



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, April 10, 2018

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PASTOR DAVE FISHER IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES THIS COMING SATURDAY, APRIL 14, AT 303-941-0668.

THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE – 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

This Sunday is the third Sunday of the 50-day Easter season. We continue in worship with reading through the gospel of Luke. In Luke 7:24-35 Jesus talks to the crowds about John the Baptizer. He also criticizes those who would criticize John for fasting and Jesus for feasting. Consistency in life is one of the topics we will deal with this coming Sunday at Pine Lane Elementary North (6485 E Ponderosa Drive, Parker, CO 80138). Come early for Fellowship! It officially begins at 9:00 am. Worship begins at 9:30 am. Sunday School classes begin at 10:45 am.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES THIS SUNDAY

Kid's meet with Andrea Hoyt and Victoria Fisher for a lesson on the gospel of John.

Youth meet with Pastor Dave for a class on facts about the resurrection of Jesus.

Wendy West facilitates a discussion for women. The ladies are now in a Max Lucado study on the book of Romans.

The General Adult class will look at some curriculum options for the rest of the year, most notably from Chip Ingram.

APRIL MISSION SUPPORT FOR SECOR & MEAN STREET MINISTRIES

April is a five Sunday month this year and as such the blue missions tub is once more out to receive donations supporting our two local mission partners.

Southeast Community Outreach (SECOR): 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.

Mean Street Ministries: Mean Street has an ongoing need for Christian coloring books, small action figure toys for kids, and inexpensive reader glasses that can be purchased at dollar stores so that parents with eyesight issues can read the Bibles they receive. The blue missions tub will be out during the Sundays of April to receive your donations of these items for SECOR and Mean Street Ministries. Thank you for your continued support of our mission partners!

YOUTH NEWS!

Upcoming Youth Events

April 22, Youth Group, 12-2pm: Lunch, Games and More!!!

Youth Mission Team Announced!

This year Spirit of Hope will be sending a team of twelve people to serve the White Mountain Apache Tribe in conjunction with our mission partner, Apache Youth Ministries (AYM). The trip will take place Saturday, July 21st through Saturday, July 28th. This year's team members are: Faith Giles, Kayanna Larson, Thane Larson, Ben Reinicke, Tim Reinicke, James West, Rachel West, Gregory West (Assistant Leader), Sarah West (Assistant Leader), Tiffany Poch (Assistant Leader), Tim Lehnerz (Leader) and Wendy Poch (Leader).

ANY YOUTH GOING INTO GRADE 7 AND UP OR ADULTS WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE AS TEAM LEADERS MAY CONTACT INTERN WENDY TO BE ADDED TO THE WAITLIST. We would like to ask that you keep this mission team in your prayers throughout the coming months as they begin to prepare for their time of service on the reservation.

SPIRIT OF HOPE SPRING CRAFT/ BAKE SALE

EVERYONE COME!! MAY 6, 2018

The Hopeful Spirits are again sponsoring the next Craft/Bake Sale for the congregation. Please bring baked goods and crafts. Items will be

available for purchase before and after church. You might find a Mother's Day gift or goodies for your mom. All money raised goes to mission funding.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THOSE OVER 70 ½ WHO RECEIVE REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTIONS (RMDs) FROM IRAs

Did you know if you are receiving RMDs (or plan to receive them for the first time in 2018) that you have an opportunity to save Federal income taxes while continuing your support of the ministry of Spirit of Hope? Here's how.....

A little-known provision of the IRS tax code permits RMD recipients to make Qualified Charitable Contributions, or QCDs, up to a total of \$100,000 per year (on a weekly, monthly or annual basis), directly from IRAs to charities without having to include those contributions in income while, at the same time, fulfilling RMD requirements.

The ability to give directly to a charity and to avoid reporting the amount given as income is a huge advantage to taxpayers. Additionally, lowering income can help reduce the taxable amount of Social Security benefits and reduce the amount of the Medicare surtax for taxpayers with high incomes.

Using QCD's for charitable giving is beneficial not only for those who itemize deductions but could be particularly beneficial to those who do not itemize. Recently passed tax legislation increased the 2018 standard deduction for singles and married couples to \$12,000 and \$24,000, respectively. These increased limits mean many charitable deductions could be lost in 2018 and beyond. However, the tax benefit of the gift can still be realized by making a QCD thus removing the gift amount from taxable income.

It is very important to note that QCDs cannot be payable first to you with the intent that you turnaround and write a contribution check. In order to qualify as a QCD, all such contributions must be made directly from the IRA custodian to Spirit of Hope. At the end of each calendar year, our Financial Secretary will acknowledge receipt of all QCDs to donors for tax reporting purposes.

If this approach is of interest to you, please discuss it with your tax preparer and contact your IRA custodian in order to determine the custodian's QCD procedure for making regular contributions to Spirit of Hope throughout the year.

Thank you for your continued financial support of Spirit of Hope's ministry.

Thanks to Carl Winkelman for passing this information on to us!

Prayer Requests - If you have a prayer request for the prayer chain please contact Pastor Dave at 303-941-0668

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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 Cathy Morano's friend's father in Chicago, John Kallas, for healing from foot surgery last week

For Kerli in Estonia to have continued healing and recovery from recent tumor removal surgery

Prayers of thanksgiving for Eva-Liisa Luhamets in Estonia as she was hired for a new job at the end of March

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 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, Mean Street Ministries, 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)

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
4/21 Bill Byers

QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE

April income (to date) = **\$11,327**

April expenses (to date) = **\$225**

Checking = **\$39,052**

Money Market (Reserves) = **\$22,219**

Building Fund = **\$223,530**