



## MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, April 26, 2016

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

This Sunday, May 1, we will celebrate “Mission Sunday” at Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church. Our special guest will be Mike Dworak, development director of SECOR. Pastor Dave’s message for the day will come from Luke 4:14-24 where Jesus preaches his first sermon in the synagogue of Nazareth and announces the purpose of his mission. Fellowship begins at 9:00 am and worship is at 9:30 am. During an all congregational Sunday School at 11:00 am Mike Dworak will give a presentation about some new initiatives at SECOR and how people can help in a hands on way. As usual, special offering envelopes will be available for donations for mission trips and projects that take place from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church. **ALSO, MAY IS A FIVE SUNDAY MONTH! AS SUCH THE BLUE MISSIONS TUB WILL BE OUT FOR YOUR DONATIONS OF TOMATO PRODUCTS FOR THE FOOD BANK AT SECOR!**

### **ALL CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS SUNDAY!**

This Sunday all ages are invited to stay in the gym for a special presentation from SECOR guest, Mike Dworak about new initiatives and opportunities for ministry that are happening at SECOR. As such our normal classes will be postponed for one week.

### **AND SPEAKING OF MISSIONS....**

#### **DONATIONS TO SUPPORT THE YOUTH MISSION TEAM**

Beginning this Sunday, May 1st, there will be a donation board with items that the youth mission team needs for their upcoming mission trip. If you are able to help send items with our team, please pull a post-it note from the board and return it with the item(s) that you are

donating by May 22nd. Items on the board will range from single items that cost just a few dollars to Visa gift cards in amounts of \$50-\$100 each that will help tremendously with food/grocery and gas purchases.

The team needs to eat lunch on the road on the way back to home Colorado (they pack their breakfast and lunch on the way down to the reservation.) They also plan on sharing one fast food meal with some of the AYM staff and Kennel kids (we share many meals with them but the team cooks most of them from scratch.) If you are interested in helping us with gift cards to cover all or part of those meals, please contact Wendy Poch for details.

The largest donation the team is seeking is a check in the amount of \$250 payable to Little Blue Bird Studios which will cover our team t-shirts. LBB Studios is run by Apache Youth Ministries. 100% of the profits of our purchase at LBB Studios goes back to AYM. In addition, LBB Studios employs and provides regular income for several families that live on the reservation (a place where employment is very hard to come by.) Finally, our shirts will represent both Spirit of Hope as well as AYM/The Kennel (the AYM youth center) so they represent our partnership and commitment to our mission partner.

### **ENCOURAGEMENT NOTES FOR OUR MISSION TEAM**

Life can be hard on Native American reservations. The work that missionaries, even short term missionaries, do there can be challenging as well. It can be a shocking experience, especially for the first time, but really, every time. Then there's just Arizona heat in the summer time, suddenly living and spending every waking moment with a large group of people, long days and often nights where good sleep is hard to come by. Encouragement is a very powerful thing! Therefore we are asking members and friends of Spirit of Hope to please consider writing short notes of encouragement to our Youth Mission Team members. You could write a very short note, even just a Bible verse. Of course you can write as many notes as you'd like (or as long of a letter as you desire.) You could even write one letter and just make copies for each team member (notes and letters often become treasures for life!) or send one letter to the team that will be read aloud to everyone. These encouragement notes will be distributed to team members throughout the mission trip. Should you

decide to tape candy to the notes, please do not send chocolate (it tends to melt in the car!) But other treats are certainly welcome (and would be heartily enjoyed!) Please give your encouragement notes to Wendy Poch by May 22nd, which is the day our team will be commissioned at church.

Here are the members of this year's youth mission team:

Members at large: Elena Diederich, Sarah Diederich, Amanda Page, Dylan Poch, Delaney Ragan, Ben Reinicke, Tim Reinicke, Gregory West, James West, Rachel West.

Young Adult Assistant Leaders: Tiffany Poch, Sarah West

Adult Leaders: Tim Lehnerz, Glenn Poch, Wendy Poch

The theme verse for this year's mission trip is 1 Peter 3:15, "...But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect..."

### **CALLING ALL PRAYER WARRIORS**

Prayer is an amazingly powerful tool and is an incredibly vital part of the mission work that Spirit of Hope is involved in. If you would like to pray for our youth mission team while they are traveling to and serving on the White Mountain Apache Reservation, please contact our Mission Trip Prayer Captain, Wendy West, at [chuckwendywest@yahoo.com](mailto:chuckwendywest@yahoo.com). She will add you to the prayer team! Prayer team members will receive daily updates on how our team is doing and what they are up to.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE YOUTH MISSION TEAM:**

Just a reminder for youth mission team members that we have quite a few important dates coming up:

4/30 Remaining trip balance and notarized medical release forms are due.

4/30 Youth Mission Trip Training #1, Poch Home, 9-12 (Required for all who have not been to the rez. However, everyone is encouraged to attend!)

5/21 Youth Mission Trip Training #2, Poch Home, 9-3 (Required for all team members.)

5/22 Youth Mission Team Commissioning during worship service

6/3 Vehicle packing, 6 pm, Stroh Ranch King Soopers parking lot

**6/4-6/11 Youth Mission Trip to the White Mountain Apache Nation**  
**6/12 Trip Share during worship service (please consider this date an extension of the trip and make every effort to be present. Every team member is asked to give a short (1-3) minute presentation of what impacted them or how they saw God working during the trip.)**

### **COMING EVENTS IN MAY**

**Sunday, May 1, Mission Sunday with Special Guest SECOR!**  
**Sunday, May 8, Mother's Day**  
**Sunday, May 15, Pentecost, Confirmation, and Founder's Sunday!**  
**Sunday, May 22, Trinity Sunday, Youth Mission Trip Commissioning**  
**Sunday, May 29, Memorial Day Sunday**

### **CHANGE OF VENUE IN JUNE**

**As announced at worship on Sunday, May will be the last month that Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church holds Sunday worship, fellowship and education at The Schoolhouse. The gym where we worship at The Schoolhouse is scheduled for demolition in June to make way for a new restaurant at the complex. Other areas of The Schoolhouse are neither available nor workable for our congregational needs. Therefore, starting June 5, summer worship and fellowship will be held at The Parker Senior Center (10675 Longs Way, Parker, CO 80138). Spirit of Hope has held worship at the Senior Center as recently as last November. The plan is to worship there this summer and then transition into the new church facility once it is finished.**

### **YOUTH NEWS**

#### ***Upcoming Youth Group Events***

**4/30 Youth Mission Trip Training, Poch Home, 9-12**  
**5/1 Youth Group Night, Poch Home, 6-8:30 pm**  
**5/15 Youth Group Night, Poch Home, 6-8:30 pm**  
**5/21 Youth Mission Trip Training #2, Poch Home, 9-3**  
**5/22 Youth Mission Trip Commissioning during worship service**  
**6/4-6/11 Youth Mission Trip to the White Mountain Apache Nation**  
**6/12 Youth Mission Trip Share during worship service**  
**6/15 Prayer and Pie Night, Village Inn, 7-8:30 pm**

### **BUILDING PROJECT NEWS**

**We are still waiting for the ground to sufficiently dry out before rescheduling the delivery of recycled asphalt. The initial rough**

**spread of the asphalt will be done with machinery by members of the Building Team. Stay tuned for calls for volunteers for any compaction work needed once the rough spread is completed. Arrangements are also being made to bring temporary electrical power to the site. Please continue to pray for the safety of all who come to work at the site; professional or volunteer. Thank you!**

**Prayer Requests - If you have a prayer request for the prayer chain please contact Pastor Dave at 303-941-0668 or [dave.fisher51@gmail.com](mailto:dave.fisher51@gmail.com)**

**PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR DAVE DIRECTLY WITH ANY NEW PRAYER REQUESTS THAT YOU HAVE. THANK YOU!**

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:**

Prayers of thanksgiving for the baptism of Sue and Wayne Schultz' granddaughters, Penelope and Violet in Utah last Saturday

Prayers for God's mercy, peace and comfort for Sue and Wayne Schultz' son-in-law, Will Garrett, and their daughter, Cindy Garret, in Utah as Will is now receiving hospice care

For continued healing and recovery for Herb Potthoff from shoulder surgery last week

Prayers for healing for Ben Potthoff, son of Herb and Beth Potthoff. Ben will be having surgery on his dislocated right knee on June 7

Healing for Victoria Fisher's sister in San Diego, Evelyn Hall, as she continues to heal from skin cancer surgery in preparation for follow up radiation treatment

Prayer for safety for Steve and Sara Gutknecht's son-in-law, Jon Claassen, who is deployed overseas with the U.S. Army

For healing for Paul Soules, Cherri Lusk's father, being treated for cancer

For healing for Lavonne and Delmer Zwegardt's son, Dane, from lung cancer

For continued healing and strength for Sue Schultz from 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, Apache Youth Ministries, East European Mission Network, Tartu Academy of Theology

For missionaries around the world as they seek to proclaim the gospel

All of our military fighting for our freedoms

For peace, healing and recovery for all the recent victims of terror around the world and that the plans of terrorists will be thwarted and stopped

## **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

### **May Birthdays**

5/4 Chuck West  
5/4 Crystal Trawny  
5/5 Wendy Poch  
5/6 Blayze Fittje  
5/6 Dakota Fittje  
5/8 Nick Lehnerz  
5/18 Pastor Dave Fisher  
5/21 Kayanna Larson  
5/27 Brad Hoyt  
5/28 Cherri Lusk  
5/29 Andrea Hoyt

### **May Anniversaries**

5/31 Dave & Victoria Fisher

## **QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE**

April income (to date) = **\$14,913**

April expenses (to date) = **\$10,563**

Checking = **\$21,410**

Money Market (Reserves) = **\$22,171**

Building Fund = **\$130,267**