



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, May 10, 2016

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THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE PENTECOST, CONFIRMATION, FOUNDER'S SUNDAY

This coming Sunday, May 15, finds Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church celebrating three events: Pentecost, Confirmation and Founder's Sunday. Fellowship begins as always at 9:00 am. Worship at 9:30 am will celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit of the followers of Jesus at the first Pentecost. The message for the day will be based on the Pentecost story found in Acts 2:1-21. This Sunday Thane Larson will affirm his baptism and confirm his faith in Jesus Christ. The congregation will celebrate with the Larson family and observe Founding Sunday with a potluck luncheon at 11:00 am. Please see the article below regarding what to bring for the potluck.

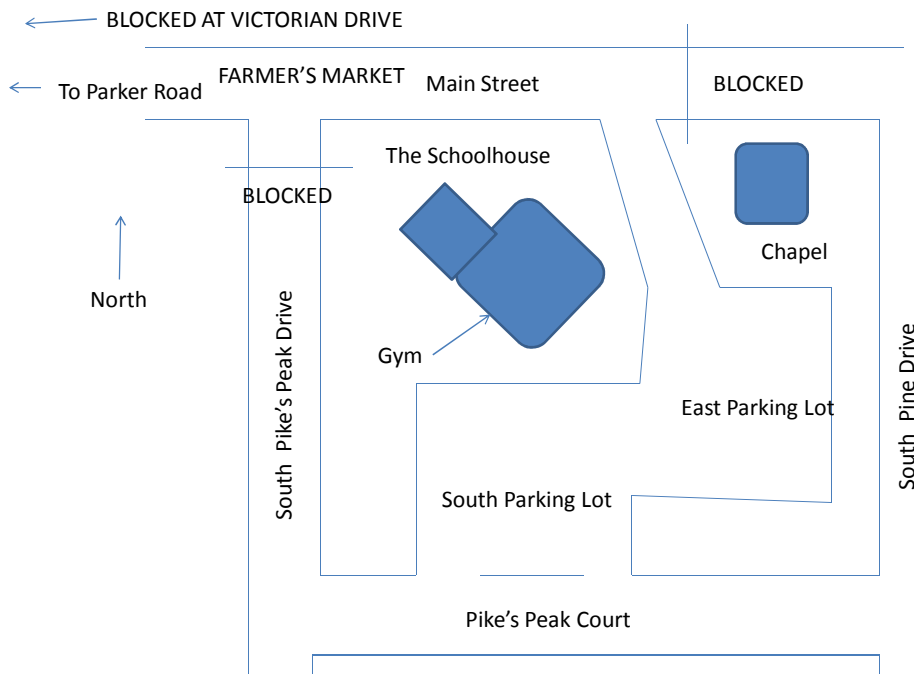
FOUNDER'S SUNDAY POTLUCK IS THIS SUNDAY!

On Sunday, May 15, we will not only celebrate Pentecost and Confirmation, but also Founder's Sunday, the Sunday closest to when Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church officially started. To celebrate we will have a potluck brunch/luncheon following worship at 11:00 am. Please bring a main dish brunch or lunch item, or a salad, or side dish. For dessert, there will be a cake to celebrate the confirmation of Thane Larson. Beverages and table service will be provided.

PARKER FARMER'S MARKET

The Parker Farmer's Market, an open air market on Main Street, is now operating on the weekends and will continue during the summer. As such, traffic access to the Schoolhouse becomes restricted when the market is in operation. While parking has not been an issue for us

in the past, please note the different routes you may need to take to arrive at The Schoolhouse for Sunday worship (see map below).



CHANGE OF VENUE IN JUNE

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 this summer 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 Sunday, 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.

DONATIONS TO SUPPORT THE YOUTH MISSION TEAM

Each Sunday this May 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.

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. 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:

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.)

CHURCH DIRECTORY – Important Updates

By Renee Nefe

It has been a while since we made our church directory and a lot of us have changed quite a bit of our info and even ourselves since way back then. We also have a lot of new faces to add to the directory. With that in mind we are going to set up a camera before church services for the month of May to attempt to get a new picture of everyone. We are taking pictures in the alcove that is to the left of the kitchen.

Okay, here is the important part. We understand that sometimes getting everyone to church looking picture perfect is difficult. If you want we can use a photo that you email to me. Or if you prefer we can also use your old directory photo, just email and let me know.

If you have a copy of the old church directory, take a peek at yours and see if any of your info is out of date, have you moved? Changed phone numbers? Added family members? Please send all updated info to Renee at reneenefe@yahoo.com in the following format (to make it easier please)

Head(s) of Household (example: Tom and Renee Nefe)

Children (example: Chrissy)

Address

Phone number(s) (please put household contact number first, then other cells)

Email(s) (again household contact first then others. Eg:

reneenefe@yahoo.com; Tom@exampleemail.com;

Chrissy@exampleemail.com

• Important Dates (anniversary and birthdays)

If all your info is up-to-date (yay! Less work for me.) Don't forget to get your family picture taken to update the faces in our directory. All of the pages for the directory will be reprinted. New families will receive a binder while members who already have a binder will just get the new pages.

SUNDAY EVENTS IN MAY

Sunday, May 15, Pentecost, Confirmation, and Founder's Sunday!

Sunday, May 22, Trinity Sunday, Youth Mission Trip Commissioning

Sunday, May 29, Memorial Day Sunday

LETTER WRITING SUNDAY FOR MONICA OJEDA

As many of you know, Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church sponsors a child through Compassion International, Monica Ojeda in Columbia. Occasionally Monica writes a letter to us. Before and after worship next Sunday, May 22, a table will be set up in the gym at The Schoolhouse for you to write a short letter or postcard of encouragement to Monica. According to Compassion International, these letters are special to the children who receive them and become very encouraging to them. Please take a few moments on Sunday, May 22, to send a note to Monica!

YOUTH NEWS

Upcoming Youth Group Events

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

VOLUNTEERING AT SECOR

By Pastor Dave

Our mission partner SECOR is growing and expanding its service and reach to help those in poverty in the suburbs. Yes, there is poverty even the suburbs of Douglas, Elbert and Arapahoe counties. In fact, the last few years has seen a shift from more people living in poverty in the suburbs of America than in urban areas. The good news is that those in suburban poverty are more likely able to transition to self-reliance with some help. SECOR provides that type of help.

The expansion of services at SECOR means that there are more volunteer opportunities opening up. The SECOR market (formerly the food bank) needs hosts and hostesses to relate, visit and pray with guests who come to the market. Also, there is a need for volunteers to accompany guests through the market as they make food selections. Interested in something more physical and hands on?

Volunteers are needed to help unload, sort and stock food from SECOR's delivery trucks. Drivers are also needed to make pickups of food donations from partner restaurants and super markets.

Volunteer scheduling is flexible. However, SECOR asks all volunteers to commit to at least a three hour block of time when volunteering.

To volunteer, an individual must be 16 years or older and have completed one of SECOR's "Beyond the Cupboard" tours. Contact SECOR to schedule your tour at 720-842-5621. This month's tour dates are Tuesday, May 11 from 12:30-1:30 pm and Thursday, May 26 from 5:30 – 6:30 pm.

TOMATO PRODUCTS DRIVE CONTINUES THIS MONTH

May is a five Sunday month and we are collecting your donations of tomato products for Southeast Community Outreach (SECOR).

Tomato sauce, paste, canned tomatoes and spaghetti sauce in containers of all sizes are appreciated. This is the food product

SECOR has the most trouble keeping stocked. Your donation truly does help! Also, as we did during Lent, paper towels, tissue and toilet paper donations are welcome as well. PLEASE PLACE YOUR DONATIONS EACH SUNDAY IN THE BLUE MISSION'S TUB! THANK YOU!

BUILDING PROJECT NEWS

Delivery of recycled asphalt has been placed on hold until a necessary access permit is obtained from South Metro Fire and Rescue Authority. The fire department also requested additional on the permit submittal for the changes on the fire suppression system. A meeting of the Building Team, General Contractor, architect, and civil engineer who designed the outside of the fire suppression system was held last week to address these requests and resubmit the new design to the fire department. After approval, construction can resume.

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

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 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

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

Prayers of healing for Steve and Sara Gutknecht's brother-in-law, David Waltemath, who is critically ill

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

For healing for Lavonne and Delmer Zweygardt'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

May income (to date) = **\$9,398**

May expense (to date) = **\$2,027**

Checking = **\$20,231**

Money Market (Reserves) = **\$22,175**

Building Fund = **\$130,852**