



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, April 7, 2020

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ASSOCIATE PASTOR WENDY POCH IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES THIS COMING SATURDAY, APRIL 11, AT 303-841-3553.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES AT SPIRIT OF HOPE!

Holy Week continues this week online at Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church. Our continued thanks go to everyone for your patience and understanding during this unprecedented time. YouTube recordings for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday will be sent on Thursday and Friday early in the day so that you may worship with your family at home. On Maundy Thursday the homily for the day will conclude our Lenten series of meditations on "The Body of Christ." The final topic is fittingly "The Blood of Christ." On the first Maundy Thursday, our Lord Jesus instituted Holy Communion during the Passover celebration with His disciples. We will receive communion in our homes making use of the principle of "lay presidency" whereby we can all say the words of institution before partaking of the sacrament. Pastor Dave will give further explanation during the YouTube recording. For this service everyone will need to have some bread or crackers along with some wine or juice at their home to participate. **IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ANY BREAD, CRACKERS, WINE OR JUICE AT HOME PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR DAVE SO THAT HE CAN MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO BRING THESE ELEMENTS TO YOU.**

On Good Friday, our traditional Tenebrae service of shadows will take place on YouTube as we remember the great sacrifice of God on the Cross. We will read the story of the Passion from the gospels and sing traditional Good Friday hymns as we extinguish seven candles to remember the seven last words of Jesus from the Cross. The Bible will be slammed shut at the beginning of this service which ends in silence as we remember the silence of the tomb. Please join us virtually for these powerful and meaningful services.

This year will be one of the most unusual celebrations of the Resurrection of Jesus ever, BUT WE WILL CELEBRATE BECAUSE JESUS IS ALIVE!!! Our virtual Easter service will be recorded and a link and worship guide will be sent out via email by Saturday evening for everyone to access. It will be our Festival Worship Service with some added special elements! There will be additional music and a special and fitting hymn that will be sung at the conclusion of the service. The powers of death could not keep Jesus in the tomb! By the grace of God, the power of a virus will not keep us from proclaiming and celebrating: HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN, INDEED!

WOMEN'S COFFEE HOUR ON ZOOM TOMORROW!

This Wednesday, April 8th, at 10 am the ladies of Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church are invited to log into a special coffee hour on Zoom. A link was sent out via email yesterday. Pastor Wendy will have the "Zoom Room" open by 9:30 so that those who are unfamiliar with Zoom will have ample time to try to log in prior to our start time. With Zoom, you can use a computer, tablet, or phone to log in (and you can also simply call in to participate which will allow you to hear everyone even if you can't see them). Our purpose for this is purely fellowship so that we can connect with one another. Sara Gutknecht will also lead us in a discussion about how Hopeful Spirits can move forward with a Zoom platform (when, how often, etc.). This event is open to all women of all ages! We can host up to 100 people at once, so you are most welcome to join us! If you have questions about Zoom or would like to do a test run, please contact Pastor Wendy.

YOUTH/COLLEGE AGE ZOOM HANGOUT APRIL 14th

We will be hosting a ZOOM hangout on Tuesday, April 14th at 7 pm for all those in Junior High/High School/College Age so that our young adults can catch up with one another. Pastor Wendy will host the Zoom Group. This initial gathering is simply hangout time. But we will discuss and see if there is a desire for future sessions, and whether or not we want to do a Bible study (perhaps one of the participants would like to lead it!), Zoom games, etc... A link will be sent out after Easter to those eligible to participate.

SATURDAY STORIES WITH PASTOR WENDY

Pastor Wendy will be doing a special YouTube recording once a week with special stories (with a Biblical/Christian emphasis, of course) for all our little ones (pre-school and early elementary). A link will be sent to the congregation on Saturday morning. You are welcome to watch this video at home with your little ones or share it with your kids and grandkids. We want our little ones to know that they are very special and very important, especially during this time that we cannot meet together physically as a congregation.

CORRECTION TO GIVING TO SPIRIT OF HOPE THROUGH THRIVENT

We have learned from Thrivent Financial that direct online giving to Spirit of Hope is not available for Thrivent members through the Thrivent Choice button on their website. Any giving for offerings through Thrivent will generate a check from them that will be sent to the church address. Therefore, please continue to send offerings via check directly to our Financial Secretary, Renee Nefe, for the time being. We are continuing to work on getting a direct donation button set up on the church's website and thank you for your continued patience.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE PASTORS

If you need to contact the pastors for any reason during this time please use the following:

Senior Pastor Dave Fisher – 303-941-0668 (voice & text)

pastordave@spiritofhopelcmc.org (email)

Associate Pastor Wendy Poch – 303-514-5266 (voice & text)

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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 pastordave@spiritofhopelcmc.org.

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:

For our nation and Parker community as we deal with the COVID-19 coronavirus situation that the virus will be suppressed, that those infected will be healed and that those who have lost loved ones will be comforted

For those in the nation of Malawi who are suffering from the effects of recent continual rains and subsequent flooding

For Monica Ojeda and the other Compassion International Children sponsored by members of Spirit of Hope who are affected by the fight against the coronavirus world wide

For our mission partners at Apache Youth Ministries as they seek to minister during a lock-down of the White Mountain Apache Nation in Arizona

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, Southeast Community Outreach, Mean Street Ministry, Apache Youth Ministries, East European Mission Network, Missionary Carrie, Tartu Academy of Theology

For Spirit of Hope mission allies: Marion Medical Mission, Bethesda Lutheran Ministries, Compassion International, the Institute of Lutheran Theology

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)

March Birthdays

3/30 Cathy Morano

March Anniversaries

3/31 John & Kandy Parsons

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

4/16 Luke Hoyt

4/17 Julie Case

4/21 Bill Byers

QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE

**PLEASE NOTE: BEGINNING WITH THE APRIL 7, 2020 NEWSLETTER,
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING INCOME WILL BE PROVIDED**

March income = \$13,495

March expenses = \$13,643

April income (to date) = \$10,270

General Fund Offerings = \$9,520

Debt Reduction Offerings = \$650

Dedicated Offerings = \$100

April expenses (to date) = \$770

Checking = \$28,242

Money Market = \$23,219 (Reserves = \$10,436 Dedicated = \$12,783)

Building Loan Interest Escrow = \$26,198