



**SPIRIT OF HOPE**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
7060 Ponderosa Drive  
Parker, CO 80138

## **MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church** **Wednesday, March 17, 2021**

Questions, comments or to unsubscribe contact one of our pastors at **303-841-3553** or [office@spiritofhopelcmc.org](mailto:office@spiritofhopelcmc.org). Also visit us on the web at [www.spiritofhopelcmc.org](http://www.spiritofhopelcmc.org).



### **SATURDAY PASTOR ON-CALL**

For the good health and well-being of our pastors and their families, our pastors try to spend a few hours on Saturdays with their families. However, they are still available in the case of a pastoral emergency. This Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Wendy is on call at 303-841-3553.

### **LENTEN SERVICE TONIGHT AT 7:00 PM**

Tonight we will continue our Lenten series called "The Hands of Lent". Pastor Wendy will be preaching on Psalm 26:5-6. We will focus on "Angry Hands" and how our anger is often misdirected and how the love of our Savior can dispel our anger.

**To make a reservation for sanctuary seating, please click here:**

<https://sohlentmarch17.eventbrite.com>

**To worship via our live-stream, please click here:**

[LIVE Lenten Service, March 17, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. - YouTube](#)

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Tuesday – Friday from 9 am – 1 pm.

## THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

This coming Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, Pastor Wendy continues our reading through the letter to the Hebrews as we focus on Hebrews 10:19-25. These verses are a

call to persevere in the faith and an invitation to draw near to the loving God who is faithful to us! This Sunday will be a praise band service that is still focused on traditional hymns. **If you would like to worship with us in the Sanctuary, we ask that you reserve seating by clicking here: <https://sohworshipmarch21.eventbrite.com>**

The YouTube live-stream link and worship bulletin for those who wish to join us online will be sent later this week.

**Thank you for your continued patience and cooperation with health guidelines and practices!**



## SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS WEEK

Immediately after worship on Sunday we will have Intergenerational Sunday School. This Sunday we will be focusing on Peter's denial of Jesus as revealed to us in Luke 22:47-62 (and we will touch upon Matthew's account as well). We will also examine Isaiah 53:1-6. For this Sunday, our children will be excused to watch a kid-friendly video that teaches this text as the adults watch the account of Peter's denial from a clip from "The Passion" (this movie version is fairly graphic and may be intense for adults to watch as well).

## EASTER WORSHIP

This year, Spirit of Hope will have two Easter Sunday worship services on Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am and 10:30 am. We will begin taking seating reservations one week from today on Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. We are asking everyone to reserve seating and to be flexible as we strive to accommodate everyone. If a waitlist gets activated, please consider registering for the other service. Overflow seating is also an option if needed. Details will be sent with next week's newsletter.

## **ALTERNATIVES PREGNANCY CENTER**

Our new mission partner, Alternatives Pregnancy Center, has lots of volunteer opportunities, many with no experience required.

Everything from office help (stuffing envelopes, preparing mailings, etc.) to running errands and making deliveries, and even helping to sort the “mom and baby closet” (organizing donations that come in so that they are accessible to those in need). There are a number of other ways that you can help as well. If you think the Lord may be calling you to help, please click here for more information (or talk with Pastor Wendy):

[Volunteer with Alternatives Pregnancy Center \(youhavealternatives.org\)](http://youhavealternatives.org)

## **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

Spirit of Hope is in the process of setting up a scholarship committee that will help to create the specific process for awarding scholarships to pastoral candidates at the Institute of Lutheran Theology. Once that process is in place and has been approved by the Church Board, this committee will interact with pastoral candidates and make recipient recommendations to the Church Board. If you would like more information about this committee and/or are interested in serving, please contact Carol Palin (the Church Board/Scholarship Committee Liaison) or Pastor Wendy.

## **\$\$ LENTEN OFFERINGS \$\$**

This year, 100% of the offerings given during our Wednesday evening Lenten services will be given to our mission partner, SECORCares. During this pandemic, SECORCares has been serving a population that has grown exponentially. Thank you for supporting those in need in our local community through your Lenten offerings!

## **LENT AT SPIRIT OF HOPE**

This year our Lenten theme is called “The Hands of Lent”. In this era of separation due to COVID, in which we are not even allowed to shake hands, give hugs, or even touch each other, it is appropriate for us to focus on both our hands and the hands of God. We are unable to do our traditional hymn sing due to COVID, but we will have a full service that will include 3-4 Lenten hymns (and a few other favorites!)

each week. Wednesday evening and Holy Week services begin at 7 pm. Here is our Lenten schedule:

- 2/17/21 Ash Wednesday: "Dirty Hands"  
(Includes the distribution of ashes and Holy Communion)
- 2/24/21 "Seeking Hands"
- 3/3/21 "Hurting Hands"
- 3/10/21 "Nervous Hands"
- 3/17/21 "Angry Hands" – **TONIGHT!!!**
- 3/24/21 "Estranged Hands"
- 4/1/21 Maundy Thursday: "Serving Hands" (Communion)
- 4/2/21 Good Friday: "Into Thy Hands" (Tenebrae Service)
- 4/4/21 Easter Sunday: "Living Hands!"

### **KING SOOPERS CHARITABLE GIVING PROGRAM**

Did you know that you can help Spirit of Hope when you shop at King Soopers? All you have to do is link your Kroger card to Spirit of Hope! You can do that by clicking here: [Kroger - Kroger Community Rewards](#) and search for Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church, Parker, CO. If you prefer, you can ask for help at the customer service desk. Once your card is linked, a percentage of your purchase will go toward the ministry of Spirit of Hope. There is no cost to you whatsoever! During the last quarter, Spirit of Hope received \$176 from the community rewards program. Thank you to all of you who have been participating!

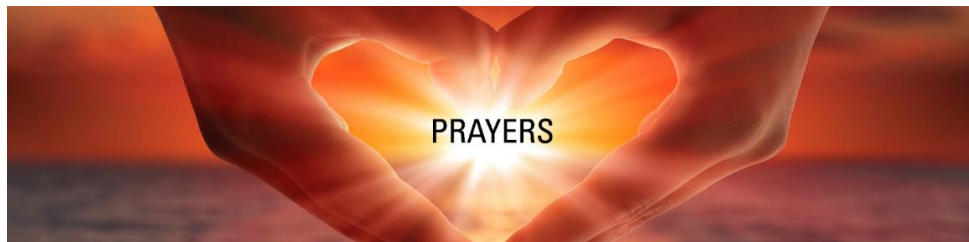
### **AMAZON SMILE CHARITABLE GIVING PROGRAM**

If you shop on Amazon, you can also help support Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church without any cost to you simply by shopping through the Amazon Smile program. Click on this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/> and then search for Spirit of Hope Parker, CO. Amazon will give Spirit of Hope a small percentage of your purchase, at no cost to you, which will help support our mission and ministry!

### **DOUGLAS COUNTY COLORADO COVID UPDATE**

Douglas County is currently in Level Yellow on the Colorado COVID Dial. For Spirit of Hope, this means that outdoor Sunday fellowship

**(weather permitting) and communion (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays) may return to our schedule. Masks are still required at all times while in the building except for worship leaders actively leading worship, while taking communion during worship, or at the discretion of a class/meeting instructor. Keeping of a six-foot distance between household units is still in effect. Our pastors and church board continue to monitor the situation and may make further adjustments as deemed necessary.**



**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](mailto:wendy.poch@spiritofhopelcmc.org). or [pastor.dave@spiritofhopelcmc.org](mailto:pastor.dave@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 and situations in your prayers:**

For those who are first responders to all emergencies: fire fighters, EMTs and law enforcement

For our nation and Parker community as we deal with the COVID-19 coronavirus situation that the virus will be suppressed, that treatment and vaccines will be effective, that those infected will be healed and that those who have lost loved ones will be comforted,

For our economy and the economies of the world to recover

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, SECORCares, Mean Street Ministry, Alternatives Pregnancy Center, Apache Youth Ministries, Institute of Lutheran Theology, Missionary Carrie, Tartu Academy of Theology

For Spirit of Hope mission allies: Marion Medical Mission, Compassion International, SONetwork, LCMC Disaster Relief Fund

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) = \$38,528\*\*** (NO CHANGE DUE TO WEATHER RELATED ONLINE-ONLY SERVICE)

**General Fund Offerings = \$12,350\*\*\*\***

**Debt Reduction Offerings = \$3,300**

**Dedicated Offerings = \$21,765\*\***

**Other Income = \$1,113\***

**March Expenses (to date) = \$18,030\*\*\***

**Checking = \$58,661**

**Money Market = \$23,221 (Reserves = \$10,438 Dedicated = \$12,783)**

**Loan Interest Escrow Account = \$13,508**

**Building Money Market = \$15,622**

**\*Includes Thrivent Grant Funds and Amazon Smile Funds**

**\*\*Includes receipt of a \$20,000 donation to**

**Tartu Academy of Theology's Home of Hope.**

**\*\*\*Includes approximately 1/2 of our quarterly benevolence checks.**