

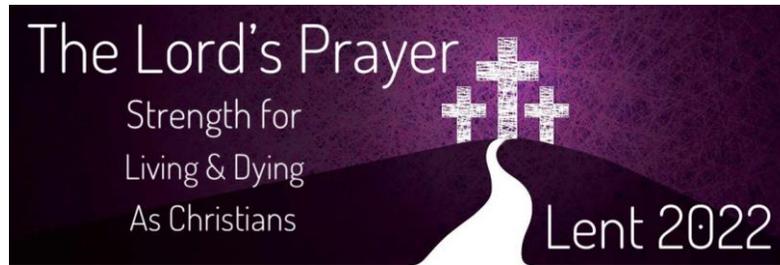


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## Mission News From SPIRIT OF HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH Wednesday, March 30, 2022

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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 15:1-25 where Jesus teaches us how to abide in him. We will be focused on the 7<sup>th</sup> petition of the Lord's Prayer "Deliver Us from Evil".

### **THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE**

This Sunday we will be focused on the first part of the conclusion of the Lord's Prayer, "For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory Forever". Our text will be John 15:26 – 16:15 in which we will learn more about the Holy Spirit. 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.



**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>

**WHY ARE WE HAVING  
A CHRISTIAN SEDER?**

*On Maundy Thursday, April 14th, we will be having a Christian Seder. Perhaps you have wondered why we, as Christians, would celebrate this Jewish Passover festival. There is an excellent reason: Jesus is the fulfillment of the Passover.*



*The original Passover is recorded in Exodus 12. God had been sending plagues upon Egypt because Pharaoh would not let God's people leave. The last plague was going to be the death of the firstborn of every household and every animal. However,*

*death would pass over the Israelites if the blood of a lamb was painted above and around their doors. God's people did this and death passed over them. God then commanded his people to remember this day always. The Passover has been celebrated by the Jewish people ever since.*

*Jesus celebrated the Passover with his disciples several times. But Jesus, the Lamb of God, sacrificed himself upon a cross so that his own blood would enable the ultimate death to pass over us and all people. During the original Passover, it was simply the blood of the lamb that saved everyone inside, regardless of their sins, from death. Today, it is the blood of Jesus, our Christ, that saves all who believe in his life-giving blood, regardless of their sins, from death. "In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he returns." (1 Cor. 11:25-26).*

*As the lamb was the redemption for God's people of old, The Lamb of God is the redemption for God's people today. And so, as we celebrate the Messianic fulfillment of the Passover through Jesus, God's own Son, we connect to God's people in worship, praise, and thanksgiving as they have done for thousands of years.*

*You are invited to this special Holy Week event. Our seder will begin at 5:30 pm on Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. Children are welcome and we will have some special ways for them to engage in the Passover as well. In the midst of the seder, we will enjoy a celebratory feast as we rejoice in who our mighty and loving God is and all that he has done for us! You are*

*invited to RSVP by clicking here (or cutting and pasting into your browser) by April 10<sup>th</sup>:*

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f49aea72aa6fbc52-christian>

*Your Sister in Christ,  
Pastor Wendy*

### **ZUMBA GOLD IS MOVING TO MORNINGS!**

Zumba Gold now happens on 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.



### **COMING UP THIS WEEK AT SPIRIT OF HOPE**



#### **Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 pm Soup Supper

7:00 pm Worship

8:00 pm Easter Choir

#### **Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**

9:00 am Zumba Gold

#### **Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**

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

#### **Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

9:30 am - Worship

11:00 am Sunday School

#### **Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**

12:00 – 1:15 pm Digging Deeper Bible Study

2:00 – 4:30 pm Stephen Minister Training

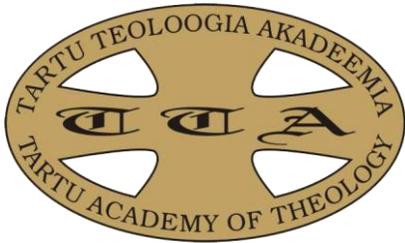
**Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

6:00 pm Soup Supper

7:00 pm Worship

8:00 pm Easter Choir



### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS: A VISIT FROM ESTONIA!**

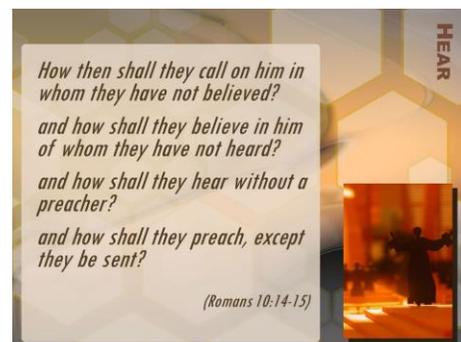
On Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, @ 5:00 pm, Siimon Haamer, from the Tartu Academy of Theology/Home of Hope in Estonia will be coming to Spirit of Hope. He will be talking to us about the work our mission partner is doing,

especially in light of the situation in Ukraine and eastern Europe. We will have a potluck dinner. RSVPs 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.

### **A COURSE ON LAY PREACHING**

Are you interested in preaching the occasional sermon? Does the idea intrigue you? Perhaps you'd be willing to help on occasion (like when Pastor Wendy is on vacation) but don't really know where to start? Pastor Wendy is developing a lay preaching class designed to help you serve the church in this unique way.

This lay preaching class will walk you through the basics of how to craft a faithful sermon, including how to identify both law and gospel in each passage, how to interpret Scripture according to Lutheran orthodoxy, and tips for public proclamation. To prepare for this course, participants will read a book about lay preaching. Then, over several sessions, participants will have the opportunity to practice interpretation, writing and preaching with Pastor Wendy and/or other participants.



The course will be designed to work with participants' schedules. If you would enjoy learning some preaching basics (which include skills that will help you become more comfortable in your everyday witness), or if you are willing to let God lead you outside of your comfort zone so that you can provide pulpit supply on occasion at Spirit of Hope, please contact Pastor Wendy. If there is interest, there may also be opportunities to preach for small groups in a local assisted living facility...bringing the gospel to those who have a difficult time getting to a church.

## **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

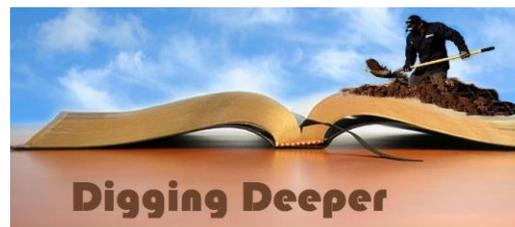
and uttered from the heart, it can -- and will --change us. We realize how we are not alone, no matter how difficult or seemingly hopeless our situation. Even in our pain, there can come a joy and a feeling of rightness about our world.

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

**\*\*\*HOLY WEEK\*\*\***

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

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



### March Birthdays

- 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

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



### April Birthdays

- 4/3 Tracey Ramirez
- 4/6 Madden Howland
- 4/6 Marie Winkelman
- 4/8 Wendy West
- 4/11 Douglas Kleven
- 4/13 Brenda Reinicke
- 4/15 Chrissy Nefe
- 4/17 Julie Case
- 4/21 Bill Byers

### April Anniversaries

- 4/20 Harry and Lucette Kottcamp

## **COMING UP IN MAY: SPIRIT OF HOPE'S 12<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY!**

Spirit of Hope was founded on May 16, 2010. We will be celebrating our 12<sup>th</sup> birthday on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> after worship. Stay tuned for more details!



**Prayer Requests** - If you have a prayer request for the prayer team, please contact Pastor Wendy @ 303-841-3553 or [wendy.poch@spiritofhopelcmc.org](mailto: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**

**Lord Jesus, precious Savior, who went all the way to the cross to redeem us, lost and condemned sinners, graciously look upon us in this Lenten season and let us find cleansing and healing in your precious blood. Help us to see both the awfulness of our sin but also the depth of your beautiful and wondrous love that wouldn't let us die. It is hard to find the words to express proper gratitude, but let our thankfulness be known by pouring your love through us into others so they, too, may know how deeply you love them. In the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit we pray, 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 as she 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 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 recovers from cancer treatments.

For Janie as she continues to recover from pancreatic surgery.  
For those who are first responders to all emergencies: fire fighters, paramedics, 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) = \$24,245**

**General Fund Offerings = \$16,744**

**Debt Reduction Offerings = \$1,680**

**Dedicated Offerings = \$5,821\***

**Other Income = \$1,434**

**March Expenses = \$12,030**

**Checking Accounts Balance = \$35,843**

**Debt Reduction Account Balance = \$16,634**

**Money Market Account Balance = \$119,855**

\*Includes Wednesday evening offerings during Lent. 100% of these offerings will go to help victims of the Marshall Fire. gs during Lent.