



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, March 20, 2018

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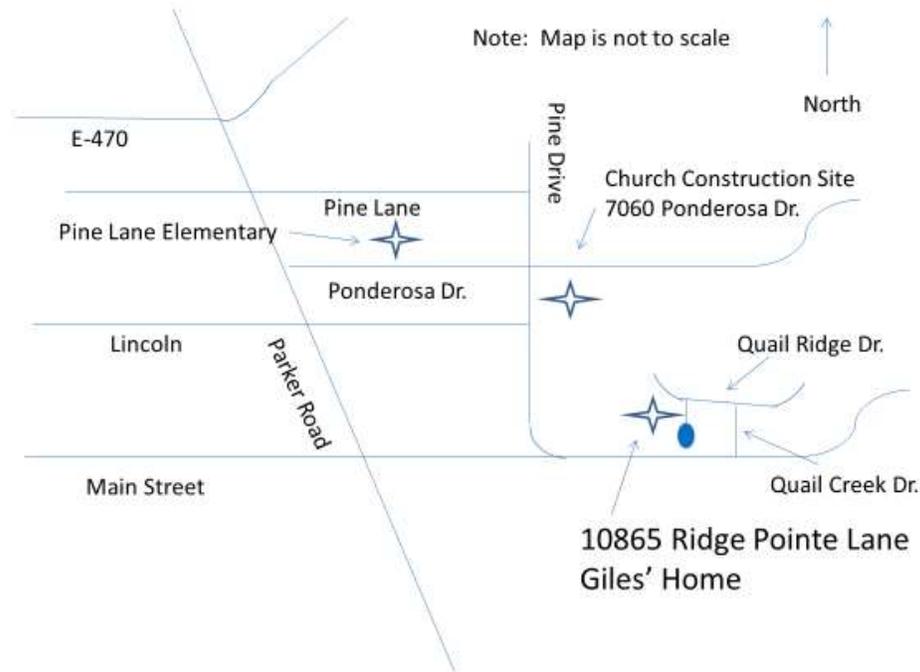
PASTORAL INTERN WENDY POCH IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES THIS COMING SATURDAY, MARCH 24, AT 303-514-5266.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER & BIBLE STUDY CONCLUDE TOMORROW

Our Wednesday night Lenten soup supper fellowship, worship and Bible study conclude tomorrow night at the Giles home, 10865 Ridge Pointe Lane, Parker, CO 80138 (see map below). Soup supper potluck begins at 6:00 pm. Please bring a soup or dessert to share. Bread, crackers, and beverage will be provided.

Thank you, Dave, Sheri and Faith for hosting our final event! The theme of these midweek gatherings has been "Tools from the Catechism." Each Wednesday we have looked at a section of Martin Luther's Small Catechism along with selected scripture verses and see what insights into Christian living they give. Tomorrow, March 21, we conclude the series with Confession and Forgiveness.





THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE – PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

Holy Week begins this Sunday, March 25, 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. Also, the passion account from Luke will be read as an overview to the events we will remember during Holy Week that culminate on Easter Sunday. Fellowship is 9:00 am at Pine Lane Elementary North (6485 E Ponderosa Drive, Parker, CO 80138) followed by worship at 9:30 am. Sunday School for all ages is at 10:45 am.

SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS SUNDAY

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

Youth meet with Intern Wendy for a discussion on Palm Sunday and Holy Week.

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 final of three separate topics for the Sundays before Easter. This Sunday– "The Seven Last Words of Jesus from the Cross."

YOUTH NEWS!

Upcoming Youth Events

Sunday, March 25, THIS SUNDAY - Special Palm Sunday Youth Event!

April 8, Youth Group

April 22, Youth Group

TACOS AND A MOVIE!

This Sunday our youth group will enjoy lunch at Taco Bell before heading out to see Paul: Apostle for Christ at Arapahoe Crossing. This event is free, but RSVP's are needed by Wednesday at noon so that we can purchase tickets in advance. Please contact Intern Wendy to RSVP.

CROSSWAYS

Crossways meets tonight (3/20) and will then take a break during Holy Week. We will resume meeting on Wednesdays beginning April 4th.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES AT SPIRIT OF HOPE!

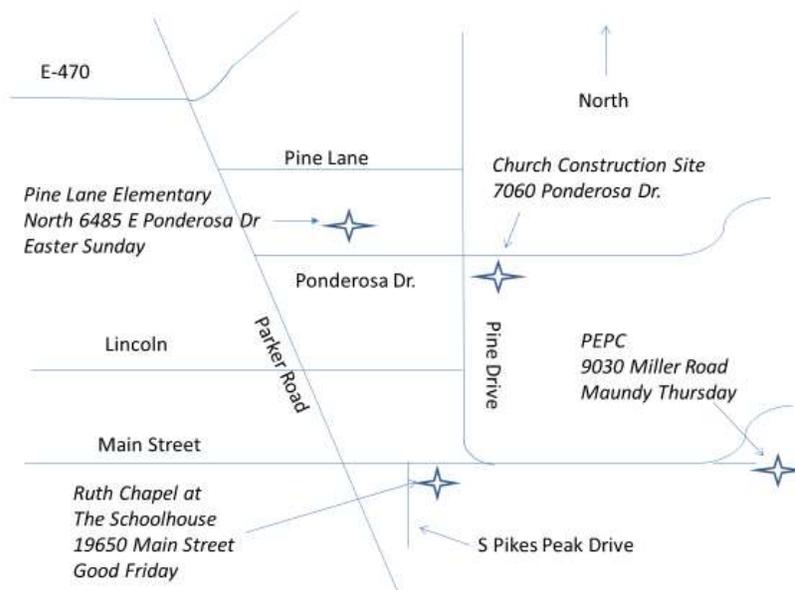
Holy Week begins this Sunday, March 25. At Spirit of Hope we will have our Palm and Passion Sunday celebration at our current meeting facility of Pine Lane Elementary North. We will remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday. All worshippers will be given a palm frond for 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!



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 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.

HOPEFUL SPIRITS Meeting Minutes...March 13, 2018

Present: Kandy Parsons, Marie Winkelman, Jean Huebsch, and Sara Gutknecht

Our meeting was opened with prayer.

Most of our discussion centered on the upcoming CRAFT and BAKE Sale on May 6, before and after church. We encourage all members to participate....remember, this is a spring sale, so extra seedlings, garden ideas, etc. are all good ideas.

There will not be a regularly scheduled meeting in April...members of Hopeful Spirits will have a short discussion on Sunday, April 8th either before or after church just to touch base re: the craft/bake sale.

We discussed having something for visitors and decided on microwave popcorn (unpopped), With a note on it that says “Thanks for ‘popping’ in”. Pastor was contacted and has updated a church brochure which will be included with the popcorn. In May, we will get these ready for handout.

Winter scarves, mufflers, hats...crocheted and knitted...continue to be solicited for Mean Street.

Church banners and decorations for our new church are on hold until we can actually get in the church.

Future plans:

September—Women’s Coffee (In the new church)program to be determined

November—Fall Craft and Bake Sale

December—Blessing Bags

SPIRIT OF HOPE SPRING CRAFT/ BAKE SALE

EVERYONE COME!! MAY 6, 2018

Please bring baked goods and crafts. Items will be available for purchase before and after church. You might find a Mother’s Day gift or goodies for your mom.

All money raised goes to mission funding.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

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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 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 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 healing for Cathy Morano's friend's father in Chicago, John Kallas, who was readmitted to the hospital last Friday to treat complications related to his foot surgery

For Kerli in Estonia to have a healing and recovery this Thursday, March 22, (March 21 U.S. time) as she undergoes another tumor removal surgery

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

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) = **\$11,315**

March expenses (to date) = **\$8,535**

Checking = **\$33,630**

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

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