



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, May 17, 2016

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THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

TRINITY SUNDAY – YOUTH COMMISSIONING – CHOIR FINALE

This coming Sunday, May 22, Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church will once again celebrate three events: Trinity Sunday, commissioning our youth for their mission trip next month and the finale of the 2015-2016 choir season! Fellowship begins as always at 9:00 am. **THIS SUNDAY OUR BEFORE AND AFTER FELLOWSHIP WILL BE HOSTED BY THRIVENT FINANCIAL FOR CHRISTIANS!** Worship at 9:30 am will begin with celebrating the mystery of the Holy Trinity in song. The Lord is one God in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. For the message that day we will return to the reading of 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 where the apostle Paul speaks about spiritual gifts. After the message our youth will be commissioned for their mission trip in a few weeks to the White Mountain Apache Nation to serve with Apache Youth Ministries. Don't miss this special and celebratory Sunday at Spirit of Hope!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTED BY THRIVENT THIS SUNDAY

Thrivent Financial for Christian's will be hosting our coffee fellowship this coming Sunday at Spirit of Hope. In addition, to hosting the fellowship time with coffee and donuts, Thrivent Representative Jim Johnson will be available before worship to answer any questions you may have regarding Thrivent services and ministries.

SUNDAY EVENTS IN MAY

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 THIS 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!

CHANGE OF VENUE IN JUNE – IMPORTANT UPDATE!

By Pastor Dave

There has been a change in plans for our move to a new worship venue on the first Sunday of June. Last Thursday, May 12, I was notified by the Parker Senior Center that their board of directors had made a decision to not rent the Senior Center on weekends to anyone, effective immediately and that our contract for renting their space was canceled. We have this Sunday and next to hold Sunday activities at The Schoolhouse. The church board and I are looking for a new worship venue for this summer. We have some possibilities that we are diligently working on and will let you know once we have secured a new temporary location. Please pray we find the place where God wants us to be.

YOUTH NEWS!

THANK YOU! Donations to Support the Youth Mission Team

The youth mission team would like to thank everyone who has pulled items from our donation request board in order to support this year's mission trip. The team is extremely appreciative of your generosity and your willingness to be such a vital part of Spirit of Hope's mission activity. If you haven't already returned your items, please do so by this Sunday, 5/22. If you have any questions about the donations or would like to make a specific donation, please contact Wendy Poch.

Encouragement Notes for our Mission Team

Would you like to help support our youth mission team? A fantastic way to do that is to send a note of encouragement or prayer along. If possible, please bring your encouragement notes to Wendy Poch by

5/22. However, if you need a little more time, we can make arrangements to pick up the letters from you at your convenience.

**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.)

Upcoming Youth Group Events

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 Team "Trip Share" during worship service

6/15 Prayer and Pie Night, Village Inn, 7-8:30 pm

6/20 Mean Street Ministry Street Walk, 4:45-9:30 pm (6/27 overflow date)

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.

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 earlier this month 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 renewed healing and strength from cancer for Sue Schultz as she begins new round of stronger chemotherapy this week

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 and comfort for Steve and Sara Gutknecht's brother-in-law, David Waltemath, who passed away last week

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

For healing for Lavonne and Delmer Zwegardt's son, Dane, from lung 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) = **\$12,500**

May expense (to date) = **\$4,434**

Checking = **\$20,926**

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

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