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## Mission & Ministry News From SPIRIT OF HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH Wednesday, April 13, 2022

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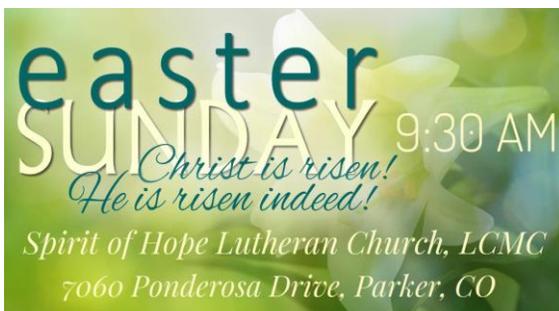


### MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 14th CHRISTIAN SEDER 5:30 PM

On this night we will enjoy a time of worship and fellowship as we participate in a Christian Seder and recognize Jesus as the fulfillment of the Passover. Please contact Pastor Wendy if you would like to attend.

### GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE FRIDAY, APRIL 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM

Our tradition of holding a Tenebrae Service (Service of Shadows) continues this year at Spirit of Hope. This is a somber service as we remember the crucifixion of Christ and leave in silence in the shadow of the tomb. Of course, attending this service makes the resurrection celebration all the more powerful, for one cannot truly have Easter without first experiencing the cross on Good Friday.



### EASTER WORSHIP

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 17<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 AM

Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join us for a traditional resurrection celebration at Spirit of Hope! Worship begins at 9:30 am. Flowers and plants are appreciated (you can take them home with you

after worship!) to help make our altar and chancel beautiful! We will enjoy an extended fellowship after worship. Please bring an Easter goodie to share (deviled eggs, fruit, breads, muffins, appetizers, etc.).

**EASTER EGG HUNT!**  
**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17<sup>th</sup>**

Children are invited to our annual Easter egg hunt after worship on Easter Sunday. Be sure to bring an Easter basket or bag to collect your treats in!



**NEW MEMBER CLASS**  
**SUNDAY, April 24<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00 PM**

Are you interested in learning more about Spirit of Hope? Would you like to join Spirit of Hope? Pastor Wendy is having a new members class on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> after Sunday School. Lunch will be provided!

Come learn about our history, our core beliefs and values, and enjoy great conversation! You will receive a copy of our constitution and bylaws and will also have the opportunity to fill out new member paperwork (should you be interested in doing so). We would love to welcome you to the Spirit of Hope family! Please RSVP with Pastor Wendy by Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>.

**OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK**

**Because it's Holy Week, this schedule is subject to change. Please contact Pastor Wendy ahead of time if you would like to visit with her.**

Tuesday, 4/12: 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Wednesday, 4/13: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Thursday, 4/14: 8:30 am – 12:30 pm (Seder Set-Up starts at 10:00 am)

Friday, 4/15: Office closed in observance of Good Friday

**SUNDAY, MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> @ 5:00 PM**

**A VISIT FROM SIIMON HAAMER**

**TARTU ACADEMY OF THEOLOGY AND HOME OF HOPE**

Siimon Haamer, from the Tartu Academy of Theology/Home of Hope in Estonia is 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. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about and give some much-needed encouragement to one of our international mission partners!



**SUNDAY, MAY 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST**

The men of Spirit of Hope will be cooking up a pancake breakfast before worship as a way to show love and appreciation to all the mothers, grandmothers and ladies in the congregation. The best part is EVERYONE

(men, women, children, married, single, friends, neighbors...) is welcome to join us for breakfast! Breakfast will be served from 8:30 – 9:15 am. We will be looking for several additional electric pancake griddles to use that morning. If you have one that could be borrowed, please indicate that in your registration. While everyone is welcome, it would be helpful to get an idea of how many people are coming so the men know how much food to cook. They would appreciate it if you would kindly RSVP here:

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

**SUNDAY, MAY 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**SPIRIT OF HOPE'S 12<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!**

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. Details coming soon!



**SPRING HAS SPRUNG...**  
**AND SO HAVE THE WEEDS!**

If you have a few minutes that you can spare, your help with pulling weeds would be greatly appreciated. It would be nice to have the first round of spring weeds gone prior to Easter so that our grounds are welcoming and in tip-top shape. Come morning, noon, or night – any

time your schedule allows and help for whatever time you have. Thank you and God bless you!

## NEW DIRECTORIES ARE ALMOST HERE!

Our new church directories have been sent to the printer and should be available soon! We are looking forward to this second edition of our directory. A very special thank you to Renee Nefe who did the bulk of the work taking photos, gathering information, designing the directory and working with the printer. Thank you also to Rachel West for helping to take photos!



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### **Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 pm Easter Choir

### **Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am Zumba Gold

10:00 am Seder Set-up

### **Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**

**EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 9:30 am**

### **Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**

12:00 – 1:15 pm Digging

Deeper Bible Study

2:00 – 4:30 pm Stephen

Minister Training

### **Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

4:30 pm Confirmation

7:00 pm Bible Study

## **ZUMBA GOLD HAS MOVED TO THURSDAY MORNINGS!**

Zumba Gold now happens on Thursday mornings at 9:00 am in the fellowship hall. 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.



**What is Truth?  
(A Holy Week Contemplation)**

**When the Sanhedrin condemned Jesus to death, they had no authority to carry out the execution. Because Rome ruled the land, they were forced to bring Jesus to Pontius Pilate.**

**Pilate was a lot of things, power-hungry, money-hungry, and ruthless. But he wasn't stupid. It took him no time at all to realize that Jesus had done nothing wrong. He probably enjoyed seeing the members of the Sanhedrin squirm and argue with him as they attempted to look powerful while Pilate knew their only real power in Judea was held simply because he let them have it.**

**Pontius Pilate had a lot on his plate that week with the massive crowds building in Jerusalem. When he realized he could, perhaps, skirt the issue of Jesus altogether, he attempted to do so by sending Jesus to Herod. But after learning Jesus wouldn't entertain Herod, Herod sent Jesus back to Pilate. Sometimes the truth isn't all that fun.**

**"Pilate touched upon truth for a moment. This strange Prophet was a King in a kingdom that was not of this world. He had come to witness about the truth – the truth about the purpose of life, the truth about God and us. Pilate had the opportunity to learn about this truth, but he didn't want to know it. He shrugged his shoulders and asked, 'What is truth?'. It wasn't a sincere question. He didn't really want to know. His statement was simply a way of dodging the issues.**

**"And Jesus was quiet. There's no sense in talking to a person who doesn't want to listen".<sup>1</sup>**

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<sup>1</sup>Giertz, Bo. 2008. *To Live with Christ: Daily Devotions by Bo Giertz*. Translated by Bror Erickson with Richard Wood. St. Louis, MO: Concordia Publishing House.

**Jesus said, “I am the Truth, the Way, and the Life” (John 14:6). We should hear this not as law, but as gospel. This isn’t a verse to slam over someone’s head so they have a forced “come to Jesus moment”. It’s a gift! There actually IS a way to live a life worth living, a beautiful life that lives into eternity. Jesus is the way because He alone is Truth. And through His death, resurrection, and ascension, He has made the way available to us. This is pure gift indeed! Thanks be to God!**

**Jesus is the Good Shepherd. “The sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them and his sheep follow him because they know his voice” (John 10:3b-4)**

**Jesus also said, “Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice” (John 18:37).**

**This Holy Week, I pray that you will hear the voice of our Shepherd, the voice of Truth Himself. He is calling you by name. He is inviting you to take a journey with Him to the foot of the cross so that you will see the truth of your sin and also the truth of His love and forgiveness. On this journey, Truth Himself will pour out His body and blood for you – in a moment that, while shared with all who are of the Truth, is an intimate moment He is preparing just for you. On this journey, you will stand at the foot of the cross as Jesus breathes his final breath, as you hear the closing of the tomb, and as He whispers into your ear, “It is finished”.**

**And on this journey, Truth will call you to return to the tomb on Sunday morning, only to find it empty! As He spoke to Mary in the garden and called her by name, He will call your name as well and tell you that He has conquered sin, death, and the devil, and that He has done this all for you!**

**Jesus is Truth. But we cannot fully experience the fullness of Truth if we only show up on Easter Sunday, dressed in our finest. We must first let Truth lead us on a journey with Him. For there is no power in resurrection without the wine, the bread, the cross and the tomb.**

**My prayer for you this Holy Week is that you will know Truth, experience Truth, listen to the voice of Truth, walk in Truth, and know the depth of God’s love for you – love that is found only in Truth. Truth is calling you by name, for you are loved by Him. Come, follow His voice as we journey to the cross and beyond!**

*Your Sister in Christ,  
Pastor Wendy*



## **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.

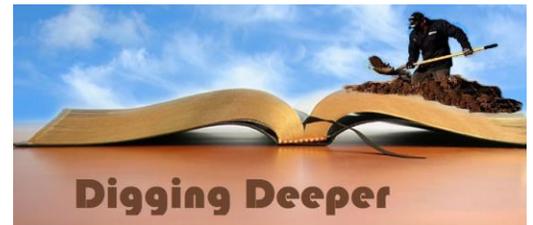
### **SUNDAYS @ 11:00 AM: CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Elementary aged students have their own Sunday School class where they learn more about the sermon pericope of the day in fun and creative ways! If the sermon topic is not youth-friendly, the kids will learn about worship elements and/or topics such as prayer, service, how to study God's Word, etc. (and all at age-appropriate levels!).

### **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.



### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: THE GREAT DIVORCE**

**RESUMING APRIL 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM!**

Our study on The Great Divorce by C.S. Lewis will resume on Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>

(right after Easter!). If you weren't able to join us prior to Lent, come and

join us now! Each chapter is essentially a stand-alone unit filled with the issues we often have in both giving and receiving God's grace. Lewis' allegory describes a fictional trip between "the outskirts of hell" and the "outskirts of heaven". The characters are fascinating...as are the issues that keep so many of them from the free and ample invitation to join God in his heavenly kingdom. We listen to each chapter together as a class before discussing what both the book and God's Word has to say on each topic. Come and join us!

### **CONFIRMATION RESUMES ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20<sup>th</sup>**

Junior high school students will resume meeting for confirmation classes on Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> @4:30 pm. We will spend the next five weeks finishing our series on the Lord's Prayer before taking a break for the summer.

### **APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**



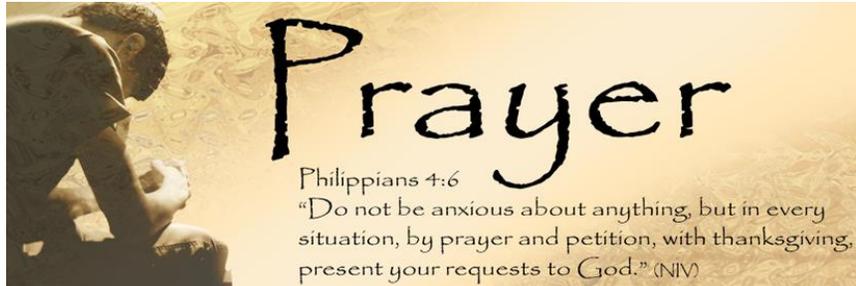
#### April Birthdays

- 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





**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**

**(This prayer has been intentionally printed two weeks in a row).**

**Lord Jesus, we would like to think that we would be different than the crowd that shouted sweet hosannas and rejoiced in your presence only to shout out demands for you to be crucified only a few short days later. But if we think this, we are in denial. Lord, you know the deepest truths about us, truths we don't want to admit. And yet you seem to love us all the more deeply; so deeply, in fact, that you **CHOSE** to be nailed to the cross so that the depth of your love would be revealed to us, the infinite nature of your forgiveness would cleanse us, and so that eternal hope and joy could be forever ours. As we come into Holy Week, help us to shout those loud hosannas to you, our one and only true King. And when we stand at the foot of the cross on Good Friday, move our hearts to know the depth of your love as you gaze down upon us, your precious children. And when that blessed Easter morning arrives, let us rejoice with an exuberance that will awaken the world as we boldly proclaim, "I have seen the Lord!". We pray this in your name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, 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**

**April Income (to date) = \$13,162**

**General Fund Offerings = \$11,390**

**Debt Reduction Offerings = \$860**

**Dedicated Offerings = \$912\***

**Other Income = \$26.48**

**April Expenses = \$1,885**

**Checking Accounts Balance = \$34,076**

**Debt Reduction Account Balance = \$22,171**

**Money Market Account Balance = \$127,358**

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