



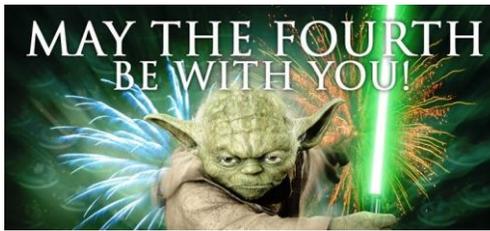
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Mission & Ministry News

SPIRIT OF HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Wednesday, May 4, 2022

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Today is May 4th.

May the Fourth is Star Wars Day!



May the Fourth for Lutherans...!



THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

This Sunday is Mother's Day. We will be honoring Mothers and those who have been motherly to us. We begin with a **PANCAKE BREAKFAST** from 8:30 am – 9:15 am before worship (see article further down for more details). We will continue our Spirit of Hope tradition of presenting our moms with a flower at the beginning of worship. Please note that due to Mother's Day, we will NOT be having Sunday School this week in order to allow those who wish to have more time to gather with their families.



Our text this Sunday is Acts 16:16-34 in which Paul casts out a demon and Paul and Silas end up in jail, have the opportunity to escape, and choose not to. Lots of good stuff there! Come and join us as we worship our risen Christ at 9:30 am!



CONGRATULATIONS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!

At Spirit of Hope we have a tradition of honoring and praying a prayer of blessing over those who are graduating from high school. In worship this Sunday, we will recognize Kendall Hanson who is graduating from Regis High School. Congratulations Kendall!

SUNDAY, MAY 8th MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

The men of Spirit of Hope will be cooking up a pancake breakfast before worship as a way to show love and appreciation to all the mothers, grandmothers and ladies in the congregation. The best part is EVERYONE (men, women, children, married, single, friends, neighbors...) is welcome to join us for breakfast! Breakfast will be served from 8:30 – 9:15 am. Kindly RSVP here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f49aea72aa6fbc52-mothers>



COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR

Normally, Pastor Wendy is at Fika on Mainstreet on Fridays from 9-11am. However, this Friday (5/6) and next Friday (5/13) she will not be there, nor will she be in the office, due to important family commitments. The office will still be open thanks to our faithful office volunteers!



Wednesday, May 4th

7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

7:00 pm Bible Study

Sunday, May 8th

Mother's Day!

8:30 am Pancake Breakfast

9:30 am Worship

Tuesday, May 3rd

12:00 – 1:15 pm Digging Deeper Bible Study

2:00 – 4:30 pm Stephen Minister Training

4:30 pm Church Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 4th

7:00 pm Bible Study

RIGHTNOW MEDIA ACCESS

Spirit of Hope family and friends all have access to RightNow Media, which has thousands of video-based Bible studies, lectures and programs. If you missed a



Sunday School class, you can still access that video from home! Are you babysitting the grandkids? There are tons of Christian children's programs that you can watch together, giving you a fun opportunity to share your faith with the next generation. Interested in studying a book of the Bible on your own, but would like a little help...you now have access to some of the world's most popular pastors and Bible teachers all in the comfort of your own home. Spirit of Hope has paid for a congregational membership which means you can access this all for free. You can also share this gift with your family, friends, neighbors or anyone else you feel might be blessed by this resource. Here's the link to use or share for access:

<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/SOH>



FOUNDER'S DAY PICNIC: SUNDAY, MAY 15th HAPPY BIRTHDAY SPIRIT OF HOPE!!!

(UPDATED ARTICLE!)

Spirit of Hope was founded on May 16, 2010. We will be celebrating our 12th birthday with an all-church picnic on Sunday, May 15th after worship. Sunday School will be in recess that day. Hot-

dogs, bratwurst, pasta and beverages will be provided. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. You're also encouraged to bring your lawn chairs. Weather permitting, we will have outdoor lawn games, including horseshoes and corn hole as well as activities for kids!

Preaching Christ Crucified

I am familiar with a pastor, Rev. Tom Brock, who runs a website that calls out heresies in Christian denominations that have strayed from God's Word. In recent weeks, he has been examining sermons from such denominations and found that many Sunday morning sermons made no mention of Jesus. None. Many more made a cursory mention of Jesus, but the Gospel of Jesus Christ was in no way the focal point of the message. Most of these sermons are about social justice, politics, or favorite topics that become the "hobby horse" of the preacher.





As you can see, here at Spirit of Hope, we preach the good news of Jesus Christ. Spirit of Hope was founded as a congregation that desires to be faithful to God, faithful to the Word, and who has been called into existence to make disciples of Jesus Christ. That tradition, more importantly, that calling, continues as we each strive to be faithful to our Lord and share the Good News of salvation with the world that so desperately needs to hear it. May the Word of God always be found in

our hearts and on our lips and may he be glorified in all that we do together in his name!

Your Sister in Christ,
Pastor Wendy

FROM THE LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS **Luther's Evening Prayer**

"I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that you would forgive me my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into your hands, I commend myself, my body, my soul, and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen."



"Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!" (Psalm 141:2)

"I still find it necessary every day to look for time during which I may pray. And I am satisfied if, when I retire, I can recite the Ten Commandments, pray the Lord's Prayer, and then add a Bible verse or two. Meditating on these, I fall asleep" (WLS 3458).



UPDATE



THE NEW DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!

You can pick them up in the narthex at the church. Please indicate that you have received it on the printed master list.

“Church Family: We may not have it all together, but together we have it all!” (Author unknown).

DAILY BIBLE READING

As a congregation, we are reading through God’s Word together! This reading plan is designed to connect the dots between Sunday preaching texts and help us all to grow in God’s Word. Since we are moving out of John and into Acts and the Epistles, it’s a great time to join us in a new section of Scripture! Here is the current reading schedule:

Weds., May 4 th	Acts 13:1-12	Barnabas and Saul Commission
Thursday, May 5 th	Acts 15:1-21	The Council of Jerusalem
Friday, May 6 th	Acts 15:36–16:4	Timothy Joins Paul
Saturday, May 7 th	Acts 16:11-15	Conversion of Lydia
Sunday, May 8 th	Acts 16:16-34	Paul and Silas in Prison
Monday, May 9 th	Acts 16:35-40	Paul Released from Jail
Tuesday, May 10 th	Acts 10:1-23	Conversion of Cornelius, Part 1
Weds. May 11 th	Acts 10:24-33	Conversion of Cornelius, Part 2

COMING UP THIS SUMMER...

***Summer Preaching Series:

“Finding Hope: Encouragement Through the Prophet Jeremiah”

***Seminars: “Christian Decision Making at Life’s End”

***Summer Fellowship Groups

***Special Bible Study: “The Reason for God” by Tim Keller

And more! Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks.

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

**SUNDAYS @ 11:00 AM (In Recess This Week!)
REFLECTIONS ON THE LORD'S PRAYER**



Join Ken Curtis, via RightNow Media, on this journey into the world of The Lord's Prayer from original locations in Israel that were important in the life of Jesus. The Lord's Prayer is not just a way of praying. It's a way of "seeing." When the prayer is grasped and uttered from the heart, it can -- and will -- change us. We realize how we are not alone, no matter how difficult or seemingly hopeless our situation. Even in our pain, there can come a joy and a feeling of rightness about our

world. Our own Ken Carpenter will lead this study and will include notes of his own and writings from Martin Luther at various points throughout the course.

**SUNDAYS @ 11:00 AM: CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL
(In Recess This Week!)**

Elementary aged students have their own Sunday School class where they learn more about the sermon topic in fun and creative ways! If the sermon topic is not youth-friendly, the kids will learn about worship elements and/or topics such as prayer, service, how to study God's Word, etc.

**DIGGING DEEPER WITH PASTOR WENDY
THE GOSPEL OF JOHN
TUESDAYS 12:00 – 1:15 pm**

Join Pastor Wendy as we dig deeper into the Gospel of John. You are welcome to bring a lunch! No homework and no prep.



**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 7:00 PM
BIBLE STUDY: THE GREAT DIVORCE**

Each chapter is essentially a stand-alone unit filled with the issues we often have in both giving and receiving God's grace.

Lewis' allegory describes a fictional trip between "the outskirts of hell" and the "outskirts of heaven". The characters are fascinating...as are the issues that keep so many of them from the free and ample invitation to join God in his heavenly kingdom. We listen to each chapter together as a class before discussing what both the book and God's Word has to say on each topic. Come and join us!

MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

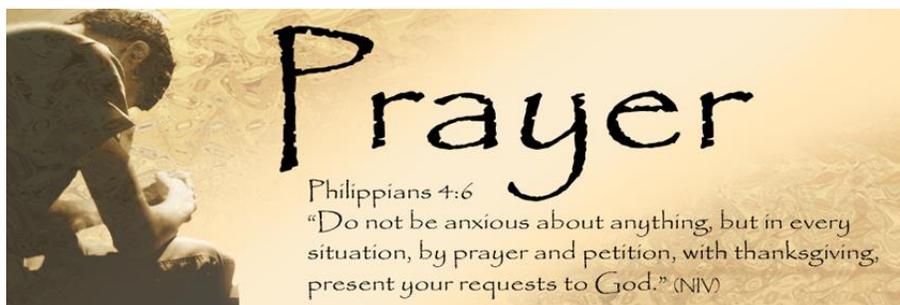


May Birthdays

5/4 Chuck West
5/4 Kevin Haughn
5/5 Pastor Wendy Poch
5/8 Nick Lehnerz
5/16 Larry Jordahl
5/18 Pastor Dave Fisher
5/21 Kayanna Larson
5/27 Brad Hoyt
5/29 Andrea Hoyt
5/31 Tiffany Hanson

May Anniversaries

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



Jesus said; "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28).

Prayer Requests - If you have a prayer request, please contact Pastor Wendy @ 303-841-3553 or wendy.poch@spiritofhopelcmc.org



A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

By Pastor Wendy

Gracious God, some who are near and dear to us are in the process of graduating from high school and college. They are your precious children. We lift them up before you and ask

you to watch over them, lead and guide them, as they step out in faith to serve you in a world that is hurting and broken. Show them how to use the skills they've learned to serve others, and in doing so, may they glorify you. 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:

For Pr. Dave as he recovers from surgery on his shoulder.

For a friend of the congregation who is grieving the death of his wife.

For Krista and her loved ones as they deal with a terminal diagnosis.

For the Tartu Academy of Theology/Home of Hope and SONetwork as they serve Ukrainian refugees and share the love and comfort of the Gospel.

For Kandy, John, Susan, DeDe, and Lyle as they train to become Stephen Ministers and for Kandy as she is also leading this important ministry.

For Patricia who is recovering from cervical fusion surgery.

For Tracey who is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

For the situation in Ukraine.

For a loved one who is dealing with severe anxiety and depression.

For Brad, who is recovering from a car accident that caused numerous and significant injuries.

For Rebecca who is undergoing radiation.

For Sara as she undergoes new cancer treatments.

For Janie as she continues to recover from pancreatic surgery.

For those who are first responders to all emergencies: fire fighters, paramedics, EMTs and law enforcement.

For all of our local, state, and federal leaders that they would hear God's voice and lead with His wisdom.

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. We also pray for missionaries around the world.

For Spirit of Hope mission partners: Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ, SECORCares, Mean Street Ministry, Alternatives Pregnancy Center, Apache Youth Ministries, LCMC Disaster Relief, Lutheran Military Veterans and Families Ministries, Tartu Academy of Theology, Marion Medical Mission.

For Spirit of Hope mission allies: Compassion International, SONetwork,
Operation Christmas Child/Samaritan's Purse, the Institute of Lutheran
Theology, Stephen Ministry.
All of our military fighting for our freedoms.

QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE

May Income (to date) = \$18,768

General Fund Offerings = \$4,645

Debt Reduction Offerings = \$520

Dedicated Offerings = \$13,475*

Other Income = \$128

May Expenses = \$2,561

Checking Accounts Balance = \$48,180

Debt Reduction Account Balance = \$28,675

Money Market Account Balance = \$122,344

*Includes \$13,170 given to the Tartu Academy of Theology at our special mission dinner on May 1st.