



## MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Wednesday, April 7, 2021

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### THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

This Sunday we will be honoring our high school graduates at the beginning of our worship service. We are honoring our graduates early so that Pastor Dave can participate in blessing them.

We will resume our reading through the Letter to the Hebrews. Pastor Wendy will be preaching on Hebrews 10:26-31 in which the original preacher to the Hebrews gives believers then and now a stern warning against apostasy (knowing the Gospel then rejecting it). This week's music will be led by our praise band.

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://sohworshipapril11.eventbrite.com>. The live stream link will be sent later in the week.



### SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS WEEK

Intergenerational Sunday School resumes this week! Class begins after worship at approximately 10:45 am. Our lesson will be on Mary meeting the risen Christ according to John 20:11-18. We will also look at Romans 6:1-11. Adults and youth of all ages are welcome to attend.

## 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 and visit the office and our pastors and/or office volunteers are always eager to greet you!

## EMERGENCY PASTORAL CARE

If you are facing an urgent crisis or pastoral care emergency and would like a pastor to walk alongside you, please know our pastors are here to support you. Please call 303-841-3553 and the pastor on call will get in touch with you as soon as possible.



*God bless you in your retirement*

## A SPECIAL SEND-OFF SERVICE FOR PASTOR DAVE!

**Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**, which will be Pastor Dave's last Sunday at Spirit of Hope. We will bless Pastor Dave and Victoria as Pastor Dave enters into retirement and they begin a new and special phase of life together. We hope that you will be able to join us for this special service. There will be a cake reception for Pastor Dave after worship. Please note that Pastor Dave's last sermon at Spirit of Hope will take place the week before, on Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.

## A FOND FAREWELL TO MATT WEESNER

Our pianist, Matt Weesner, has accepted a new position, one which is sure to be a blessing to him and his family. So, while we will greatly miss Matt, it is with much love that we wish Matt and the entire Weesner family abundant blessings and success. Matt's last Sunday at Spirit of Hope will be on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Matt, we are incredibly thankful for the beautiful musical gifts you have shared with us over the last year and a half!



## **NEW BIBLE STUDY SERIES STARTS TONIGHT at 7:00 PM!**

### **1<sup>st</sup> 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 from April 7<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> and will be taught by Wayne Schultz. If you would like to attend via Zoom, please let Pastor Wendy know by 5:00 pm.



## **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 7<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> John, developed and taught by Wayne Schultz**

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

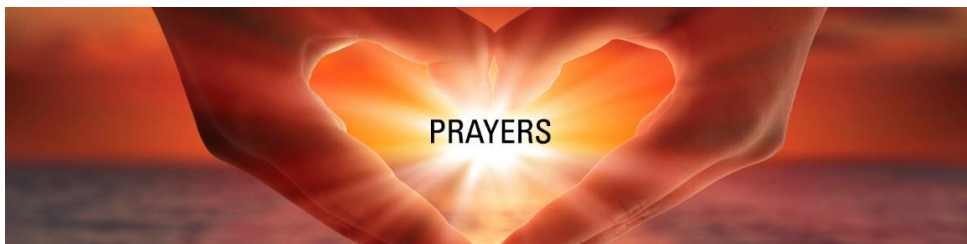
**June 2<sup>nd</sup> – July 28<sup>th</sup>: Psalm 119, developed by Right Now Media and led by Pastor Wendy**

## LENTEN OFFERINGS FOR SECOR

During our Wednesday Lenten services, 100% of our offerings were given to one of our mission partners, SECORCares. Through your generosity, we were able to raise \$3045, all of which will directly help people in need in our local community. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause!

## DOUGLAS COUNTY COLORADO COVID UPDATE

Douglas County is currently in Level Yellow on the Colorado COVID Dial. 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. Keeping of a six-foot distance between household units is still in effect. 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](mailto:wendy.poch@spiritofhopelcmc.org). or [pastor.dave@spiritofhopelcmc.org](mailto: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 Wendy

Lord Jesus, you took our sin and suffering to the cross and crushed them in the tomb. Then you came back out of that tomb so that we could live, truly live, not just after our resurrection, but also today. Thank you, precious Savior, for loving us to death and back. This week, we ask you to help us to love one another as you have loved us, putting the needs of those you love before our own. Thank you, Jesus, for being our risen Christ! Amen.

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

We continue to pray for...

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

For Spirit of Hope mission allies: Marion Medical Mission, 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) = \$10,155**

**General Fund Offerings = \$8,340**

**Debt Reduction Offerings = \$1,600**

**Dedicated Offerings = \$147**

**Other Income = \$68**

**April Expenses (to date) = \$6,886**

**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.**