



SPIRIT OF HOPE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, May 12, 2020

Questions, comments or to unsubscribe contact Pastor Dave Fisher at 303-841-3553 or pastordave@spiritofhopelcmc.org Also visit us on the web at www.spiritofhopelcmc.org.

SENIOR PASTOR DAVE FISHER IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES THIS COMING SATURDAY, MAY 16, AT 303-841-3553.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE – FOUNDER’S SUNDAY!

This coming Sunday is the sixth Sunday of the Easter season! It is also the Sunday closest to the official founding date of Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church so it is “Founder’s Sunday!” Ten years ago, on May 16, 2010 Spirit of Hope officially adopted its constitution and by-laws. This Sunday in our worship service we will remember, commemorate and thank God for our ten years of mission and ministry; praying for many years to come! We will also continue reading through the letter of 2nd Corinthians. This Sunday we will read about the ministry that we all share as followers of Christ. The text is 2 Corinthians 2:12-3:6. Sunday’s service will feature our praise band leading traditional hymns sung in a contemporary style. Watch for the email with this Sunday’s YouTube link and worship guide.

During this extraordinary time, we continue to thank you for remembering Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church with your offerings sent either to the church address, to our Financial Secretary, Renee Nefe, or using the new donate button on our website. Thank you for your support not only financially, but especially through your prayers.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY IS TOMORROW

Midweek Adult Bible Study continues tomorrow, Wednesday, May 13, at 7:00 pm via a Zoom meeting. We will finish the first chapter of the letter of 1st Peter in the New Testament. This coming Wednesday we will cover 1 Peter 3.

Information on how to join the class that Pastor Dave will host will be sent out to the congregation via a separate email.

SATURDAY STORIES WITH PASTOR WENDY

Pastor Wendy is now 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.

KING SOOPER'S COMMUNITY REWARD PROGRAM

Our congregation has registered as a participating organization in King Soopers and City Market's Community Rewards Program. King Soopers and City Market return a portion of customer purchases to registered non-profit and faith-based organizations.

For a King Sooper or City Market shopper to participate he or she needs to have a loyalty card (available from the customer service counter at any King Sooper or City Market store) and register online designating Spirit of Hope as the organization of choice. Then when the customer shops online or at a local store and swipes their Loyalty Card, funds will be donated to Spirit of Hope at no added cost to the customer.

To Use the King Soopers or City Market Community Rewards Program:

Simply visit the appropriate link below.

* For King Soopers Stores - go to <http://www.kingsoopers.com>

* For City Market Stores - go to <http://www.citymarket.com>

Once logged into the King Soopers or City Market account search for Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church either by name or ED165 (our registration number) and then click Enroll. New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a loyalty card. **PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED PDF FILE FOR STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTIONS ON CREATING AN ACCOUNT ONLINE.**

***Customers must have a registered King Soopers or City Market loyalty card account to link to our organization.**

***If a member does not yet have a King Soopers or City Market loyalty card, they are available at the customer service desk at any King Soopers or City Market.**

Each quarter King Soopers and City Market return a portion of a set amount to those organizations enrolled in the program on a pro-rated basis.

If you are a regular shopper at King Soopers or City Market, please consider participating in this program that will benefit Spirit of Hope. Thank you.

NEED SOME FRESH AIR AND SOMETHING TO DO?

With social distancing keep us in our houses for so long now, you may be looking for things to do and reasons to get out of the house and in the fresh air! If so, and if you want to do something purposeful, we have a project for you! With the return of spring and the moisture that we received in April; weeds are starting to make a return to the church property. Thanks to Carol Palin, the area around the front of the church was cleared of weeds last week. There are still some more in the parking lot islands that could be removed. No need to RSVP, just stop by on a nice day at your convenience and do what you can. Please place weeds in the dumpster. It will be most appreciated!

UPDATE ON WAYS TO GIVE TO SPIRIT OF HOPE

We have successfully installed a donation button on our church's website at www.spiritofhopelcmc.org. It is in the upper left-hand area of the main page of the website. It uses the PayPal platform. If you

wish to give or donate to Spirit of Hope using the button, you will be taken to the PayPal site where you can use a credit card or, if you have a PayPal account, you can make your donation through your PayPal account. However, you do not have to have a PayPal account to give. We hope that this may be of help during the stay at home situation. Please be aware, though, that all donations cost the church a processing fee. PayPal takes 2.2% + \$0.30 of each donation.

The church has purchased and installed a new secure mailbox at the church facility. You can mail checks directly to the church address:

Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church
7060 E. Ponderosa Drive
Parker, CO 80138

You may also still mail them directly to our Financial Secretary, Renee Nefe, at:

Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church
c/o Renee Nefe
10565 Humboldt Peak Way
Parker, CO 80138

Please place the letter "O" on the back of your envelope so that we know what the contents are. Thank you, again, so much for all the tithes, offerings and gifts you have sent since the stay at home orders went into effect. Our financial position continues to hold steady because of your generosity.

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)

wendy.poch@spiritofhopelcmc.org (email)

PASTORS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR FACE TO FACE MEETINGS VIA ZOOM, FACETIME, DUO AND SKPYE.

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, and that the return to more normal life will go smoothly

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

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 the Tartu Academy of Theology in Tartu, Estonia as they deal with the effects of the current pandemic and seek to continue funding to finance the Home of Hope project

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)

May Birthdays

5/4 Chuck West
5/4 Kevin Haughn
5/4 Crystal Trawny
5/5 Pastor 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

5/18 Kevin & Sandra Haughn

5/31 Dave & Victoria Fisher

QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE

May income (to date) = \$20,005

General Fund Offerings* (to date) = \$0

Debt Reduction Offerings = \$0

Dedicated Offerings = \$20,000**

Other Income* = \$5**

May expenses (to date) = \$5,276

Checking = \$30,791

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

Loan Interest Escrow Account** = \$38,740**

***General Fund Offerings are currently being processed and deposited twice a month.**

****Represents \$10,000 gift to Tartu Academy of Theology and \$10,000 donation to building needs**

*****Other Income comes from individuals and organization outside of Spirit of Hope (e.g. Thrivent, other churches, etc.)**

******The Loan Interest Escrow Account has money still owed to the building project general contractor pending resolution of building issues (\$5,600) plus money left at the close of the building project fundraising, last week's contribution for building needs (\$10,000) as well as escrowed money for loan payments and debt reduction. A breakout of those fund amounts will be provided in the next newsletter.**