



## **MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Wednesday, April 14, 2021**

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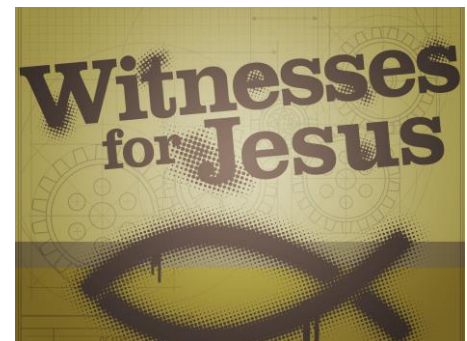
### **THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE**

This Sunday will once again be a very special Sunday as Pastor Dave preaches his final sermon at Spirit of Hope before leaving to begin his retirement. He will continue our reading through the Letter to the Hebrews and will be preaching on Hebrews 10:32-39. His sermon is titled "Looking Back and Looking Ahead". We will also partake in Holy Communion.

We are asking everyone who wishes to worship in the sanctuary to reserve seating in advance. To reserve seating for this service, please click (or copy/paste) here: <https://sohworshipapril18.eventbrite.com>. The live stream link will be sent later in the week.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS WEEK**

Intergenerational Sunday School will begin after worship at approximately 10:45 am. Pastor Dave will be leading our lesson on Jesus visiting the disciples after the resurrection and will also discuss Jesus' ascension. The texts to be studied are Luke 24:36-53 and Ephesians 1:16-23. The theme is on witnessing. Adults and youth of all ages are welcome to attend.



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

Tuesday – Friday from 9 am – 1 pm.

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!

## EMERGENCY PASTORAL CARE

If you are facing an urgent crisis or pastoral care emergency and would like a pastor to walk alongside you, please know our pastors are here to support you. Please call 303-841-3553 and the pastor on call will get in touch with you as soon as possible.

## YOUTH SERVICE EVENT FOR SECORCares

**SATURDAY, APRIL 17<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 PM**

Our youth will be serving one of our local mission partners, SECORCares, by sorting through a giant pallet of food and packing 200 bags of food for families in need in our local community. Thank you to Tiffany Hanson for organizing this event which will take place at the church on Saturday afternoon!



*God bless you in your retirement*

## A SPECIAL SEND-OFF SERVICE FOR PASTOR DAVE!

**Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**, which will be Pastor Dave's last Sunday at Spirit of Hope. We will bless Pastor Dave and Victoria as Pastor Dave enters into retirement and they begin a new and special phase of life together. We hope that you will be able to join us for this special service. There will be a cake reception for Pastor Dave after worship. Please note that Pastor Dave's last sermon at Spirit of Hope will take place this coming Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.

## A FOND FAREWELL TO MATT WEESNER

Our pianist, Matt Weesner, has accepted a new position, one which is sure to be a blessing to him and his family. So, while we will greatly miss Matt, it is with much love that we wish Matt and the entire Weesner family abundant blessings and success. Matt's last Sunday at Spirit of Hope will be on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Matt, we are incredibly thankful for the beautiful musical gifts you have shared with us over the last year and a half!



## **NEW INTERNATIONAL MISSION PARTNER! MARION MEDICAL MISSIONS**

The international missionary that we have been supporting (Carrie B) has been blessed with a new opportunity to serve the Lord by actually being employed by the mission agency that

she serves with. As such, Carrie no longer needs financial support from Spirit of Hope, though she is extremely grateful for all of the love and support she has received over the years and we will continue to have a relationship with her going forward!



As such, the church board unanimously voted to make Marion Medical Missions (MMM) our newest mission partner (they were formally a mission ally). This means that Spirit of Hope will be sending regular benevolence funds to MMM. Based on present levels of giving, this means that Spirit of Hope will be able to supply at least four villages a year with clean water! And, as always, we will have opportunities both as individuals and as a congregation to do more to help MMM, be it financially and/or by deploying short-term missionaries as we have done in the past. We are looking forward to this new partnership!

## **WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY 1<sup>st</sup> JOHN**

First John is a New Testament wisdom teaching that gave early believers advice on how to live a Christian life in a challenging environment. It addresses fellowship, love, behavior, sin and relationship to the world. Join us as we explore it and learn how relevant this guidance is for us today. No preparation is required, just bring your Bibles and enjoy. This class will run on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30 pm through April 28<sup>th</sup> and will be taught by Wayne Schultz. If you would like to attend via Zoom, please let Pastor Wendy know by 5:00 pm on Wednesday.

## **UPCOMING WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE**

Now that Lent is behind us, we are resuming our Wednesday evening Bible studies. Classes begin at 7:00 pm at the church. Here are the upcoming classes:

**April 7<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> John, developed and taught by Wayne Schultz**

**May 5<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>: Wrestling with the Word: A Cruciform Theology of Scripture, developed and taught by Pastor Wendy**

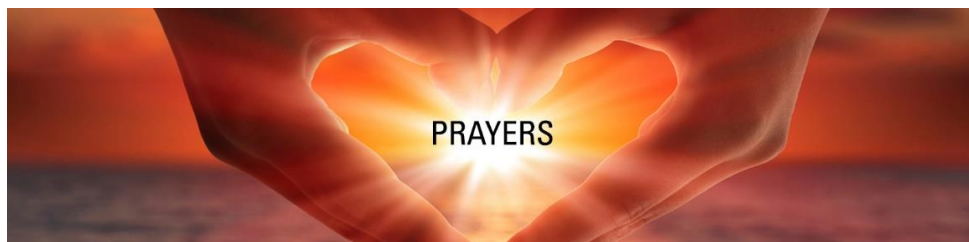
**June 2<sup>nd</sup> – July 28<sup>th</sup>: Psalm 119, developed by Right Now Media and led by Pastor Wendy**

## **LENTEN OFFERINGS FOR SECOR**

During our Wednesday Lenten services, 100% of our offerings were given to one of our mission partners, SECORCares. Through your generosity, we were able to raise \$3045, all of which will directly help people in need in our local community. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause!

## **DOUGLAS COUNTY COLORADO COVID UPDATE**

This coming Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, Douglas County will no longer be on the COVID dial. This will help us to have a slightly increased seating capacity. 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. 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**

**By Pastor Wendy**

Loving Risen Savior, you have given everything you are and everything you have to us, because you love us. Give us hearts for you. Show us how to spend time with you this week, quiet time, restful time. Because you have conquered our sin and our death, we have nothing to fear. Help us to spend time in your Word and to walk hand in hand with you each day this week. For you long to pour out blessings upon your children. You long to share your love and your peace with us, and simply to spend time in relationship with us. Thank you, Lord Jesus. 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, 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)**

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**

**April Income (to date) = \$13,885**

**General Fund Offerings = \$8,340**

**Debt Reduction Offerings = \$1,900**

**Dedicated Offerings = \$248**

**Other Income = \$137**

**April Expenses (to date) = \$7,203**

**Spirit of Hope is in the process of changing banks during the month of April. As such, we will be moving money from existing accounts into new accounts with new names. Once the transfer is completed this section of the newsletter will be updated accordingly with balance information. If you have immediate questions about current balances, please contact Pastor Wendy.**