



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, May 2, 2017

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NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IS THIS THURSDAY, MAY 4!

In the 1980s President Ronald Reagan designated the first Thursday in May as the United States' National Day of Prayer. This year Thursday, May 4, marks the 65th time our country has officially set aside a day of prayer for the nation. This year the national theme for the day comes from Daniel 9:19, *"Lord, listen! Lord, forgive! Lord, hear and act! For your sake, my God, do not delay, because your city and your people bear your Name."* Parker events include a community prayer service on Thursday from 7:00 to 8:00 am at Southeast Christian Church and an evening prayer service at Parker United Methodist Church starting at 6:30 pm. If you cannot make either of these events, please take some time on Thursday to pray for our nation. Pray for our government leaders at all levels. Pray for our police, fire and emergency medical personnel. Pray for our schools, public and private. Pray for our churches and religious institutions. Pray for our families. Learn more at www.nationaldayofprayer.org.

THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

It is the fourth Sunday of the Easter season this coming Sunday at Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church! We start to conclude our reading of the Acts of the Apostles with chapter 27. Paul is taken from Caesarea on a ship as he begins his final journey to Rome. It is quite an adventure and Acts 27:1-44 is where this week's message comes from. Fellowship begins at 9:00 am. Worship begins between 9:30 and 9:40 am. Sunday School classes are at 11:00 am.

THIS SUNDAY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LINE UP!

Kid's meet with Andrea Hoyt and Victoria Fisher for a lesson about Jesus; His life and teachings.

Confirmation students meet with Pastor Dave to continue preparing their witness statements for confirmation this month.

Youth meet with Wendy and Glenn Poch for a class on apologetics. Tim Lehnerz and Brad Hoyt lead the General Adult study, "Why I Believe: Finding Answers to Life's Most Difficult Questions."

HOST HOMES FOR AYM VISIT

Apache Youth Ministries is planning on bringing up to 15 people, high school youth and leaders, to visit during the first full week of June.

Exact dates are still being determined, but will be between June 3rd - June 11th. It is likely that they will be visiting for 5-7 days. Presently, we are gathering a list of church members that would be willing to be host homes for a minimum of 2 young adults. If you would like to (or are able to) host more than two, AYM would love to be able to put even more kids together, so that is definitely an option.

Responsibilities of the hosts include providing breakfast each morning and driving our AYM guests to the location in Parker (TBD) where they will all meet up to start their activities for the day. Ideally, hosts will be able to pick up their AYM guests at the end of the day and bring them home again for a chance to visit and/or rest for the evening. If you are able or willing to host 5-6 people, it is very likely that you would not have to drive anywhere as the AYM van would transport kids to and from your location (so all you would have to do is provide a very simple breakfast!). This is a great opportunity for those who are unable to travel to the reservation to be actively involved in the lives of our mission partners. It's also a great opportunity to provide an example of a loving home life and to be a witness for Christ. If you are interested in being a host home, or have any questions, please contact Wendy Poch

wendy.poch@spiritofhopelcmc.org, to let her know how many people you have room for, and she will add you to the list of potential host homes. Once we know AYM's exact travel dates and the number of people coming, you will be contacted and informed if you have been selected as a host. Thank you for prayerfully considering serving our mission partners in this way!

KNITTERS NEEDED FOR TAT PROJECT!

As most of you know, DeDe Elliott is returning to Tartu, Estonia this August to help lead the Friendship English Language Bible Camp. One of the gifts that will be given to participants at the camp will be hand knitted dish cloths. DeDe is responsible for providing 90 of these dish cloths. She can greatly use some help in getting them produced. The pattern is simple and can be accomplished with basic knitting skills. If you knit and can help with this project, please contact DeDe at grmydd@aol.com to receive more information. Thank you!

YOUTH NEWS!

Upcoming Youth Events

May 7th Youth Group Night, Poch Home, 6-8 pm (last regular youth group night of the season!)

May 20th Youth Mission Trip Training, Poch Home, 9 am - 2 pm

June 3-11 AYM visit to Parker, CO. Exact dates/times TBD. Please mark your calendars and plan on spending as much time as you can with our AYM friends. Opportunities for day trips and evening fellowship will be available. Stay Tuned!

Youth Mission Team 2017

The following youth and adults have accepted the call to serve on this year's youth mission team: Faith Giles, Loreena Hoyt, Kayanna Larson, Thane Larson, Dylan Poch, Ben Reinicke, Tim Reinicke, James West, and Rachel West. Tiffany Poch will be serving as an assistant leader. Team leaders are Glenn and Wendy Poch. The team will be training in May and then joining about 70 other LCMC youth for a joint week of service in Colorado Springs during the last week of June. Please pray for our mission team as they begin to prepare their hearts for this special week.

HOPEFUL SPIRITS MINUTES...APRIL 11, 2017

Present- Carol Palin, Kandy Parsons, Marie Winkelman and Sara Gutknecht.

Our meeting was opened with a devotion -"Why Forgive?" - by Carol Palin.

We will be having a Craft/Bake sale in October of this year, date to be determined. This is a heads up for any crafters in our congregation who want to participate.

Various future service projects were discussed. Since the meeting, Wendy Poch has been in contact re: a service project for Kari Bream, a teacher in China. We will discuss this at our next meeting.

We finished discussing the story of Tamar. At our next meeting, we will be discussing Rahab....the 2nd book in "A Lineage of Grace".

Our next meeting will be May 9th, at Sara's house.

We closed our meeting with prayer.

MILITARY BIBLE STICKS ARE BACK!

In the past Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church has participated in a drive to provide small audio "Bible Sticks" for military personnel. This May, to honor Memorial Day and our fallen soldiers, we will once again provide that opportunity (see poster attached to this week's e-mail of the newsletter). For \$25 you can provide a service man or woman with a sturdy, portable audio production of the New Testament. Produced by "Faith Comes by Hearing" ministries, over a half million "BibleSticks" have been distributed free of charge to U.S. military personnel. **IF YOU BELIEVE YOU ARE CALLED TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE MAKE A CHECK OUT TO SPIRIT OF HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH WITH "MILITARY BIBLESTICKS" IN THE MEMO LINE. PLACE THE CHECK IN ANY OFFERING DURING THE MONTH OF MAY. Funds will be sent to Faith Comes By Hearing in the beginning of June.**

MAY 24 MEAN STREET ONLINE EVENT

On the evening of May 24, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm, our mission partners at Mean Street Ministries will hold their annual online fund raising event. Done much like a telethon, only over the internet, the event illustrates Mean Street's mission and features inspiring testimonies from volunteers and clients. Host or join a viewing party from your own living room. More information to come!

MARTIN LUTHER MOVIE COMING IN OCTOBER

In October a special showing of a movie about Martin Luther, “Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World,” is being offered at the AMC Movie Theater in Castle Rock for Thursday, October 19.

Commemorating this year's 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation, the film tells the rousing adventure story that was Martin Luther's life, following his bold quest for truth—a journey that would reshape the church, and the world. Watch for more information in future newsletters regarding ticket pricing and times of the showing.

Prayer Requests - If you have a prayer request for the prayer chain please contact Pastor Dave at 303-941-0668 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 the West family on the death of step-father and grandfather, Walter Polnar, in Connecticut. Services are this afternoon

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

Prayers for continued healing and strength from cancer for Sue Schultz as she continues treatment for cancer

For healing for Dane Zwegardt as he continues treatment for 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, Mean Street Ministries, Apache Youth Ministries, East European Mission Network, Missionary Carrie, Tartu Academy of Theology

For Spirit of Hope mission allies: Marion Medical Missions, 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

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

May Anniversaries

5/31 Dave & Victoria Fisher

QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE

April income = **\$15,958**

April expenses = **\$12,427**

Checking = **\$29,352**

Money Market (Reserves) = **\$22,204**

Building Fund = **\$102,738**