



## MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, March 3, 2020

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**SENIOR PASTOR DAVE FISHER IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES THIS COMING SATURDAY, MARCH 7, AT 303-841-3553.**

**DON'T FORGET THAT WE RETURN TO DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME THIS WEEKEND. SET YOUR CLOCKS AND ALARMS AHEAD BY ONE HOUR BEFORE GOING TO BED ON SATURDAY NIGHT!**

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: MON. – THURS. 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

### **LENTEN SOUP SUPPER & WORSHIP – TOMORROW!**

Our first Wednesday night Lenten soup supper fellowship and worship service are tomorrow night Wednesday, March 4. Soup supper potluck begins at 6:00 pm. Please bring a soup or dessert to share. Bread, crackers, and beverage will be provided.

Lenten worship will take place at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. These Wednesday services in Lent will be informal and feature the singing of hymns and songs by request of those at the service. The theme for our Lenten homilies is "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 4 – The Hands of Christ – to help and heal**

**March 11 – The Mouth of Christ – to speak God's Word**

**March 18 – The Ears of Christ – to hear our prayers**

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

April 1 – The Heart of Christ – beating with love

April 9 (Maundy Thursday) – The Blood of Christ – shed for us

### **WEDNESDAY LENTEN OFFERINGS TO HELP MISSIONARY CARRIE**

During this Lenten season, fifty percent of the first five Wednesday offerings will go to our mission partner Carrie B., who serves as a missionary in SE Asia. The reason for the first five offerings is that at the end of next month missionary Carrie, who is currently in the United States on leave, will be visiting us and we want to bless her when she comes. Please pray for her and those she serves.

### **THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE – SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

The Second Sunday in the season of Lent is this coming Sunday, March 8. We continue reading through the Gospel of Luke for our Sunday messages. This Sunday we will read how about the opponents of Jesus tried to trap our Lord in His speech. The subject they chose was taxes. Come and learn about how the Lord answered them! The story is found in Luke 20:20-26.

The Mission Ark will be open as March is a five Sunday month (see article below). **ALSO, SINCE WE ARE IN COLD AND FLU SEASON AND DUE TO THE POTENTIAL THREAT OF CORONAVIRUS, WE WILL SUSPEND THE SHARING OF THE PEACE DURING LENT.**

Come as we gather around word and sacrament this Sunday at 9:00 am with Fellowship at our church facility at 7060 Ponderosa Drive, Parker, CO 80138. Worship begins at 9:30 am. Intergenerational Sunday School is at 11:00 am.

### **THIS SUNDAY'S INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Intergenerational Sunday School this Sunday will be a lesson about how the newly converted Saul had to escape from Damascus. The story is found in Acts 9:10-31 and we will also look at Romans 12:1-2. The theme this Sunday is Renewal! Pastors Wendy and Dave lead the lessons. Come and learn together this Sunday!

### **MARCH IS A FIVE SUNDAY MISSION TUB MONTH**

Spirit of Hope continues the tradition of collecting tomato products for SECOR Cares and reading glasses, action toys and Christian

coloring books for Mean Street Ministry. The Mission Ark will be open again this Sunday. Thanks for your donations!

### **U.F.O. (UNFINISHED OBJECTS) NIGHT RESCHEDULED!**

The next Hopeful Spirits U.F.O. night is scheduled for Friday, March 6, at 7:00 pm at the church. This will be the first UFO Night. Ladies, bring any project or chore you are working on and work on it in the company of your fellow sisters in Christ. Refreshments and conversation are also a part of this informal opportunity to fellowship together.

### **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](http://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](mailto:wendy.poch@spiritofhopelcmc.org). or [pastordave@spiritofhopelcmc.org](mailto: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 Pastor Dave's mother, Janice Fisher, who has returned to a hospital in Phoenix with 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 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**

3/2 Cindy Garrett  
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**

**February income = \$14,315**

**February expenses = \$14,458**

**March income (to date) = \$8,645**

**March expenses (to date) = \$2,180**

**Checking = \$21,780**

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

**Building Loan Interest Escrow = \$23,409**