



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, April 18, 2017

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THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

This coming Sunday we continue the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus with the second Sunday of the Easter season. The Easter season is 50 days long (10 days longer than Lent) to emphasize the importance and glory of Christ's victory over death.

This Sunday we will return to our reading through the Acts of the Apostles. A new governor arrives and takes up Paul's case in Acts 25:1-22. The real reason for the opposition to Paul, Jesus and His resurrection, will be covered. We resume our normal Sunday schedule this week. Fellowship officially begins at 9:00 am. Worship begins between 9:30 and 9:40 am. Sunday School classes resume this Sunday at 11:00 am.

THIS SUNDAY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LINE UP!

Kid's meet with Andrea Hoyt and Victoria Fisher for a lesson about Jesus; His life and teachings.

Confirmation students meet with Pastor Dave for our final class on the Lord's Prayer.

Youth meet with Wendy and Glenn Poch for a class on apologetics. Tim Lehnerz and Brad Hoyt lead the General Adult study, "Why I Believe: Finding Answers to Life's Most Difficult Questions."

CARDS, NOTES AND LETTERS FOR MONICA OJEDA RESCHEDULED

The card, note and letter writing event for Monica Ojeda that was postponed two weeks ago has been rescheduled for this coming Sunday, April 23. Please stop and write a short note or card to Monica at the table provided in our worship center.

HOST HOMES FOR AYM VISIT

Apache Youth Ministries is planning on bringing up to 15 people, high school youth and leaders, to visit during the first full week of June. Exact dates are still being determined, but will be between June 3rd - June 11th. It is likely that they will be visiting for 5-7 days. Presently, we are gathering a list of church members that would be willing to be host homes for a minimum of 2 young adults. If you would like to (or are able to) host more than two, AYM would love to be able to put even more kids together, so that is definitely an option.

Responsibilities of the hosts include providing breakfast each morning and driving our AYM guests to the location in Parker (TBD) where they will all meet up to start their activities for the day. Ideally, hosts will be able to pick up their AYM guests at the end of the day and bring them home again for a chance to visit and/or rest for the evening. If you are able or willing to host 5-6 people, it is very likely that you would not have to drive anywhere as the AYM van would transport kids to and from your location (so all you would have to do is provide a very simple breakfast!). This is a great opportunity for those who are unable to travel to the reservation to be actively involved in the lives of our mission partners. It's also a great opportunity to provide an example of a loving home life and to be a witness for Christ. If you are interested in being a host home, or have any questions, please contact Wendy Poch wendy.poch@spiritofhopelcmc.org, to let her know how many people you have room for, and she will add you to the list of potential host homes. Once we know AYM's exact travel dates and the number of people coming, you will be contacted and informed if you have been selected as a host. Thank you for prayerfully considering serving our mission partners in this way!

SPECIAL APRIL MISSION PROJECT SUPPORTING SECOR & MEAN STREET MINISTRIES

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

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.

Mean Street Ministries: Our new local mission partner this year, Mean Street ministers to homeless families in temporary shelter along Colfax avenue. The ministry visits motels and family shelters offering free food, hygiene supplies, Bibles and prayer. Some ongoing needed items are Christian coloring books and small action figure toys for kids. Also needed are 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 23 Youth Group Night, Poch Home, 6-8 pm

May 7th Youth Group Night, Poch Home, 6-8 pm (last regular youth group night of the season!)

May 20th Youth Mission Trip Training, Poch Home, 9 am - 2 pm

June 3-11 AYM visit to Parker, CO. Exact dates/times TBD. Please mark your calendars and plan on spending as much time as you can with our AYM friends. Opportunities for day trips and evening fellowship will be available. Stay Tuned!

Youth Mission Trip Final Payment Due

Parents please give your final mission trip payment (\$100pp) to Wendy Poch no later than April 23rd. Thank you.

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

By Pastor Dave

This morning (Tuesday, April 18, 2017) Congregational President Wayne Schultz, Build Lead Rodney Pobar and myself met with our contractor Dustin Skarphol of Skarco Design. Prior to that meeting Rodney and Dustin had met with a subcontractor who specializes in newly identified electronic components that will go into the fire suppression storage tanks. South Metro Fire sent back the design last week done by the fire suppression engineering firm requiring these new electronic components that will monitor and activate tank filling and disbursement. Having the submittal returned last week was the bad news. The good news is the subcontractor meeting this

morning resulted in some ways to save on material from the preliminary design. A new submittal package should be finished by early next week for resubmittal. Current estimates are for a fire department approval by May 1. Thank you for your continued patience. Please continue to pray that we will overcome these delays within the next few weeks.

Prayer Requests - If you have a prayer request for the prayer chain please contact Pastor Dave at 303-941-0668 or pastordave@spiritofhopelcmc.org

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 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

Prayers for continued healing and strength from cancer for Sue Schultz as she continues treatment for cancer

For healing for Dane Zwegardt as he continues treatment for lung 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, 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 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
- 4/16 Zach Olson-Trawny
- 4/16 Luke Hoyt
- 4/21 Bill Byers

QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE

April income (to date) = **\$12,646**

April expenses (to date) = **\$5,431**

Checking = **\$33,638**

Money Market (Reserves) = **\$22,204**

Building Fund = **\$102,737**