



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, March 24, 2020

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SENIOR PASTOR DAVE FISHER IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES THIS COMING SATURDAY, MARCH 28, AT 303-841-3553.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

TOMORROW'S LENTEN WORSHIP TO BE ONLINE AGAIN

Since last Sunday's YouTube video of worship went so well, we will record tomorrow night's midweek Lenten worship and send a link out tomorrow afternoon that you can access at home. A worship guide will also be sent with the video link. The service will be the same format that we started with on March 4 and feature hymns and songs followed by scripture, a homily and prayer. The homily tomorrow night will be the next topic in our series, "The Body of Christ."

Looking at the parts of the body that our Lord used during His earthly ministry, we will reflect upon how we use our bodies, that is, our lives to serve Him. Here are the remaining topics:

March 25 – The Eyes of Christ – to see our needs

April 1 – The Heart of Christ – beating with love

THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE – FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

The coming Sunday, March 29, is the fifth Sunday in the season of Lent. We continue reading through the Gospel of Luke for our Sunday messages. This Sunday we will read a longer section of Luke 21 as Jesus talks about future events and how to prepare for them. We will read Luke 21:5-38.

Again, our worship service will be recorded and a link and worship guide will be sent out via email by late Saturday afternoon for everyone to access. Thank you for your patience as we continue to make adjustments in light of the current health situation.

ONLINE FELLOWSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY COMING SOON

During these unusual times, Pastors Wendy and Dave have been researching and testing online options to provide opportunities for the members and friends of Spirit of Hope to connect with one another. Currently an online platform is being tested that we hope will enable people to visit personally or in groups for fellowship, Bible study and meetings. Please watch future newsletters and email for more information as we get this technology in place. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to call each other. Our pictorial directory should help with that.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE PASTORS

If you need to contact the pastors for any reason during this time please use the following:

Senior Pastor Dave Fisher – 303-941-0668 (voice & text)
pastordave@spiritofhopelcmc.org (email)

Associate Pastor Wendy Poch – 303-514-5266 (voice & text)
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AN UPDATE FROM SECORCares ON COVID-19

We are facing extraordinary challenges as a community as we navigate the uncharted waters of a worldwide pandemic. Schools are closed, people are being laid off, unemployment numbers are rising...

SECORCares is answering the call, and with your help and support, we are able to provide our neighbors with the food they need to survive.

This past week we switched to a drive thru model to efficiently and effectively feed our community in a safe manner. This model allows us to pre-package the typical items we offer to our guests (skillet meals, peanut butter, meats, fruits, veggies, grains and more) and simply place the packages in their cars as they drive through, keeping our guests, volunteers, and staff safe.

We are working with our school districts to ensure our Food for Thought families are receiving the adequate food and remote learning tools they need as they move to a learn from home environment. We are in daily contact with our county and partner agencies to ensure the most affected populations are receiving the food and care they need.

We have been designated as an essential operation to remain open as part of the Emergency Operations System.

We expect the number of people we serve to grow tremendously in the coming weeks and months as more people lose their jobs or get laid off and struggle to feed their families.

We can't do this without your help and support! Join us in helping to provide food to families, seniors, and children in our community who are so greatly affected during these trying times.

You can donate directly to SECORCares online at www.secorcares.com.

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 September 11 through October 5 for team one, and October 2 through 26 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, Rodney Pobar, Tiffany Poch or Pastor Dave are available to answer any questions you might have about the application process and preparation for the trip.

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

For those in the nation of Malawi who are suffering from the effects of recent continual rains and subsequent flooding

For Monica Ojeda and the other Compassion International Children sponsored by members of Spirit of Hope who are affected by the fight against the coronavirus world wide

For our mission partners at Apache Youth Ministries as they seek to minister during a lock-down of the White Mountain Apache Nation in Arizona

For continued recovery for Pastor Dave's mother, Janice Fisher, from muscular/neurological issues in her legs

For Theresa Rader who has a hernia and blood clot condition to be healed

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, Southeast Community Outreach, Mean Street Ministry, Apache Youth Ministries, East European Mission Network, Missionary Carrie, Tartu Academy of Theology

For Spirit of Hope mission allies: Marion Medical Mission, 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

3/2 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) = \$13,495

March expenses (to date) = \$9,107

Checking = \$20,702

Money Market = \$29,217 (Reserves = \$10,436 Dedicated = \$18,781)

Building Loan Interest Escrow = \$23,103