



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, May 24, 2016

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THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE - MEMORIAL DAY SUNDAY

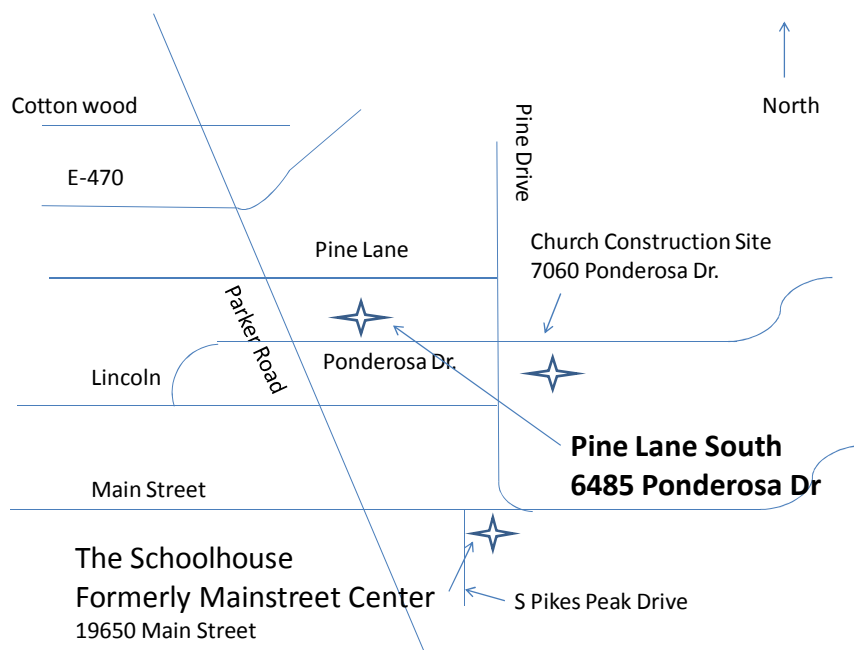
This coming Sunday, May 29, is the Sunday of the Memorial Day Weekend. Memorial Day is a national holiday when we as a nation remember with gratitude those who have given their lives in military service to our country. We will once again remember and honor our fallen servicemen and women at the beginning of worship at Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church. The message this Sunday will conclude our reading of 1 Corinthians 12 (verses 12-31). The apostle Paul speaks about how the church is to function in unity and he uses the famous illustration of the human body. Fellowship begins at 9:00 am followed by worship at 9:30 am. **THIS SUNDAY WILL BE THE LAST ONE AT THE CURRENT LOCATION OF THE SCHOOLHOUSE.** As such we will need to pack up some items we have been allowed to store at the Schoolhouse. If you can stay a little after prayer time to help with that it will be most appreciated!

CHANGE OF VENUE IN JUNE – IMPORTANT UPDATE!

By Pastor Dave

Last week board member Wendy Poch and I were able to tour two possible new locations for Sunday morning worship. Both were schools in the Douglas County School District. I thank Wendy for making some phone calls and arrangements for those tours. After the tours I made a recommendation to the church board that Spirit of Hope apply to Douglas County to rent the cafeteria and teacher's lounge at Pine Lane Elementary South. I made that application on Friday and received the approval of that application yesterday. Pine Lane South is located on Ponderosa Drive just east of Parker Road (6485 Ponderosa Dr, Parker, CO 80138; see map below). As such it is

the closest location yet to our future permanent home. Sunday fellowship and worship will begin there on June 5 (fellowship at 9:00 am and worship at 9:30 am). We will have use of a cafeteria room that will be set up with folding chairs. We will also be able to make coffee in a nearby teacher's lounge. In addition, there will be a piano for our use as well as some on site storage to put our hymnals, Bibles, and altar supplies. The rental rates are also less than where we have been worshipping. Perhaps the best thing about this move is the opportunity to establish a positive relationship with Pine Lane Elementary that can lead to ministry and service opportunities that will continue once we are established in our permanent location. The staff at Pine Lane has indicated that they are excited about the possibility to host a church there on Sundays! Thank you for your patience and prayers on this matter during the last few weeks.



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.

Prayers for our Youth Mission Team

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.

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, 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..."

Announcements for the Youth Mission Team:

Just a reminder for youth mission team members that we have quite a few important dates coming up:

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

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 Mean Street Ministry Street Walk, Overflow date, 4:45-9:30pm

7/9 Beach BBQ in the Burbs (SECOR), 11-2 pm (additional set up and clean up time is likely)

BEACH BBQ IN THE BURBS (SECOR), JULY 9TH

SECOR is hosting a special event for their guests that have families. The theme is a "Beach BBQ in the Burbs" and will include lots of water, sand, rubber duckies, face painting, games, and more! SECOR is expecting over 900 people to attend this event and they are planning on lots of activities for kids. Our youth group has been asked to come and help run parachute games and to be flexible in helping with whatever else might be needed. While the event runs from 11-3, please plan on being available from at least 10-3. We will fine tune the times as the event get's closer. Parents are welcome to volunteer as well. Make it a family affair!

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 CONCLUDES THIS SUNDAY

This coming Sunday concludes this month's collection drive for 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 IN THE BLUE MISSION'S TUB! THANK YOU!**

HOPEFUL SPIRITS NEWS!

The Hopeful Spirits Group will be having their next gathering on June 4. The event will be a brunch at the home of Sara Gutknecht (20490 Oakbrooke Lane, Parker, CO 80138). Contact Sara at (303) 805-4306 for more information. Also, Hopeful Spirits is on Facebook! You can keep up with all the latest happenings by clicking on the following link! <https://www.facebook.com/Hopeful-Spirits-The-Women-of-Spirit-of-Hope-Lutheran-Church-653118734825428/>

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.

BUILDING PROJECT NEWS

Thank you to Carl Winkelman, Jack Huebsch and Bill Byers for lawn mowing and weed removal from the construction site yesterday. Delivery of recycled asphalt is on hold until a necessary access permit is obtained from South Metro Fire and Rescue Authority. The Building Team, General Contractor, architect, and civil engineer who designed the outside of the fire suppression system are working to address issues from the Fire Department on the updated fire suppression system design. After fire department approval, construction can resume.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LCMC ANNUAL GATHERING

By Pastor Dave

The annual gathering of our association, Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC), is returning to Denver! For those of you who were around in 2012 when the gathering was last in Denver, it will be held at the same location as it was then, The Crowne Plaza Hotel and Convention Center near I-70 and Chambers. The event will start the afternoon of Sunday, October 2 and run through noon of Wednesday, October 5. Once again I volunteered to recruit the volunteers needed to help with greeting, registration, helping delegates navigate the convention center and running the gift table. There are a variety of shifts available and members of all LCMC congregations along the Front Range are asked to help. If you can give some time during the annual gathering to help show some Colorado hospitality to our LCMC brothers and sisters from all over the world, please contact me. Thanks!

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 a new round of stronger chemotherapy

Prayers for God's mercy, peace and comfort for the Schultz and Garret families. Will Garrett pass away at his home in Utah last Tuesday. Funeral services are scheduled in Utah for June 4

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

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) = **\$15,111**

May expense (to date) = **\$4,711**

Checking = **\$20,926**

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

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