



## MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Wednesday, March 31, 2021

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### SATURDAY PASTOR ON-CALL

For the good health and well-being of our pastors and their families, our pastors try to spend a few hours on Saturdays with their families. However, they are still available in the case of a pastoral emergency. This Saturday, April 3rd, Pastor Dave is on call at 303-841-3553.

## HOLY WEEK



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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Please join us for our special Holy Week services this week. We will have worship on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. Details are as follows:

**Maundy Thursday: Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup> @ 7:00 pm.**

To reserve sanctuary seating, click (or copy & paste) here:

<https://sohworshipmaundythursday7pm.eventbrite.com>

To worship via our live stream, click (or copy & paste) here:

[LIVE Maundy Thursday Service, April 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. - YouTube](#)

***Theology Note:*** "Maundy" comes from the Latin word *mandatum* which means mandate/command. On this day we remember that Jesus celebrated his Last Supper and instituted Holy Communion. He also washed his disciples' feet. *"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another" (John 13:34).*

**Good Friday: Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:00 pm**

To reserve sanctuary seating, click (or copy & paste) here:

<https://sohworshipgoodfridayapril2.eventbrite.com>

To worship via our live stream, click (or copy & paste) here:

[LIVE Good Friday Service, April 2, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. - YouTube](#)

**Easter: Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am**

To reserve sanctuary seating, click (or copy & paste) here:

[Easter Worship 8:30 am - YouTube](#)

To worship via our live stream, click (or copy & paste) here:

<https://sohworshippeaster-8-30am.eventbrite.com>

**Easter: Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 am**

To reserve sanctuary seating, click (or copy & paste) here:

<https://sohworshippeaster-10-30am.eventbrite.com>

To worship via our live stream, click (or copy & paste) here:

[Easter Worship 10:30 am - YouTube](#)



**\*\*\*FLOWERS FOR EASTER WORSHIP\*\*\***

We would like to ask every family attending Easter worship services to consider bringing flowers (lilies, tulips, or anything bright and cheery) to help decorate the altar and chancel (the area around the altar) for Easter worship. You are welcome to take your flowers home with you after worship so that you can enjoy them during your resurrection celebrations!

**EASTER FELLOWSHIP BETWEEN SERVICES**

Join us outside on the front patio for a simple fellowship of coffee, beverages and treats between our Easter worship services!



### **EASTER EGG HUNT BETWEEN SERVICES**

We will have an Easter egg hunt for the little ones at 8:45 am. Kids are invited to bring their Easter baskets (or a bag) and hunt for Easter treats outside. Thank you to our youth group families for filling the eggs and to several of our young adults for helping with the hunt!

### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK**

Tuesday – Thursday from 9 am – 1 pm.

**\*The office will be closed on Friday in observance of Good Friday.**

When you arrive at the church office, please call the church office at 303-841-3553 and someone will let you in. As always, you are welcome to come and visit the office and our pastors and/or office volunteers are always eager to greet you!

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS WEEK**

Sunday School is in recess this week. Intergenerational Sunday School will resume on April 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **LENT AT SPIRIT OF HOPE**

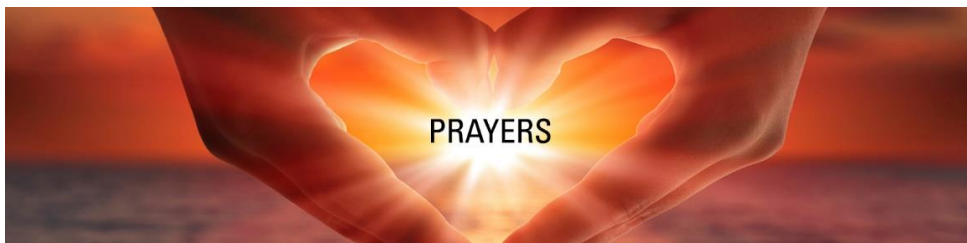
This year our Lenten theme is called “The Hands of Lent”. In this era of separation due to COVID, in which we are not even allowed to shake hands, give hugs, or even touch each other, it is appropriate for us to focus on both our hands and the hands of God. We are unable to do our traditional hymn sing due to COVID, but we will have a full service that will include 3-4 Lenten hymns (and a few other favorites!) each week. Wednesday evening and Holy Week services begin at 7 pm. Here is our Lenten schedule:

- 2/17/21      Ash Wednesday: “Dirty Hands”  
(Includes the distribution of ashes and Holy Communion)
- 2/24/21      “Seeking Hands”

3/3/21 "Hurting Hands"  
3/10/21 "Nervous Hands"  
3/17/21 "Angry Hands"  
3/24/21 "Estranged Hands"  
4/1/21 **Maundy Thursday: "Serving Hands" (Communion)**  
4/2/21 **Good Friday: "Into Thy Hands" (Tenebrae Service)**  
4/4/21 **Easter Sunday: "Living Hands!"**

### **DOUGLAS COUNTY COLORADO COVID UPDATE**

Douglas County is currently in Level Yellow on the Colorado COVID Dial. For Spirit of Hope, this means that outdoor Sunday fellowship (weather permitting) and communion (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays) may return to our schedule. Masks are still required at all times while in the building except for worship leaders actively leading worship, while taking communion during worship, or at the discretion of a class/meeting instructor. Keeping of a six-foot distance between household units is still in effect. Our pastors and church board continue to monitor the situation and may make further adjustments as deemed necessary.



**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 [pastor.dave@spiritofhopelcmc.org](mailto:pastor.dave@spiritofhopelcmc.org).

***Jesus said; "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."***

### **PRAYER FOR THE WEEK**

Every week Pastor Dave and Pastor Wendy have been posting a prayer for the week on our Facebook page. We would like to share those prayers here for those of you who are not on Facebook. While the pastors usually

compose these prayers themselves, this week Pastor Wendy posted a prayer written by Ephraem the Syrian. Ephraem lived from 306-373 AD and was known for writing encouraging hymns, poems, and sermons to a very troubled Church. What follows is one of Ephraem's Holy Week prayers.

A Prayer for the Week  
By Pastor Wendy

This week's prayer comes from Ephraem the Syrian who lived from 306-373. Ephraem was one of the great Church Fathers and well known for his hymns, prayers, poems all of which were written for the Church in trying times. As we move forward through this Holy Week, let us give thanks and praise to Jesus for all that He has done and let His name be glorified among us!

"You love humankind, O Christ, and I glorify you for that. You are the only Son, the Lord of all things. You alone are without sin. You gave yourself up to death for me, an unworthy sinner, the death of the cross. Through this suffering, you have delivered all human beings from the snares of evil. What shall I render to you, Lord, for such goodness?

Glory to you, friend of all!

Glory to you, O merciful Lord!

Glory to you, longsuffering God!

Glory to you, who takes away all sins!

Glory to you, who came to save us!

Glory to you, who became flesh in the womb of the virgin!

Glory to you, bound in cords!

Glory to you, whipped and scourged!

Glory to you, mocked and derided!

Glory to you, nailed to the cross!

Glory to you, buried and risen!

Glory to you, proclaimed to all humankind, who believe in you!

Glory to you, ascended to heaven! Amen."

**Please include the following people and situations in your prayers:**

We continue to pray for...

For those who are first responders to all emergencies: fire fighters, EMTs and law enforcement

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

For our economy and the economies of the world to recover

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, SECORCares, Mean Street Ministry, Alternatives Pregnancy Center, Apache Youth Ministries, Institute of Lutheran Theology, Missionary Carrie, Tartu Academy of Theology

For Spirit of Hope mission allies: Marion Medical Mission, Compassion International, SONetwork, LCMC Disaster Relief Fund

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



### **April Birthdays**

Tracey Ramirez  
Madden Howland  
Marie Winkelman  
Wendy West  
Douglas Kleven  
Brenda Reinicke  
Chrissy Nefe  
Luke Hoyt  
Julie Case  
Bill Byers

## **QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE**

**March Income (to date) = \$46,939\*\***

**General Fund Offerings = \$19,056\*\*\*\***

**Debt Reduction Offerings = \$4,100**

**Dedicated Offerings = \$23,488\*\***

**Other Income = \$1,113\***

**March Expenses (to date) = \$24,301\*\*\*, \*\*\*\***

**Checking = \$40,905**

**Money Market = \$27,591 (Reserves and Dedicated Funds)**

**Loan Interest Escrow Account = \$13,508**

**Building Money Market = \$15,622**

**\*Includes Thrivent Grant Funds and Amazon Smile Funds**

**\*\*Includes receipt of a \$20,000 donation to**

**Tartu Academy of Theology's Home of Hope.**

**\*\*\*Includes approximately 1/2 of our quarterly benevolence checks.**

**\*\*\*\*Includes the cashing of the \$20,000 donation to**

**Tartu Academy of Theology's Home of Hope as listed above.**