



Mission News from SPIRIT OF HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH Wednesday, May 26, 2021

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THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE TRINITY SUNDAY

This Sunday we will be celebrating the fact that God is one God in three Persons. Pastor Wendy will share a brief history of the Athanasian Creed and we will use that creed to confess our Christian faith. Memorial Day will also be recognized at the beginning of our worship service.



We will conclude our reading through Hebrews as Pastor Wendy preaches on Hebrews 13:9-24 in the second part of her two-part sermon titled “The Christian Life”. **We are no longer asking you to register for seating.** Please just come and join us! We do ask that you continue to keep a healthy space between other household units that you don’t regularly interact with. At this time, we are still asking everyone to follow the CDC guidelines regarding masks. The live stream link will be sent later in the week for those who wish to worship with us online.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

Come join us for the final Sunday School class of the school year. We will be discussing John’s vision of the New Jerusalem as given in Revelation 21:1-7; 22-27. We will also look at the Gospel of John 5:21-29. The theme of our lesson is 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.

LOOKING FOR PRAYER WARRIORS FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

By Renee Nefe

Spirit of Hope does a fantastic job of supporting Operation Christmas Child each year by packing shoeboxes, but have you ever wanted to do more? The Area Team for our church is looking to fill the roles of Prayer Team Members. Prayer Team Members get together throughout the year to pray for OCC globally, nationally and locally. We also pray for the prayer needs of our team of year-round volunteers or any other prayer needs. We already have an awesome Prayer Team Coordinator but we need Team members to have a team! If you would like more information, please contact our Coordinator Jane huckabyjane@gmail.com who can give you more details on some of the exciting prayer opportunities we have coming up as we approach the OCC Collection season.



CHURCH GROUNDS WORK DAY

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2nd @ 8:30 am – 2:00 pm

We are seeking volunteers who can help with the church property on June 2nd. Come when you can and stay for as long as you're able.

Byers will operate the Zwegardt's Kubota tractor to mow large level areas. If possible, please bring a push mower, weed-wacker and string trim to supplement the effort to mow slopes and trim around the trees. Also, please bring work gloves, hand shovels, etc. to help with pulling weeds. The plan is as follows:

1. Clean up trash on grounds and in ditches along Pine Drive and Ponderosa Drive.
2. Mow the lot and trim around trees.
3. Remove weeds from planted areas.

Hope to see you on Wednesday, June 2nd.



**Come and
Join Us!**



HOLY COMMUNION EVERY SUNDAY!

We have returned 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.

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.

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:

June 2nd – July 28th: Psalm 119, taught 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

Loving Lord, at Pentecost you gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit. Help us to embrace and cherish this gift that is the gift of yourself. Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts through your word and allow Him to reveal your will to us. Through your Holy Spirit, show us where we need to make corrections in our lives. Help us to rely upon your Holy Spirit as our source of strength. And work through the Holy Spirit to create and strengthen our faith in Jesus Christ as



our Lord and Savior so that we may share the gift of life with all who need it. In your name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, we pray. Amen.

Please include the following people and situations in your prayers:

Please pray for...

DeDe Elliott's sister, Karen, who was taken to the hospital this morning due to not being fully responsive upon waking.

Carol Palin's God-Daughter Danette who is waiting for major surgery and Danette's daughter, Veronica, who is very active in sports and has torn her ACL.

Lee Case who is recovering from neck surgery and preparing for three more surgeries.

Esther Tracy who is recovering from surgery to repair her broken knee.
For Sara Gutknecht who is recovering from surgery to remove cancer from her liver.

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

June Birthdays

6/2 Christian Ramirez
6/4 Tiffany Poch
6/7 Kandy Parsons
6/13 Glenn Poch
6/15 Faith Giles
6/22 Ken Carpenter
6/26 Sheri Giles
6/28 Paul Reinicke
6/28 Hope Bradshaw

May Anniversaries

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

June Anniversaries

6/5 Carl & Marie Winkelman
6/8 Bob & Sherry Helmeke Clark
6/11 Pastor Wendy & Glenn Poch

QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE

May Income (to date) = \$80,146*

General Fund Offerings = \$15,359

Debt Reduction Offerings = \$9,500

Dedicated Offerings = \$5,136

Other Income = \$151

May Expenses (to date) = \$15,263**

Checking Accounts Balance = \$74,483

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

Money Market Account Balance = \$64,060

***Includes a gift of \$50,000 for a permanent sign upon completion of the Pine Lane expansion project.**

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