



SPIRIT OF HOPE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, May 19, 2020

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ASSOCIATE PASTOR WENDY POCH IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES THIS COMING SATURDAY, MAY 23, AT 303-841-3553.

THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE – ASCENSION SUNDAY AND MEMORIAL SUNDAY!

This coming Sunday is the Sunday that we observe the Ascension of Jesus into heaven. Forty days after His resurrection, on a Thursday, our Lord blessed the eleven disciples on the Mount of Olives outside of Jerusalem. He then ascended into heaven ending the period of personal, visible appearances to them. Ten days later Pentecost happened. This coming Thursday, May 21 is Ascension Day. We will remember this day at worship by reading the ascension account recorded in Acts 1:1-11. This being the Sunday of the Memorial Day Weekend, we will remember our fallen service members during worship as well. We continue reading through the letter of 2 Corinthians as Pastor Wendy will preach on chapter 3 verses 7-18. Also, Holy Communion will be celebrated. The elements will be consecrated and those present recording the service will receive the bread and wine. Then the communion will be extended to all who wish to make an appointment to come the church facility the following week (May 25 – 29). Details on how to make an appointment will come in a separate email. Watch for the email with this Sunday's YouTube link and worship guide.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Spirit of Hope congratulates Thane Larson on his graduation from Ponderosa High School! We also congratulate Madden Howland on her promotion from eighth grade to high school! God's blessings be upon you!

DON'T FORGET – PASTOR WENDY'S ORDINATION IS MAY 31!

As most everyone knows, Associate Pastor Wendy Poch is being ordained as an LCMC pastor at 3:00 pm on May 31st. The service will occur live in the sanctuary with attendance limited to family and key people involved in the rite of ordination. Everyone else is invited to attend via a Zoom meeting. Please contact Pastor Wendy to rsvp and she will send the Zoom access information to you. The service will also be recorded on Zoom for viewing later. Please contact Pastor Wendy and offer your congratulations as well as keep her in your prayers.

WEDNESDAY MEN'S PRAYER "BREAKFAST" IS TOMORROW

The next time for prayer and fellowship for Spirit of Hope men will be tomorrow, Wednesday, May 20, from 7:00 to 8:00 am via a Zoom meeting. Grab your favorite breakfast beverage and join us for a time of prayer and fellowship. Information on how to join will be sent out in a via a separate email.

HOPEFUL SPIRITS TOMORROW AT 2:00 PM!

The Hopeful Spirits will be meeting online via Zoom on Wednesday at 2pm. Ladies of all ages are welcome to join us as Sara Gutknecht leads us in a devotional time, discussion time, prayer time and as we simply enjoy one another's company. To join us, please click on the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84701081899>. To join by phone, please call this number and enter the pin when prompted: 16699006833,,84701081899#.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY IS TOMORROW

Midweek Adult Bible Study continues tomorrow, Wednesday, May 20, at 7:00 pm via a Zoom meeting. This coming Wednesday we will cover 1 Peter 4.

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.

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 all of you who have come out so far. 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.spiritofhope1cmc.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
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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 continue to be suppressed, that those infected will be healed and that those who have lost loved ones will be comforted, that the return to more normal life will go smoothly and that treatment and a vaccine will be developed rapidly

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) = \$30,995

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

Debt Reduction Offerings = \$0

Dedicated Offerings = \$20,000**

Other Income* = \$5**

May expenses (to date) = \$18,613****

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.)**

******Includes transfer of \$10,000 dedicated gift to Tartu Academy of Theology**

*******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, this month's contribution for building needs (\$10,000) as well as escrowed money for loan payments and debt reduction. A breakout of those fund amounts was not available this week and will hopefully be provided in the next newsletter.**