



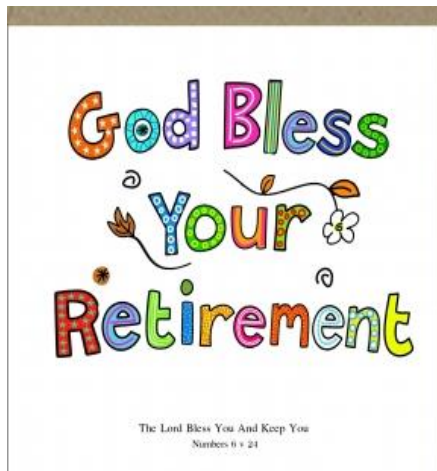
MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Wednesday, April 21, 2021

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THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

This Sunday we are having a special “Send-Off Service” for Pastor Dave. This will be his final Sunday at Spirit of Hope. Pastor Wendy will be preaching on Hebrews 11 which is often referred to as “The Hall of Faith”. We hope that you will join us for this very memorable

Sunday. After worship we will be having a farewell cake reception in honor of Pastor Dave and Victoria.



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://sohworshipapril25.eventbrite.com>.
The live stream link will be sent later in the week.

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 visit the office. Our pastors and/or office volunteers are always eager to greet you!

SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS WEEK

We will not be having Sunday School this week as we will be having a farewell reception for Pastor Dave and Victoria after worship.

NEW INTERNATIONAL MISSION PARTNER! MARION MEDICAL MISSION

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 Mission (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 1st 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 28th 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 7th – 28th: 1st John, developed and taught by Wayne Schultz

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

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

MAY WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY WRESTLING WITH THE WORD: A CRUCIFORM THEOLOGY OF SCRIPTURE

What is the Word of God? How would you describe it to a non-believer? For that matter, how would you describe it to a fellow believer? Is the Word the Bible? How did we get the Bible anyway...and why does our Bible look different than some other Bibles? Is the Word inspired, inerrant, or infallible? Is it the Living Word? Is it the written Word? Is it the preached Word? What about the sacramental Word? Why are there so many ways to interpret the Word and which was is right? These questions and more are addressed in this class that will be taught by Pastor Wendy on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30 pm in May. Come and join us!

DOUGLAS COUNTY COLORADO COVID UPDATE

As of Friday, April 16th, 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. or 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 Dave**

This week I share a prayer with you that has been meaningful to me over the years. It is from the Lutheran Book of Worship, Augsburg Publishing House and LCA Board of Publication, Copyright 1978 (p.137).

Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please include the following people and situations in your prayers:

We continue to pray for...

Lee Case who is having surgery on his neck today.

Sara Gutknecht who is recovering from surgery to remove cancer from her liver.

Esther Tracy who is recovering from surgery to repair her broken knee.

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, Marion Medical Mission.

For Spirit of Hope mission allies: 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) = \$32,188

General Fund Offerings = \$10,215

Debt Reduction Offerings = \$17,300

Dedicated Offerings = \$1,276

Other Income = \$137

April Expenses (to date) = \$12,717

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.