



## MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, May 3, 2016

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### **THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE – MOTHER’S DAY AND ASCENSION SUNDAY**

This coming Sunday, May 8, is Mother’s Day. At Spirit of Hope we will honor all moms at the beginning of worship. The message for the day will come from 1 Corinthians 13. This is the famous chapter in the Bible about love and we will look at the nature of how God loves us and how we are called to love each other. This day is also Ascension Sunday when we remember the Ascension of Jesus into heaven 40 days after His resurrection. Fellowship begins at 9:00 am and worship is at 9:30 am. Final Sunday School classes will take place this Sunday at 11:00 am.

### **FINAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES THIS SUNDAY!**

**By Pastor Dave**

This Sunday Spirit of Hope wraps up this season of Sunday class learning. I especially want to thank everyone who has stepped up the plate and delivered by teaching this year:

**Tiffany Poch and Sarah West for teaching our kid’s class!**

**Wendy and Glenn Poch for their continued teaching and care of our youth!**

**Wendy West for taking on the Women’s study and so ably facilitating this year!**

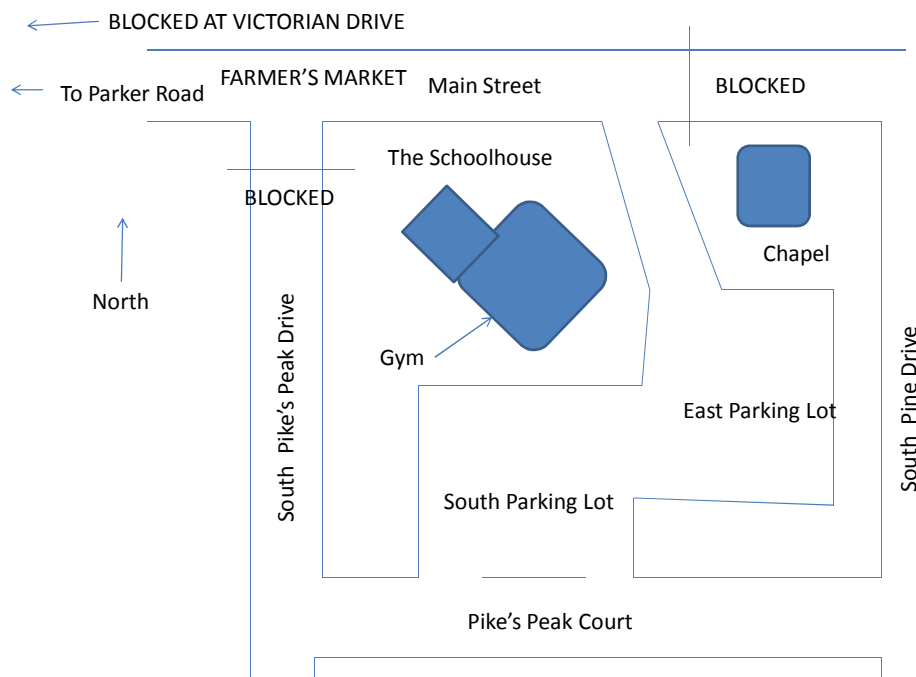
**Tim Lehnerz, Brad Hoyt and Wayne Schultz for sharing the teaching of the challenging “Culture Shock” curriculum and then for staying on and teaching the class about the Bible and its relevance for us!**

**THANK YOU ALL!**

Here is the line up for this Sunday's final class:  
Kid's are in the gym with Sarah West for a class from Compassion International called "Step into my Shoes"  
Confirmation students and youth are joining together in room 004 for a fun wrap up class with Glenn Poch  
Women are in room 200 for a class on women of the Bible  
The general adult class is meeting in room 204 for one last class on the relevance and reliability of the Bible

## **PARKER FARMER'S MARKET**

The Parker Farmer's Market is an open air market on Main Street that operates on the weekends during the summer. As such, traffic access to the Schoolhouse becomes restricted when the market is in operation. This coming weekend is the first of the season for the market. While parking has not been an issue for us in the past, please note the different routes you may need to take to arrive at The Schoolhouse for Sunday worship (see map below).



## **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER THIS THURSDAY**

This coming Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, is the National Day of Prayer in the United States. This event has been taking place in the USA officially since 1952. This year in Parker, Southeast Christian Church (9650

Jordan Rd, Parker, CO 80134) will host a one hour prayer service that morning from 7:00 to 8:00 am. Local pastors will lead participants in prayer for the nation by specifically praying for seven areas of influence in our society: Government, Military, Media, Business, Education, Church and Family. Unlike past years, this year's event will NOT be a breakfast, but will include beverage service. Come if you are able to prayer for our nation, state, county and town. If you are not able to make this event, please pause sometime during the day and lift America up in prayer.

### **DONATIONS TO SUPPORT THE YOUTH MISSION TEAM**

Each Sunday this May there will be a donation board with items that the youth mission team needs for their upcoming mission trip. If you are able to help send items with our team, please pull a post-it note from the board and return it with the item(s) that you are donating by May 22nd. Items on the board will range from single items that cost just a few dollars to Visa gift cards in amounts of \$50-\$100 each that will help tremendously with food/grocery and gas purchases.

The team needs to eat lunch on the road on the way back to home Colorado (they pack their breakfast and lunch on the way down to the reservation.) They also plan on sharing one fast food meal with some of the AYM staff and Kennel kids (we share many meals with them but the team cooks most of them from scratch.) If you are interested in helping us with gift cards to cover all or part of those meals, please contact Wendy Poch for details.

The largest donation the team is seeking is a check in the amount of \$250 payable to Little Blue Bird Studios which will cover our team t-shirts. LBB Studios is run by Apache Youth Ministries. 100% of the profits of our purchase at LBB Studios goes back to AYM. In addition, LBB Studios employs and provides regular income for several families that live on the reservation (a place where employment is very hard to come by.) Finally, our shirts will represent both Spirit of Hope as well as AYM/The Kennel (the AYM youth center) so they represent our partnership and commitment to our mission partner.

### **ENCOURAGEMENT NOTES FOR OUR MISSION TEAM**

Life can be hard on Native American reservations. The work that missionaries, even short term missionaries, do there can be

challenging as well. It can be a shocking experience, especially for the first time, but really, every time. Then there's just Arizona heat in the summer time, suddenly living and spending every waking moment with a large group of people, long days and often nights where good sleep is hard to come by. Encouragement is a very powerful thing! Therefore we are asking members and friends of Spirit of Hope to please consider writing short notes of encouragement to our Youth Mission Team members. You could write a very short note, even just a Bible verse. Of course you can write as many notes as you'd like (or as long of a letter as you desire.) You could even write one letter and just make copies for each team member (notes and letters often become treasures for life!) or send one letter to the team that will be read aloud to everyone. These encouragement notes will be distributed to team members throughout the mission trip. Should you decide to tape candy to the notes, please do not send chocolate (it tends to melt in the car!) But other treats are certainly welcome (and would be heartily enjoyed!) Please give your encouragement notes to Wendy Poch by May 22nd, which is the day our team will be commissioned at church.

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, Tim Reinicke, Gregory West, James West, Rachel West.  
Young Adult Assistant Leaders: Tiffany Poch, Sarah West  
Adult Leaders: Tim Lehnerz, Glenn Poch, Wendy Poch, Brenda Reinicke (NEW!)

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..."

### **CALLING ALL PRAYER WARRIORS**

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](mailto: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.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE YOUTH MISSION TEAM:**

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

**5/21 Youth Mission Trip Training #2, Poch Home, 9-3 (Required for all team members.)**

**5/22 Youth Mission Team Commissioning during worship service**

**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.)**

### **CHURCH DIRECTORY**

**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. 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...moved? Changed phone numbers? Added family members? Please send all updated info to Renee at [reneenefe@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:reneenefe@yahoo.com); [Tom@exampleemail.com](mailto:Tom@exampleemail.com);

[Chrissy@exampleemail.com](mailto: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.

### **SUNDAY EVENTS IN MAY**

**Sunday, May 8, Mother's Day/Ascension Sunday**

**Sunday, May 15, Pentecost, Confirmation, and Founder's Sunday!**

**Sunday, May 22, Trinity Sunday, Youth Mission Trip Commissioning**

**Sunday, May 29, Memorial Day Sunday**

### **FOUNDER'S SUNDAY POTLUCK COMING!**

On Sunday, May 15, we will not only celebrate Pentecost and Confirmation, but also Founder's Sunday, the Sunday closest to when Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church officially started. To celebrate we will have a potluck brunch/luncheon following worship at 11:00 am. Please bring a main dish brunch or lunch item, or a salad, or side dish. Although Sunday's after worship announcement included dessert, there will be a cake to celebrate the confirmation of Thane Larson that Sunday. Beverages and table service will be provided.

### **LETTER WRITING SUNDAY FOR MONICA OJEDA**

As many of you know, Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church sponsors a child through Compassion International, Monica Ojeda in Columbia. Occasionally Monica writes a letter to us. Before and after worship on Sunday, May 22, a table will be set up in the gym at The Schoolhouse for you to write a short letter or postcard of encouragement to Monica. According to Compassion International, these letters are special to the children who receive them and become very encouraging to them. Please take a few moments on Sunday, May 22, to send a note to Monica!

### **CHANGE OF VENUE IN JUNE**

As announced at worship on Sunday, May will be the last month that Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church holds Sunday worship, fellowship and education at The Schoolhouse. The gym where we worship at The Schoolhouse is scheduled for demolition this summer to make way

for a new restaurant at the complex. Other areas of The Schoolhouse are neither available nor workable for our congregational needs. Therefore, starting June 5, summer worship and fellowship will be held at The Parker Senior Center (10675 Longs Way, Parker, CO 80138). Spirit of Hope has held worship at the Senior Center as recently as last November. The plan is to worship there this summer and then transition into the new church facility once it is finished.

## **YOUTH NEWS**

### ***Upcoming Youth Group Events***

5/15 Youth Group Night, Poch Home, 6-8:30 pm

5/21 Youth Mission Trip Training #2, Poch Home, 9-3

5/22 Youth Mission Trip Commissioning during worship service

6/4-6/11 Youth Mission Trip to the White Mountain Apache Nation

6/12 Youth Mission Trip Share during worship service

6/15 Prayer and Pie Night, Village Inn, 7-8:30 pm

## **VOLUNTEERING AT SECOR**

### **By Pastor Dave**

As those of you who were able to stay for SECOR Development Director Mike Dworak's presentation on Sunday learned, 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 and sort 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 and Thursday, May 26 from 5:30 – 6:30 pm.

### **TOMATO PRODUCTS DRIVE THIS MONTH**

May is a five Sunday month and we are collecting your donations of 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 EACH SUNDAY IN THE BLUE MISSION'S TUB! THANK YOU!

### **HOPEFUL SPIRITS MEETING MINUTES 4/12/16 (by Sara Gutknecht)**

Present were: Marie Winkleman, Cathy Morano, Jean Huebsch, Andrea Hoyt, Carol Palin and Sara Gutknecht.

Our meeting was opened with prayer.

Carol Palin brought a prayer quilt that she has finished and can be held in readiness in case we need one for somebody.

Cathy Morano brought some table toppers that her sister had made her and thought these could be made for our craft fair. She will email directions.

We discussed updating the church directory - since our meeting, Renee has emailed me and has gotten the software from Pastor and will be taking pictures in May.

Carol Palin discussed her concerns with Measure 69 - ColoradoCare...very interesting and will affect anyone with health insurance. Thanks for sharing, Carol!

We discussed our craft/bake sale in October - determined the date will be October 16th before and after church. Part of the proceeds will go to charitable concerns supported by our church.

We took turns writing in a card to Judy Mackie, letting her know how much she is missed. Sara mailed this to Judy; Judy texted me back and had received the card.

We are thinking it is time to have another brunch ---possible in June -- -date to be determined.



**Sara gave a devotion on Spiritual Spring Cleaning or Spring Clean up for Heart and Soul.**

**Since we were doing a plant exchange today, Jean Huebsch thought it would be interesting to discuss the plants in the Bible. She forwarded a list which was printed out and shared -- many, many plants. We took turns picking a plant and reading the corresponding verse in the Bible.**

**Our meeting was closed with prayer.**

**Next meeting May 10, 2016 at Sara's house**

**Devotion -- Jean Huebsch**

**Treat - Marie Winkleman**

### **BUILDING PROJECT NEWS**

**We are still waiting for the ground to sufficiently dry out before rescheduling the delivery of recycled asphalt. The initial rough spread of the asphalt will be done with machinery by members of the Building Team. Stay tuned for calls for volunteers for any compaction work needed once the rough spread is completed. Arrangements are also being made to bring temporary electrical power to the site. Please continue to pray for the safety of all who come to work at the site; professional or volunteer. Thank you!**

**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](mailto: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 comfort for the family of Susan Spancers' friend Jane Grifasi who passed away on Sunday afternoon

Prayers for God's mercy, peace and comfort for Sue and Wayne Schultz' son-in-law, Will Garrett, and their daughter, Cindy Garret, in Utah as Will is now receiving hospice care

For continued healing and recovery for Herb Potthoff from a recent shoulder surgery

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

Prayer for safety for Steve and Sara Gutknecht's son-in-law, Jon Claassen, who is deployed overseas with the U.S. Army

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 continued healing and strength for Sue Schultz from 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**

April income = **\$14,913**

April expenses = **\$13,993**

May expenses (to date) = **\$5,209**

May expense (to date) = **\$1,000**

Checking = **\$22,189**

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

Building Fund = **\$127,339**