



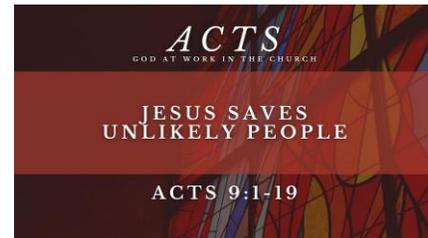
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## Mission & Ministry News SPIRIT OF HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH Wednesday, April 27, 2022

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

This Sunday the Narrative Lectionary takes us past the Gospel of John and will be focused on how God chose to spread the Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ. Our first stop on this tour will be Acts 9:1-19: Jesus saves Paul and makes Paul his chosen instrument to proclaim the Good News to both the people of Israel and the Gentiles.



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 Jesus calling Paul.



**At 5:00 pm we are hosting a special mission dinner with guest speaker Siimon Haamer from the Tartu Academy of Theology (TAT) in Estonia.** Pastor Siimon will be sharing the work our mission partner is doing, especially in light of the situation in Ukraine and eastern Europe. We will be taking a free-will offering and 100% of the funds collected will be gifted to TAT. The dinner

is free and RSVPs are greatly appreciated so that we can arrange for catering accordingly. Please let Pastor Wendy know if you are able to attend. A special thank you to John and Kandy Parsons who have arranged for this to be a Thrivent Action Team event!

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

**Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 pm Bible Study

**Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**

12:00 pm AA

**Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**

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

12:00 pm AA

**Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**

9:30 am Worship

11:00 am Sunday School

5:00 pm Mission Dinner



**Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

12:00 – 1:15 pm Digging Deeper Bible Study

2:00 – 4:30 pm Stephen Minister Training

**Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

7:00 pm Bible Study



**SUNDAY, MAY 8<sup>th</sup>**

**MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST**

The men of Spirit of Hope will be cooking up a pancake breakfast before worship as a way to show love and appreciation to all the mothers, grandmothers and ladies in the congregation. The best part is EVERYONE

(men, women, children, married, single, friends, neighbors...) is welcome to join us for breakfast! Breakfast will be served from 8:30 – 9:15 am.

Kindly RSVP here:

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

**FOUNDER'S DAY PICNIC: SUNDAY, MAY 15<sup>th</sup>**

**SPIRIT OF HOPE'S**

**12<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!**

Spirit of Hope was founded on May 16, 2010.

We will be celebrating our 12<sup>th</sup> birthday with an all-church picnic on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> 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!





## **Christian Scam Alert**

While this is nothing new, there seems to be a resurgence of scams that are attacking the generosity and servant-hood spirit of Christians. In particular, there has been another resurgence of scammers using emails, texts, and even social media messages that very much look like they are from your pastor. In these scams, the scammer pretends to be your pastor and sends a message asking if you would be willing to help them with something. Sometimes it's as simple as that, or sometimes there's more detail, such as "I'm visiting someone in the hospital and need your help with something. Would you have a few minutes this afternoon?"

If you respond at all, the scammer will usually ask you for money or gift cards that "the pastor" doesn't have time to pick up. Should you actually purchase gift cards, the scammer, still pretending to be your pastor, will usually ask you for the code so that you don't have to drive to the hospital or "care center" where they are pretending to be. Once they have that code, they have the money that was on the card. An additional danger is that if you respond to the email at all, they have ways of accessing your contacts list, which is how they perpetuate the scam and find more victims.

Please know that this scam has once again is affecting churches here in Douglas County. More importantly, please know that **I will NEVER ask you for money or gift cards through an email, text, or social media message**. Should you receive such a request, do not respond to the message. You can delete it, block and report the sender. If you have any doubt, or need any help safely navigating such an instance, **CALL** me or talk to me in person at the office.

It saddens me that evil people wish to prey upon my beloved brothers and sisters. Together we can remain vigilant and help protect one another. In doing so, we give God the glory and protect the resources of his kingdom.

*Your Sister in Christ,  
Pastor Wendy*

## FROM THE LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS Luther's Morning Prayer

"I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that you would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. For into your hands, I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen."



*"But I will sing of your strength; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning. For you have been to me a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress."* (Psalm 59:16)

"It is a good thing to let prayer be the first business of the morning and the last at night. Guard yourself carefully against those false, deluding ideas which tell you, 'Wait a little while. I will pray in an hour; first I must attend to this or that'. Such thoughts get you away from prayer into other affairs which so hold your attention and involve you that nothing comes of prayer for that day. It may well be that you have some tasks which are as good or better than prayer, especially in an emergency... yet we must be careful not to break the habit of true prayer and imagine other works to be necessary which, after all, are nothing of the kind. Thus, at the end we become lax and lazy, cool and listless toward prayer. The devil who besets us is not lazy or careless, and our flesh is too ready and eager to sin and is disinclined to the spirit of prayer". (AE 43:193, 194)



**UPDATE**



### **THE NEW DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!**

You can pick them up in the narthex at the church. Please indicate that you have received it on the printed master list.

*"Church Family: We may not have it all together, but together we have it all!" (Author unknown).*

## DAILY BIBLE READING

As a congregation, we are reading through God's Word together! This reading plan is designed to connect the dots between Sunday preaching texts and help us all to grow in God's Word. Since we are moving out of John and into Acts and the Epistles, it's a great time to join us in a new section of Scripture! Here is the current reading schedule:

Sunday, April 24 <sup>th</sup>	John 20:19-31	Thomas Doubts
Monday, April 25 <sup>th</sup>	John 21:1-14	Jesus Appears
Tuesday, April 26 <sup>th</sup>	John 21:15-19	Jesus Commissions Peter
Weds., April 27 <sup>th</sup>	Acts 1:6-11	Jesus' Ascension
Thursday, April 28 <sup>th</sup>	Acts 2:22-36	Peter's Sermon about Jesus
Friday, April 29 <sup>th</sup>	Acts 2:37-47	Life in the Church
Saturday, April 30 <sup>th</sup>	Acts 8:1b-3	Saul's Persecution of the Church
Sunday, May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Acts 9:1-19a	Saul's Conversion
Monday, May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Acts 9:19b-24	Saul Begins to Preach
Tuesday, May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Acts 9:26-31	Saul Comes to Jerusalem
Weds., May 4 <sup>th</sup>	Acts 13:1-12	Barnabas and Saul Commission
Thursday, May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Acts 15:1-21	The Council of Jerusalem
Friday, May 6 <sup>th</sup>	Acts 15:36-16:4	Timothy Joins Paul
Saturday, May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Acts 16:11-15	Conversion of Lydia
Sunday, May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Acts 16:16-34	Paul and Silas in Prison

## COMING UP THIS SUMMER...

\*\*\*Summer Preaching Series:

“Finding Hope: Encouragement Through the Prophet Jeremiah”

\*\*\*Seminars: “Christian Decision Making at Life's End”

\*\*\*Summer Fellowship Groups

\*\*\*Special Bible Study: “The Reason for God” by Tim Keller

And more! Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks.

# **BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**

**SUNDAYS @ 11:00 AM**

## **REFLECTIONS ON THE LORD'S PRAYER**



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 topic 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.

## **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**

Our study on The Great Divorce by C.S. Lewis will resume on Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> (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 AND MAY 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

### May Birthdays

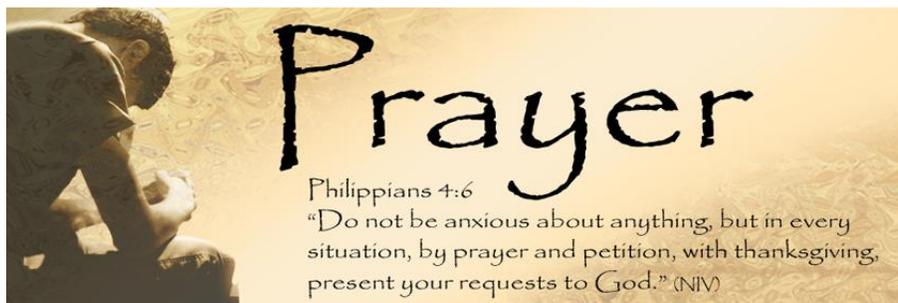
5/4 Chuck West  
 5/4 Kevin Haughn  
 5/5 Pastor Wendy Poch  
 5/8 Nick Lehnerz  
 5/16 Larry Jordahl  
 5/18 Pastor Dave Fisher  
 5/21 Kayanna Larson  
 5/27 Brad Hoyt  
 5/29 Andrea Hoyt  
 5/31 Tiffany Hanson

### April Anniversaries

4/20 Harry and Lucette Kottcamp

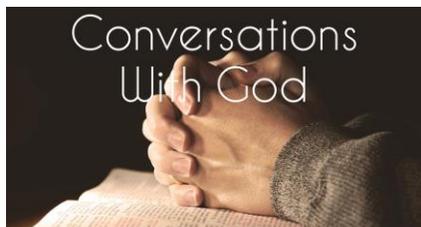
### May Anniversaries

5/14 Gary & Margie Flora  
 5/18 Kevin & Sandra Haughn  
 5/31 Dave & Victoria Fisher



**Jesus said; "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28).**

**Prayer Requests** - If you have a prayer request, please contact Pastor Wendy @ 303-841-3553 or [wendy.poch@spiritofhopelcmc.org](mailto:wendy.poch@spiritofhopelcmc.org)



## **A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK**

**By Pastor Wendy**

Dearest Father in heaven, you have raised your Son, our Lord Jesus, from the dead so that we may not only live, but have a life worth living. Lead and guide us. Give us the things we need today, especially the forgiveness that is found in Christ alone. Let the joy of your salvation shine through in everything we do this week. 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 a friend of the congregation whose spouse went home to Jesus on Monday.

For Krista and her loved ones as they deal with a terminal diagnosis.

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 recovering from 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 Rebecca who is undergoing radiation.

For Sara as she undergoes new 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) = \$20,851**

**General Fund Offerings = \$17,437**

**Debt Reduction Offerings = \$2,480**

**Dedicated Offerings = \$934\***

**Other Income = \$26.48**

**April Expenses = \$9,930**

**Checking Accounts Balance = \$48,167**

**Debt Reduction Account Balance = \$22,171**

**Money Market Account Balance = \$119,701**

\*Includes Wednesday evening offerings during Lent. 100% of these offerings will go to help victims of the Marshall Fire.