



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Wednesday, May 19, 2021

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THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

This Sunday we will be celebrating Pentecost – the Birthday of the Church! This is the day in which we recognize God giving His children the gift of the Holy Spirit. You are encouraged to wear the color RED which is the liturgical color for the Holy Spirit. We will also be celebrating Holy Communion.



We will be continuing our reading through Hebrews as Pastor Wendy preaches on Hebrews 13:1-8 in the first part of her two-part sermon titled “The Christian Life”. To reserve seating for this service, please paste this link into your browser:

<https://sohworshipmay23.eventbrite.com>.

The live stream link will be sent later in the week.

INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL IN MAY

May 23rd Text: Philemon 1; Romans 6:17-23

Story: Paul’s Request to Philemon

Theme: Reconciliation



May 30th Text: Revelation 21:1-7; 22-27; John 5:21-29

Story: John’s Vision of the New Jerusalem

Theme: Hope

Starting in June, Sunday School will be in recess until September 12th.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Tuesday – Friday from 9 am – 1 pm.

PASTOR WENDY'S SABBATH DAY

Mondays are Pastor Wendy's Sabbath Day. As such, she is out of the office, off email and off phone/text. From Sunday afternoon through Monday evening, the church phone is being forwarded to our Church President, John Parsons. He knows how to get a hold of Pastor Wendy if there is a pastoral emergency such as a hospital emergency, crisis, or death in the congregation. Pastor Wendy will respond to other emails, texts, or phone messages starting on Tuesday of each week. Thank you for giving Pastor Wendy a Sabbath rest so that she can be an effective servant leader for our congregation.



NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS: SUNDAY, JUNE 6th

Would you like to become a member of Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church? We will be having a new membership class on Sunday, June 6th after worship. The class takes about two hours. Lunch will

be provided. While the class is required for membership, there is no pressure to join upon finishing the class. If you would like to join but are unable to attend on June 6th, we can schedule a time that will work for you. Please contact Pastor Wendy to RSVP for this class.

HOLY COMMUNION EVERY SUNDAY!

Beginning this Sunday, we will be returning to our practice of having Holy Communion every Sunday. For the time being, we will continue doing this as we have been over the last several months. Once we reach a higher level of COVID immunity within the congregation, we will return to receiving the communion bread with open hands.

SUMMER PROPERTY HELP NEEDED

We are in need of a few more volunteers who are willing to help share the workload in taking care of our building and grounds. In particular, we need summer help with lawn mowing, pulling weeds, and a few other outdoor tasks. If you are willing to donate a few hours of your time, please contact Carl Winkelman or Pastor Wendy. Any time you can share would be greatly appreciated!



WORSHIP BANNERS

Would you be willing to help create some new church banners? You don't have to have sewing skills as it would be helpful to have help shopping for fabric, cutting fabric, discussing design ideas, etc. We would like to expand our banner collection to include banners for ordinary time (the green season), special church holidays, and to have banners of matching colors/themes on both sides of the sanctuary. If you would like to be a part of this project, please contact Carol Palin.

PRAISE BAND MUSICIANS NEEDED

Do you enjoy singing contemporary Christian music? Our praise band is looking for a few more singers. You do not need to be able to read music. Members come prepared to sing on the Sunday that they are leading

worship. The praise band practices at 8:30 am on the Sunday they lead worship. If you would like more information, please contact our praise band leader, Steve Selby, or Pastor Wendy.



DOUGLAS COUNTY COLORADO COVID UPDATE

As of Tuesday, May 14th, the state of Colorado has moved to following the recommendations given to us by the CDC. For the time being, the Church Board of Spirit of Hope has decided to follow the CDC's recommendations as well. Presently, those recommendations are that those who have been fully vaccinated no longer have to wear masks and those who have not yet been fully vaccinated continue to wear masks to help protect others who are also unvaccinated. The board will continue to monitor state and local trends as well as our own congregational health. The board expects masks to become completely optional in the near future. In the meantime, thank you all for your patience as they navigate new and uncharted waters during this pandemic. Please note that should the Church Board notice an upward trend in COVID cases, the easing of restrictions may be reversed as your safety is their number one priority.

MAY IS A FIVE SUNDAY MONTH

May is a five Sunday month. Therefore, our mission ark is open as we collect tomato products and paper goods for SECORCares; Christian coloring books, Christian action figures, and reading glasses for Mean Street Ministry; and diapers for Alternatives Pregnancy Center. You may bring these items with you to worship or at any time you are in the building during May. Thank you for supporting our local mission partners!

MAY WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

WRESTLING WITH THE WORD:

A CRUCIFORM THEOLOGY OF SCRIPTURE

What is the Word of God? How would you describe it to a non-believer? For that matter, how would you describe it to a fellow believer? Is the Word the Bible? How did we get the Bible anyway...and why does our Bible look different than some other Bibles? Is the Word inspired, inerrant, or infallible? Is it the Living Word? Is it the written Word? Is it the preached Word? What about the sacramental Word? Why are there so many ways to interpret the Word and which way is right? These questions and more are addressed in this class that will be taught by Pastor Wendy on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30 pm in May.



ALTERNATIVES PREGNANCY CENTER BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

On Sunday, May 9th, which is Mother's Day, we began a baby bottle fundraising drive for Alternatives Pregnancy Center. Baby bottles are still available and we are asking that you fill them with loose change and/or the financial gift of your choice (payable to Alternatives Pregnancy Center, not Spirit of Hope).

We will collect these baby bottles until Father's Day (June 20th). This is a great project for all ages! Thank you to Tiffany Hanson for organizing this project.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

ADULT WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pastor Wendy would like to train several adults who can help serve as worship assistants. Our confirmation students often serve in this capacity. Tasks during the service may vary upon your preferences but can include reading

Scriptures, the prayer of the day, the creed, the Lord's Prayer, lighting candles, helping to serve communion, etc. There is no memorization involved. Everything would be printed for you. If you are willing to help serve in this capacity, not only would it be a blessing to Pastor Wendy and the congregation, but also to whomever may be providing pulpit supply when Pastor Wendy is on vacation or away for a conference. Please contact Pastor Wendy for more information and/or to schedule a training session.

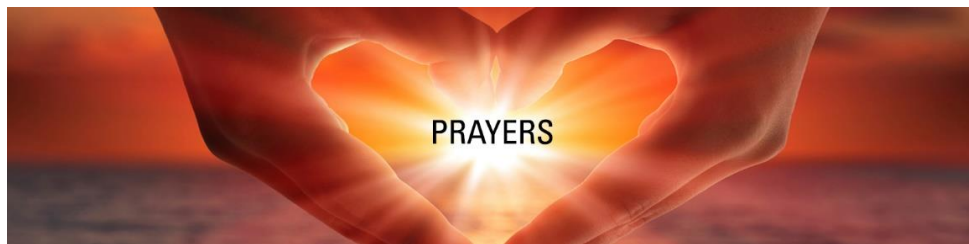
UPCOMING WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

All classes begin at 7:00 pm at the church. Here are the upcoming classes:

May 5th – 26th: Wrestling with the Word: A Cruciform Theology of Scripture, taught by Pastor Wendy.

June 2nd – July 28th: Psalm 119, developed by Right Now Media and led by Pastor Wendy.

August 4th – September 8th: How to be a Christian Without Being Religious, taught by Ken Carpenter.



Prayer Requests - If you have a prayer request for the prayer team please contact Pastor Wendy @ 303-841-3553 or wendy.poch@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, we give you thanks and praise for all of the very many ways you have blessed Spirit of Hope over the last decade. As we celebrated our 11th birthday on Tuesday, May 18th, we ask you to lead and guide us into the next decade and beyond. We thank you for calling us into existence, for loving us as individuals, as a family of God, and for giving us purpose as a congregation. We thank you for all those in our church family that you have called home to you and we thank you for those you have yet to call to join us here. In all things, Lord, we ask that your will be done and that you would be glorified among us. We love you, Lord. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.

Please include the following people and situations in your prayers:

We continue to pray for...

Pastor Dave and Victoria as Pastor Dave transitions into retirement.

Lee Case who is recovering from neck surgery.

Sara Gutknecht who is recovering from surgery to remove cancer from her liver.

Esther Tracy who is recovering from surgery to repair her broken knee.

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 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, Marion Medical Mission.

For Spirit of Hope mission allies: 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)

May Birthdays

- 5/4 Chuck West
- 5/4 Kevin Haughn
- 5/4 Crystal Trawny
- 5/5 Pastor Wendy Poch
- 5/8 Nick Lehnerz
- 5/18 Pastor Dave Fisher
- 5/21 Kayanna Larson
- 5/27 Brad Hoyt
- 5/29 Andrea Hoyt



May Anniversaries

- 5/14 Gary & Margie Flora
- 5/18 Kevin & Sandra Haughn
- 5/31 Dave & Victoria Fisher

QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE

May Income (to date) = \$28,986

General Fund Offerings = \$14,504

Debt Reduction Offerings = \$9,200

Dedicated Offerings = \$5,131

Other Income = \$151

May Expenses (to date) = \$12,039*

Checking Accounts Balance = \$26,575

Savings Account/Debt Reduction Account Balance = \$50,375

Money Market Account Balance = \$64,060

***Includes Lenten offering payment to SECORCares and 1st Quarter
Benevolence payments.**