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Mission & Ministry News SPIRIT OF HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH Wednesday, April 20, 2022

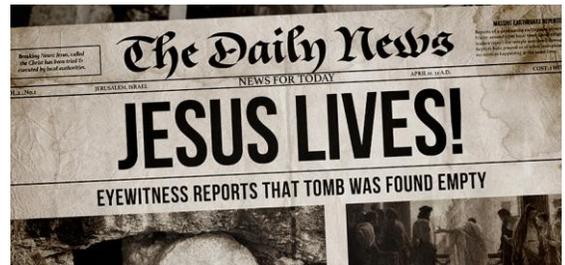
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CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN, INDEED! ALLELUIA!

The tomb is empty! Our Lord has risen! He lives! Thanks be to God! As we move through this Easter season, we do so with the knowledge that the world needs to hear this good news. How blessed are we

that Jesus has entrusted this all-important mission to us? We are greatly blessed and highly favored! Spirit of Hope is here to support you in this mission as we hear from God's Word and help one another live as God's children so that the good news of the Gospel will shine through us. There are many things happening here at Spirit of Hope to help you succeed in that mission. Thank you for reading the rest of this newsletter to learn about some of them!



THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

This Sunday will be our last Sunday in the Gospel of John. Pastor Wendy will be preaching on John 21:1-25 where Jesus, our risen Christ, reinstates Peter and gives the command to "Feed My Sheep". Our praise band will lead us in singing traditional hymns with multiple voices as well as guitar and keys. After worship, Sunday school will take place at 11:00. The adults will meet with Ken Carpenter to continue their study on the Lord's Prayer (which includes videos from the Holy Land). Our elementary students will meet with Pat Schmidt and Pastor Wendy to learn more about feeding God's sheep.

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK: TUES. – FRI. 12:00 – 4:00 PM
Coffee with the Pastor @ Fika on Main 9-11 am



NEW MEMBER CLASS

SUNDAY, April 24th @ 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 24th 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! Kindly RSVP by today (4/20) if you would like to attend.



Wednesday, April 20th

7:00 pm Bible Study

Thursday, April 21st

9:00 am Zumba Gold

6:45 pm Church Board Meeting

Friday, April 15th

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

Sunday, April 24th

9:30 am Worship

11:00 am Sunday School

12:00 pm New Member Class

Tuesday, April 26th

12:00 – 1:15 pm Digging

Deeper Bible Study

2:00 – 4:30 pm Stephen Minister Training

Wednesday, April 27th

4:30 pm Confirmation

7:00 pm Bible Study

ZUMBA FOR SENIORS: THURSDAYS @ 9 AM

Did you know our Zumba class is designed just for seniors (though open to all!)? ***This class can be modified so that you can do it with a walker, cane, or even in a chair!*** Come check it out! \$3 per drop-in session.



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

“Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime.” – Martin Luther

**FOUNDER’S DAY PICNIC: SUNDAY, MAY 15th
SPIRIT OF HOPE’S
12th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!**

Spirit of Hope was founded on May 16, 2010. We will be celebrating our 12th birthday with an all-church picnic on Sunday, May 15th after worship. Sunday School will be in recess that day. Hot-dogs, bratwurst, and beverages will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

You’re also invited to bring your lawn chairs. Weather permitting, we will have outdoor lawn games and activities for kids and grown-ups too!



HOW LONG IS EASTER?

Easter is much more than that one Sunday in Holy Week in which we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. Easter is a season!

Easter, in the western Christian tradition, always takes place on the first Sunday after the full moon that occurs on or after March 21st. This means Easter Sunday can take place from March 21st through April 25th in any given year. Easter Sunday is the first day of the liturgical season of Easter, which lasts for 50 days. On the 50th day, the liturgical season switches to Pentecost. On the last Sunday of the Easter season, we celebrate the ascension of our Lord.

In the Church, the color white represents joy and holiness. As such, white is the color of the season. After refraining from singing or saying our alleluias during Lent, alleluias now abound. Easter is the season of rejoicing! Symbols such as budding flowers, butterflies, and eggs symbolize our new lives in Christ – lives that hold meaning because of the resurrection.

In all honesty, Easter is much more than just a season. It's a way of life. We are an Easter people. Every day of our lives we have the opportunity to be like Mary Magdalene and joyfully proclaim that we have seen the Lord! And, every Sunday that we gather for worship, regardless of what liturgical season we are in, is truly a resurrection celebration. He is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

*Your Sister in Christ,
Pastor Wendy*

FROM THE LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS Luther's Seal

“Honorable, kind, dear Sir and Friend!
Since you ask whether my seal has come out correctly, I shall answer most amiably and tell you of those thoughts which now come to my mind about my seal as a symbol of my theology.



“There is first to be a cross, black and placed in a heart, which should be of its natural color, so that I myself would be reminded that faith in the Crucified saves us. For if one believes from the heart he will be justified. Even though it is a black cross, which mortifies and which also should hurt us, yet it leaves the heart in its natural color and does not ruin nature; that is, the cross does not kill but keeps man alive. For the just man lives by faith, but by faith in the Crucified One. Such a heart is to be in the midst of a white rose to symbolize that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace; in a word it places the believer into a white joyful rose; for this faith does not give peace and joy as the world gives and, therefore, the rose is to be white and not red, for white is the color of the spirits and of all the angels. Such a rose is to be in a sky-blue field, symbolizing that such joy in the Spirit and in faith is a beginning of the future heavenly joy; it is already a part of faith, and is grasped through hope, even though not yet manifest. And around this field is a golden ring symbolizing that in heaven such blessedness lasts forever and has no end, and in addition is precious beyond all joy and goods, just as gold is the most valuable and precious metal.” (AE 49:358-59)

THE NEW DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!
Our new church directories have been printed and should be available for you to pick up this Sunday! Thank you to Renee Nefe for organizing this effort!



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

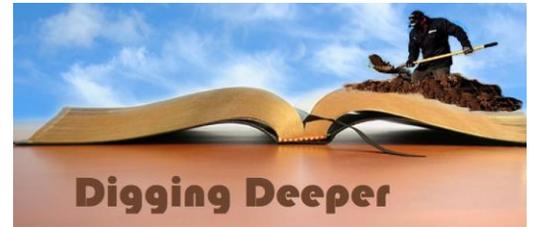
Lord's Prayer *from original locations in Israel* that were important in the life of Jesus. ***The Lord's Prayer is not just a way of praying. It's a way of "seeing."*** When the prayer is grasped and uttered from the heart, it can -- and will --change us. We realize how we are not alone, no matter how 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**

RESUMES TONIGHT @ 7:00 PM!

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

(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!

APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



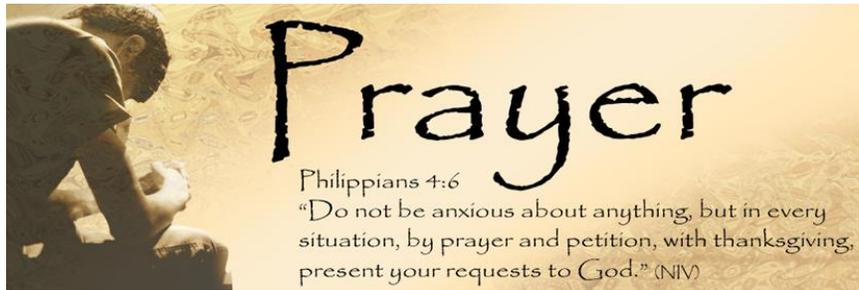
April Birthdays

- 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

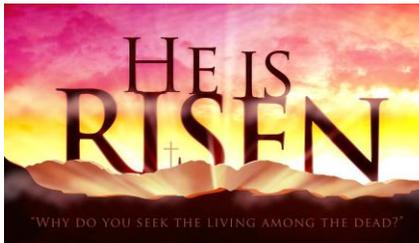
April Anniversaries

- 4/20 Harry and Lucette Kottcamp





Prayer Requests - If you have a prayer request, please contact Pastor Wendy @ 303-841-3553 or 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

Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia! Father, oh, how we love to shout this acclamation. You love us so much that you sent your Son to die for us – and then you raised him up so that we, too, may be raised

up into new life after death. And now, Lord, you've called us to love the world they way you love the world. You've called us to live in the risen Christ alone and to share this good news with everyone we meet. You've given us your Spirit to show us how. Help us to listen, to learn, and to love others the way you love us. 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 John and Kandy as they rejoice in the arrival of their newest granddaughter.

For Krista and her loved ones as she waits for biopsy results.

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) = \$17,628

General Fund Offerings = \$14,736

Debt Reduction Offerings = \$1,960

Dedicated Offerings = \$932*

Other Income = \$26.48

April Expenses = \$3,206

Checking Accounts Balance = \$36,727

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.