



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, March 31, 2020

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ASSOCIATE PASTOR WENDY POCH IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES THIS COMING SATURDAY, APRIL 4, AT 303-841-3553.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

TOMORROW'S LENTEN WORSHIP IS ONLINE

Our final midweek Lenten service will be available as a YouTube video tomorrow. You will be sent a link that you can access at home. A worship guide will also be sent with the video link. The service will be the same format of last week's service 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 the remaining topics for April 1 is "The Heart of Christ" – beating with love. The Lenten series will conclude on Maundy Thursday with the theme, "The Blood of Christ."

THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE – PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

Holy Week begins this Sunday, April 5, at Spirit of Hope with Palm and Passion Sunday. Worship begins as we remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on that first Palm Sunday. 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.

Spirit of Hope Praise Band leader, Steve Selby will join Matt Weesner and the pastors to lead the singing during this special service! Again, our worship service will be recorded and a link and worship guide will be sent out via email Saturday evening for everyone to access. Thank you for your patience as we continue to worship together in spirit in light of the current health situation.

CARE MINISTRY PHONE CALLS

Spirit of Hope members Pat Schmidt and Anne Carpenter will be assisting Pastor Dave and Pastor Wendy in making care ministry calls to members and also to friends who participate in congregational life with us. Thank you, Pat and Anne! Our plan is to continue to call each family and check in on a regular basis so that we can love and support one another. The pastors will stay in close contact with Pat and Anne and will follow up on care needs as they arise. You may also contact either Pastor Dave or Pastor Wendy directly should you or your family need anything at all during these challenging times.

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)

wendy.poch@spiritofhopelcmc.org (email)

ONLINE PLATFORM BEING TESTED THIS WEEK

The Zoom online platform for linking people with both video or audio telephone connection is being tested. The church board had a successful test run last Friday and will attempt to conduct a full meeting this week. Should that meeting run well, the next step will be to try some fellowship events within the congregation. Please pray that we can continue to meet the technological challenges that come with implementing any new system such as this. Fellowship, Bible study and meetings should come soon. 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

SECORCares ON COVID-19

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

SECORCares has 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.

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 peace and comfort for Pastor Dave's mother, Janice Fisher, who has entered hospice

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

3/30 Cathy Morano

March Anniversaries

3/31 John & Kandy Parsons

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

4/16 Luke Hoyt

4/17 Julie Case

4/21 Bill Byers

QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE

March income = \$13,495

March expenses = \$9,258

Checking = \$20,221

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

Building Loan Interest Escrow = \$23,103