



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, March 8, 2016

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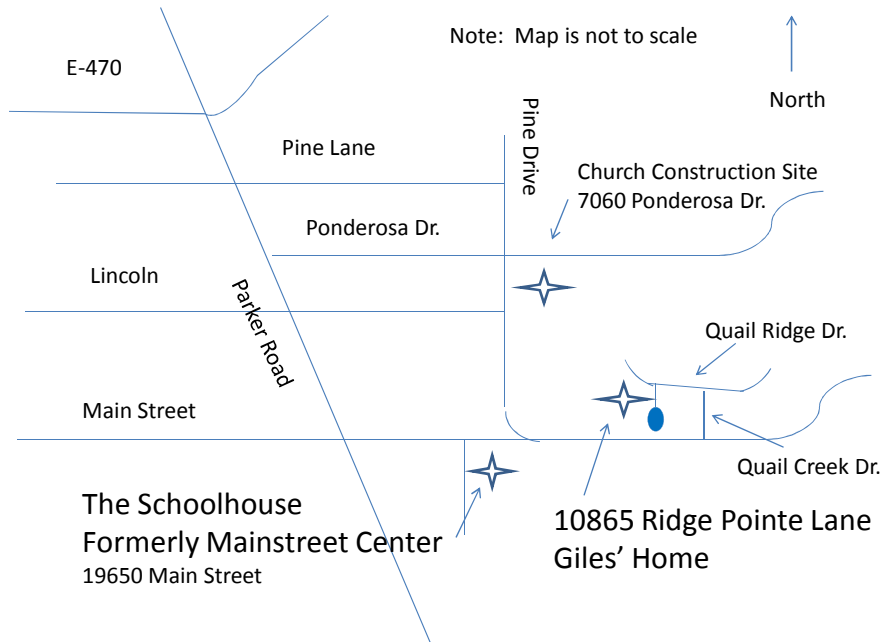
NEXT HOPEFUL SPIRITS MEETING IS TODAY, MARCH 8

The next meeting of the Hopeful Spirits is TODAY, March 8, at the home of Sara Gutknecht (20490 Oakbrooke Lane, Parker, CO 80138) from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Come for study, fellowship, service and fun!

TOMORROW'S LENTEN WEDNESDAY EVENT

Spirit of Hope's next Wednesday night of fellowship and worship is tomorrow, March 9th! It will take place at the home of Dave and Sheri Giles. The Giles live at 10865 Ridge Pointe Lane, Parker, CO 80138. This location is a little more east and north off Mainstreet than where we were last week (see map below). The Giles home is also located on a large cul de sac. Please park on the street up and down the cul de sac as best as possible. We are going to keep going with soup suppers because it is going so well! Please bring a soup or desert to share and serving utensils. Beverages, bowls, bread and paper goods will be provided. Fellowship is from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Following fellowship there is a time of worship and Bible study. Hymns and songs by request are sung from the green Lutheran Book of Worship or the blue With One Voice service and songbook. The singing is also accompanied on piano by Stacy Fahrion. Bible studies for these Wednesdays of Lent are on "The Exclusivity of Jesus." Passages that talk about the uniqueness of God's love shown to us exclusively through our Lord and Savior will be studied. Tomorrow night we will look at John.10:1-10 where Jesus describes Himself as the Good Shepherd of the Sheep and the sheep gate through which we find life. Concluding with prayer by 8:00 pm we are all invited to help with clean up of the host home.

Next Wednesday will be our last home event at the Zwegardt residence. We will study Matthew 16:13-20 that night where Jesus asks his first disciples (and us) “Who Do You Say that I Am?”



THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE – 5th SUNDAY IN LENT

The fifth Sunday in the season of Lent is this coming Sunday, March 13. We continue chapter 11 in our reading of 1 Corinthians (11:2-16). This whole chapter deals with questions about worship the Corinthian church had for the apostle Paul. This Sunday, Paul deals with Holy Communion and how it should (and should not) be celebrated. Fellowship begins at 9:00 am and worship is at 9:30 am. Sunday School classes are at 11:00 am. **REMEMBER DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME STARTS THIS WEEKEND! TURN YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR WHEN YOU GO TO BED THIS SATURDAY!**

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES THIS SUNDAY

Here is where Sunday School classes for all ages are taking place this coming Sunday. Kids will meet in the gym for a study on Moses, confirmation youth and parents will join Pastor Dave in room 003 in the basement for a discussion on worship, youth are in room 004 in the basement for a new study on “hot topics” in life, the women’s study on Women of the Bible is in room 200, and the general adult

class on the reliability of the Bible is in room 204 of the old school house.

SPECIAL LENTEN MISSION PROJECT – SECOR PAPER PRODUCTS DRIVE

This Lenten season Spirit of Hope is offering a special mission project to benefit Southeast Community Outreach (SECOR). As you know we collect tomato products during every five Sunday month of the year. Tomato products are an item that SECOR finds challenging to keep in stock. Another item SECOR finds difficult to stock are paper products; especially paper towels, toilet paper and facial tissue. On the Sundays of Lent this year the blue missions tub will be out to receive your donations of these paper products for SECOR. Thank you for your continued support of our mission partners at SECOR.

UPCOMING WORSHIP EVENTS IN MARCH

Sunday, March 20, 9:30 am Palm/Passion Sunday

Thursday, March 24, 7:00 pm, Special Maundy Thursday Worship (This year we will have a modified Seder Worship explaining the connections of Passover with Holy Communion. This service will take place in the gymnasium where we have Sunday worship. **THERE WILL BE A NEED FOR SOME EXTRA HELP TO PREPARE THE FOOD ITEMS THAT WILL BE PART OF THIS SERVICE. PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR DAVE IF YOU CAN HELP.**)

Friday, March 25, 7:00 pm, Good Friday Worship with Redeemer Presbyterian Church at their meeting place, the Core Knowledge School on Pine Drive (11661 Pine Dr, Parker, CO 80138)

Sunday, March 27, 9:30 am, Easter Festival Service and Fellowship

YOUTH NEWS

Upcoming Youth Group Events

*New Event! 3/20 Easter Egg Hunt with Redeemer, Grand Hall in Idyllwilde, 4:30-6:45 pm

4/3 Youth Group Night, Poch Home, 6-8:30 pm, Bible Study Topic: "Who is Jesus?"

4/6 Prayer and Pie Night

4/15-4/17 Feed the Need, Youth Encounter, New Mexico

4/30 Youth Mission Trip Training, Poch Home, 9 am - 12 pm

Easter Egg Hunt with Redeemer's Youth Group

Sunday, March 20th, youth in grade 7 and up are invited to join us for a special evening of Easter fun! We will have an Easter Egg hunt (Youth Group Style!), enjoy dinner together, worship with music provided by our joint praise team (made up of youth and leaders from both Redeemer and Spirit of Hope!) and hear a short message. Please bring a main dish to share. This event will be in place of our regularly scheduled youth group night and will, instead, take place from 4:30-6:45 pm at the Grand Hall in Idyllwilde. Bring a friend along to enjoy the fun! Please RSVP by 3/16, if possible.

Youth Encounter/Feed the Need - Albuquerque, New Mexico

Spirit of Hope will be partnering with Faith Lutheran, LCMC, New Mexico for a weekend of youth group worship, fun and service! We will be on the road by noon on Friday, April 15th and return in time for dinner on April 17th. This means arrangements will need to be made to miss a 1/2 day of school. Youth Encounter is sponsoring the event which includes time spent packing meals for those in need, working in a food pantry/shelter, awesome worship, large group games, and more! The event is totally free!!!! Participants will receive a fundraising packet that will help them to raise money for meal packing. But fundraising is not required, and no amount is too large or too small. There will be many other churches participating in this event, which is open to students in grades 7 and up. RSVP by 3/20.

High School Sunday School New Series

Beginning this Sunday our high school students will be engaging in a new series on "Hot Topics." We will see what the Bible has to say regarding the issues of abortion, racism, sexual temptation, and homosexuality. Students will also learn how they can respond when confronted with or helping someone through these issues that are so prevalent in our culture. A detailed letter has been sent out to parents. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Wendy Poch.

GREETING CARDS ARE BACK!

You may have noticed that handmade greeting cards created by members of our congregation have been on a table near the badge board as you entered the worship area on Sundays. The cards are

offered for a free will suggested donation and all donations go to support mission trips and mission activities from Spirit of Hope.

A CALL TO ORDAINED PASTORAL MINISTRY

By Pastor Dave

Here is an update on the announcement about Wendy Poch discerning a call from the Lord to pursue pastoral ministry in our association, Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC). Wendy has applied and been accepted to Beyond the River Academy (BTRA), a cutting edge institution for the training of pastoral candidates for LCMC. Wendy plans to begin the online and remote meeting class study in July. In the meantime she will be preparing and even beginning some of her required field training. Please continue to pray and encourage Wendy as she begins this adventure and continues to seek the Lord's will for this part of her life.

BUILDING PROJECT NEWS

This week the fire suppression tanks are scheduled to be delivered and installed on Thursday. Once the tanks are in our general contractor will arrange for the piping from the tanks and a fire hydrant to be installed. Also being scheduled is the installation of the septic system. This should take place within the next two weeks, weather permitting. In the meantime we are still working to get recycled asphalt scheduled to be delivered so that it can be spread and compressed in the parking lot. This will be one of the "self-perform" work items and we will need some volunteers to help with the spreading and compacting when that happens. All of these items are required by the fire department before we can start using combustible materials like wood when we put up the walls.

THE THORN – EASTER PAGEANT AT SOUTHEAST CHRISTIAN

Some of our members at Spirit of Hope have seen the production entitled, The Thorn. This year one of our members, Tiffany Poch, is a cast member. The Thorn is a presentation of the passion of Jesus in a unique way. There are still some tickets left and the 20% discount is was still in effect as of last Friday. Visit the link to a promo video <http://thethorn.net/>. The promo code is SAVE20. This year the Parker English language showing of The Thorn will take place this Friday, March 11, at 7:30 pm and Saturday, March 12, at 10:00 am and 7:30 pm at Southeast Christian Church.

Prayer Requests - If you have a prayer request for the prayer chain please contact Pastor Dave at 303-941-0668 or dave.fisher51@gmail.com

PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR DAVE DIRECTLY WITH ANY NEW PRAYER REQUESTS THAT YOU HAVE. THANK YOU!

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:

Thanksgiving for a clean pathology report for Victoria Fisher's sister in San Diego, Evelyn Hall. Please continue to pray for healing from skin cancer surgery last week

For healing and recovery for Jackie Dillon from successful eyelid surgery yesterday

For Cathy Morano's friend in Chicago, Frank, who is receiving palliative care in a hospital and is expected to pass from this life soon. Also please pray for Frank's family and friends

Thanksgiving for the safe birth of Rodney and Peggy Pobar's first grandchild, a girl, Ryllie, to their daughter, Kyllie, in Utah on February 28

Prayers for healing for Will Garret as he continues to deal with a brain tumor

Prayers of thanksgiving for healing and strength for Sheri Giles' mom in Washington state, Elizabeth Zeh., as she continues follow up chemotherapy after her successful cancer surgery last summer

Prayers for healing for Ben Potthoff, son of Herb and Beth Potthoff. Ben dislocated his right knee and will be having surgery on it late this spring or early summer

Prayer for safety for Steve and Sara Gutknecht's son-in-law, Jon Claassen, who is deployed over the next several months with the U.S. Army

For renewed healing for Mike Maxwell in Grand Junction from cancer

For healing for Paul Soules, Cherri Lusk's father, being treated for cancer

For healing for Lavonne and Delmer Zweygardt's son, Dane, from lung cancer

For continued healing and strength for Sue Schultz from cancer

For our church as we seek God's guidance and providence as we continue the building project

For Spirit of Hope mission partners: Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ, Southeast Community Outreach, Apache Youth Ministries, East European Mission Network, Tartu Academy of Theology

For missionaries around the world as they seek to proclaim the gospel

All of our military fighting for our freedoms

For peace, healing and recovery for all the recent victims of terror around the world and that the plans of terrorists will be thwarted and stopped

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

March Birthdays

3/9 Susan Spancers
3/14 Sue Schultz
3/17 Ramie Larson
3/17 Ben Reinicke
3/18 Sherry Helmeke Clark
3/20 Lavonne Zwegardt
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

QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE

March income (to date) = **\$15,716**

March expenses (to date) = **\$4,764**

Checking = **\$28,347**

Money Market (Reserves) = **\$22,166**

Building Fund = **\$137,969**