9:30 am "Lead Us Not into Temptation" (Jn 14:15-31)
Wednesday, March 30th:	Soup Supper @ 6:00 pm, Worship @ 7:00 "Deliver Us from Evil" (John 15:1-25)
Sunday, April 3rd:	Worship @ 9:30 am "Thine is the Kingdom..." (John 15:26-16:15)
Wednesday, April 6th:	Soup Supper @ 6:00 pm, Worship @ 7:00 "Amen" (John 16:16-33)

*****HOLY WEEK*****

Sunday, April 10th:	PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 9:30 am
Thursday, April 14th:	MAUNDY THURSDAY ***CHRISTIAN SEDER SUPPER 5:30 pm***
Friday, April 15th:	GOOD FRIDAY Traditional Tenebrae Service 7:00 pm
Easter Sunday, April 17th:	RESURRECTION CELEBRATION 9:30 am

MARCH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



3/2 Cindy Garrett
3/3 Karen Jordahl
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



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



Prayer Requests - If you have a prayer request for the prayer team, please contact Pastor Wendy @ 303-841-3553 or 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

Father, please use this Lenten season to draw us closer to you. Make us keenly aware of your loving presence and show us how to truly accept your forgiveness and grace. We thank you, Father, for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please include the following people and situations in your prayers:

For the Tartu Academy of Theology/Home of Hope and SONetwork as they serve Ukrainian refugees and share the love and comfort of the Gospel.

For Kandy, John, Susan, DeDe, and Lyle as they train to become Stephen Ministers and for Kandy is also leading this important ministry.
For Patricia who is preparing for cervical fusion surgery.

For Tracey who is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

For Tiffany H. who has had a melanoma removed. Prayers that all the cancer has been caught and will not return.

For the situation in Ukraine.

For a loved one who is dealing with severe anxiety and depression.

For Brad, who is recovering from a car accident that caused numerous and significant injuries.

For Stephanie who is recovering from radiation treatments.

For Rebecca who is undergoing radiation.

For Sara as she continues cancer treatments.

For Janie as she recovers from pancreatic surgery.

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.

QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE

March Income (to date) = \$11,075

General Fund Offerings = \$8,500

Debt Reduction Offerings = \$1,040

Dedicated Offerings = \$1,535*

Other Income = \$1,434

March Expenses = \$4,770

Checking Accounts Balance = \$30,773

Debt Reduction Account Balance = \$16,634

Money Market Account Balance = \$119,855

*Includes Wednesday evening offerings during Lent

2022 LENTEN OFFERINGS

This year Spirit of Hope will be giving away 100% of our Wednesday evening Lenten offerings to help victims of the Marshall Fire in Boulder County. We are thankful for this opportunity to help locally now as this news story has begun to fade from national headlines. Thank you for supporting those in need as many will be struggling for years to come.

