



## **MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Wednesday, April 28, 2021**

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

This Sunday we will be continuing our reading through Hebrews as Pastor Wendy preaches on Hebrews 12:1-4. In this text we are reminded of our call to run the race set before us, this life of faith, with endurance as we keep our eyes fixed upon Jesus alone. Sunday School will take place after our post-worship fellowship.



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://sohworshipmay2.eventbrite.com>. The live stream link will be sent later in the week.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS WEEK**

This week the adults will be studying Acts 19:23-41 where an Ephesian named Demetrius stirs up trouble against Paul and his men out of fear of losing his income. We will be watching and studying a Tim Keller presentation on idolatry. The kids will have a special Sunday School lesson on dinosaurs! All ages are welcome to join us!

### **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, we are eager to greet you!

## **MAY IS A FIVE SUNDAY MONTH**

May is a five Sunday month. Therefore, starting this Sunday, our mission ark will be open as we collect tomato products and paper goods for SECORCares; Christian coloring books, Christian action figures, and reading glasses for Mean Street Ministry; and diapers for Alternatives Pregnancy Center. You may bring these items with you to worship or at any time you are in the building during May. Thank you for supporting our local mission partners!



## **ADULT WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

Pastor Wendy would like to train several adults who can help serve as worship assistants. Our confirmation students often serve in this capacity. Tasks during the service may vary upon your preferences but can include reading

Scriptures, the prayer of the day, the creed, the Lord's Prayer, lighting candles, helping to serve communion, etc. There is no memorization involved. Everything would be printed for you. If you are willing to help serve in this capacity, not only would it be a blessing to Pastor Wendy and the congregation, but also to whomever may be providing pulpit supply when Pastor Wendy is on vacation or away for a conference. Please contact Pastor Wendy for more information and/or to schedule a training session.

## **CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION**

If you have moved, changed phone numbers or email addresses, please send your new info to Pastor Wendy so that the church has updated information. Thank you.

## **NEW ADDRESS & PHONE NUMBERS**

Steve and Sara G. have moved to Franktown. Please update the following information in your Spirit of Hope directory!

Address: 7250 Fox Creek Trail, Franktown, 80116  
Steve's cell. 303 518 3460  
Sara's. 303 518 3461

## **MISSION PARTNERS AND ALLIES**

Here at Spirit of Hope we have quite a few mission partners and allies. What's the difference? A mission partner receives regular prayer support and financial support out of our quarterly benevolence funds (the church's tithe). A mission ally receives prayer support and financial support as special needs arise and as we are able to support them. Here is a list of all of our current mission partners and allies:



### **Mission Partners:**

- Alternatives Pregnancy Center**
- Apache Youth Ministries**
- Institute of Lutheran Theology (MDiv. Scholarship Program)**
- Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ**
- Marion Medical Mission**
- Mean Street Ministry**
- SECORCares**
- Tartu Academy of Theology**

### **Mission Allies:**

- Compassion International**
- LCMC Disaster Relief**
- SONetwork**

## **WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY**

### **1<sup>st</sup> JOHN**

This class concludes tonight. We will meet from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. If you would like to attend via Zoom, please let Pastor Wendy know by 5:00 pm. Thank you, Wayne Schultz, for leading us through this book of the Bible!

## **UPCOMING WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE**

All classes begin at 7:00 pm at the church. Here are the upcoming classes:

**May 5<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>: Wrestling with the Word: A Cruciform Theology of Scripture, taught by Pastor Wendy.**

**June 2<sup>nd</sup> – July 28<sup>th</sup>: Psalm 119, developed by Right Now Media and led by Pastor Wendy.**

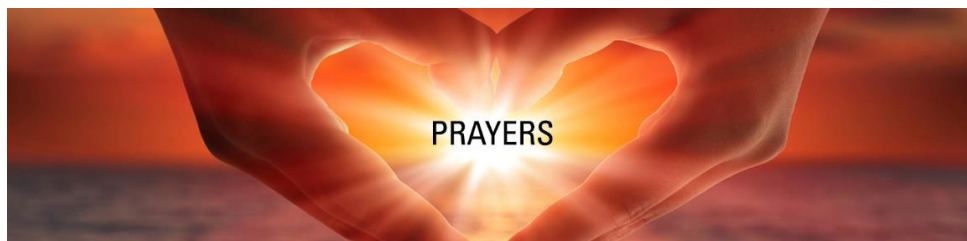
**August 4<sup>th</sup> – September 8<sup>th</sup>: How to be a Christian Without Being Religious, taught by Ken Carpenter.**

**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 16<sup>th</sup>, Douglas County is longer on a 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. Pastor Wendy and the 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 @ 303-841-3553 or [wendy.poch@spiritofhopelcmc.org](mailto: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."***

## **PRAYER FOR THE WEEK**

**By Pastor Wendy**

**Gracious God, we give you thanks and praise for all that you are and all that you have given to us. You have made us your children. You have promised to raise us up on the last day. And you have chosen to do this through your only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus, the risen Christ. Lord, when we struggle, when we face an unknown future, and when we doubt, help us to cling to your Word where you have promised to be faithful to us and to the promise you have made us. Thank you, Lord, for being more faithful to us than we are to you. Thank you for loving us unconditionally. Thank you for loving us enough to give up heaven itself in order that we may have life. Help each of us to step out in faith into the future you have called us to and be glorified in our lives. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.**

**Please include the following people and situations in your prayers:**

We continue to pray for...

Pastor Dave and Victoria as Pastor Dave transitions into retirement.

Lee Case who is recovering from neck surgery.

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 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)**

### **May Birthdays**

- 5/4 Chuck West
- 5/4 Kevin Haughn
- 5/4 Crystal Trawny
- 5/5 Wendy Poch
- 5/8 Nick Lehnerz
- 5/18 Pastor Dave Fisher
- 5/21 Kayanna Larson
- 5/27 Brad Hoyt
- 5/29 Andrea Hoyt

### **May Anniversaries**

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



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

**April Income (to date) = \$39,414**

**General Fund Offerings = \$12,280**

**Debt Reduction Offerings = \$17,600**

**Dedicated Offerings = \$3,287**

**Other Income = \$2,987\***

**April Expenses (to date) = \$12,879**

**\*Includes sale of construction trailer.**

**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.**