



**SPIRIT OF HOPE**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, May 5, 2020

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**ASSOCIATE PASTOR WENDY POCH IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES THIS COMING SATURDAY, MAY 9, AT 303-841-3553.**

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

### **THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER AND MOTHER’S DAY!**

This coming Sunday is the fifth Sunday of the Easter season! Of course, it is also Mother’s Day! Although we cannot celebrate Mother’s Day this year as we normally do, we will recognize and commemorate the holiday during our YouTube worship service this coming Sunday. We will also continue reading through the letter of 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians. This Sunday we continue in chapter one as Paul and Timothy explain plans that needed changing and follow up on an issue of discipline in the Corinthian church. The text is 2 Cor.1:12-2:11 and the themes of confidence, integrity and forgiveness will be covered in these verses. Sunday’s service will also be a traditional liturgical service with some well-known hymns. Watch for the email with this Sunday’s YouTube link and worship guide.

During this extraordinary time, we continue to thank you for remembering Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church with your offerings sent either to the church address, to our Financial Secretary, Renee Nefe,

or using the new donate button on our website. Thank you for your support not only financially, but especially through your prayers.

### **WEDNESDAY MEN'S PRAYER "BREAKFAST" IS TOMORROW**

Tomorrow will be the next gathering of men on Zoom for our bi-monthly prayer meeting. While we cannot enjoy breakfast together at a local restaurant, we can grab that coffee or other breakfast beverage and join together for a time of online fellowship and prayer. A Zoom link was sent out to all men yesterday for the meeting which goes from 8:00 am to 9:00 am.

### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY IS TOMORROW**

Midweek Adult Bible Study continues tomorrow, Wednesday, May 6, at 7:00 pm via a Zoom meeting. We will finish the first chapter of the letter of 1<sup>st</sup> Peter in the New Testament. This coming Wednesday we will cover 1 Peter 2.

Information on how to join the class that Pastor Dave will host will be sent out to the congregation via a separate email.

### **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER VIRTUAL EVENT – THURSDAY**

This Thursday, May 7th is the National Day of Prayer. Because of the pandemic situation there will not be any in-person gatherings to pray together this year. However, on Thursday, May 7th there will be a virtual event at 7AM and again at Noon. A Teleconference will be set up that can include up to a thousand people from our Christian Community in the Parker Area. There will be Pastors and Christian leaders from our area to lead us in this hour-long Concert of Prayer for our world, nation and local community. The theme this year is; Pray for God's Glory Across the Earth from Habakkuk 2:14.

Please join with fellow sisters and brothers in Christ us on Thursday, May 7th at 7AM or join us for the same prayer service that will be played again at Noon. Information on how to join will go out on a separate email to all Spirit of Hope members and friends.

### **LADIES COFFEE HOUR: SATURDAY, MAY 9TH, 10:00 AM**

Women of all ages are invited to grab a cup of coffee (or their favorite drink) and join together for a special time of fellowship. Pastor Wendy will lead a brief devotion and then we will check in with one another,

chat, and just enjoy each other's company. The meeting will begin at 10 am on Zoom. An invitation link will be sent out on Friday. Come and join us!

### **SATURDAY STORIES WITH PASTOR WENDY**

Pastor Wendy is now doing a special YouTube recording once a week with special stories (with a Biblical/Christian emphasis, of course) for all our little ones (pre-school and early elementary). A link will be sent to the congregation on Saturday morning. You are welcome to watch this video at home with your little ones or share it with your kids and grandkids. We want our little ones to know that they are very special and very important, especially during this time that we cannot meet together physically as a congregation.

### **PASTOR WENDY'S CONTRACT EXTENSION**

**By Pastor Dave**

We have been blessed the last 15 months to have Rev. Wendy Poch serve our congregation as an Associate Pastor under an LCMC contract call. Her help and dedication have, I think, been appreciated by all. As you may remember, the letter of call that the congregation extended to her in January of last year has an extension provision from June 1 to August 31, 2020. Given the current unique situation we are in during the pandemic and the need for extra help in dealing with it, plus the desire to continue to have Pastor Wendy serve at Spirit of Hope, the church board at their meeting of Tuesday, April 29, unanimously voted to activate this extension.

Our 2020 budget has compensation in it earmarked for this extension. Further, I was approached by a donor several months ago who desired to provide extra dedicated funds to increase Pastor Wendy's compensation during the extension should it be activated. The donor wished to remain anonymous and hoped the offer of extra funds would allow for Pastor Wendy to work full time during the extension period. At Tuesday's meeting the church board also unanimously voted to accept the funds and increase Pastor Wendy's compensation from June 1 - August 31.

## **KING SOOPER'S COMMUNITY REWARD PROGRAM**

**Our congregation has registered as a participating organization in King Soopers and City Market's Community Rewards Program. King Soopers and City Market return a portion of customer purchases to registered non-profit and faith-based organizations.**

**For a King Sooper or City Market shopper to participate he or she needs to have a loyalty card (available from the customer service counter at any King Sooper or City Market store) and register online designating Spirit of Hope as the organization of choice. Then when the customer shops online or at a local store and swipes their Loyalty Card, funds will be donated to Spirit of Hope at no added cost to the customer.**

### **To Use the King Soopers or City Market Community Rewards Program:**

**Simply visit the appropriate link below.**

**\* For King Soopers Stores - go to <http://www.kingsoopers.com>**

**\* For City Market Stores - go to <http://www.citymarket.com>**

**Once logged into the King Soopers or City Market account search for Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church either by name or ED165 (our registration number) and then click Enroll. New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a loyalty card. PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED PDF FILE FOR STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTIONS ON CREATING AN ACCOUNT ONLINE.**

**\*Customers must have a registered King Soopers or City Market loyalty card account to link to our organization.**

**\*If a member does not yet have a King Soopers or City Market loyalty card, they are available at the customer service desk at any King Soopers or City Market.**

**Each quarter King Soopers and City Market return a portion of a set amount to those organizations enrolled in the program on a pro-rated basis.**

If you are a regular shopper at King Soopers or City Market, please consider participating in this program that will benefit Spirit of Hope. Thank you.

### **NEED SOME FRESH AIR AND SOMETHING TO DO?**

With social distancing keep us in our houses for so long now, you may be looking for things to do and reasons to get out of the house and in the fresh air! If so, and if you want to do something purposeful, we have a project for you! With the return of spring and the moisture that we received in April; weeds are starting to make a return to the church property. Thanks to Carol Palin, the area around the front of the church was cleared of weeds yesterday. There are still some more in the parking lot islands that could be removed. No need to RSVP, just stop by on a nice day at your convenience and do what you can. Please place weeds in the dumpster. It will be most appreciated!

### **FREE LIBRARY RESOURCES FROM ILT**

The Institute of Lutheran Theology, the seminary that Pastor Wendy attends, has opened up K-12 resources in their library for free from now through August for those who need access while doing school at home. Please contact Pastor Wendy if you would like more information. The collection includes:

Full text for more than 70 popular, magazines for elementary school research.

Full text for more than 140 popular, middle school magazines, 84,774 biographies, 105,786 primary source documents, and a School Image Collection of photos, maps and flags.

Full text for more than 540 popular, high school magazines, 440 full text reference books, 85,670 biographies, 105,786 primary source documents, and an Image Collection of over 502,000 photos, maps & flags.

An elementary, middle, and high school eBook reference collections offering a rich selection of eBook titles covering a broad range of

general reference subjects, topics including social studies, history, language arts, geography, culture, math, and science.

High School level full text titles with unlimited access designed specifically to support a quality learning experience for High School students across all academic subjects from History, to Language and Literature, to Science & Technology. **AND MUCH MORE!**

### **UPDATE ON WAYS TO GIVE TO SPIRIT OF HOPE**

We have successfully installed a donation button on our church's website at [www.spiritofhopelcmc.org](http://www.spiritofhopelcmc.org). It is in the upper left-hand area of the main page of the website. It uses the PayPal platform. If you wish to give or donate to Spirit of Hope using the button, you will be taken to the PayPal site where you can use a credit card or, if you have a PayPal account, you can make your donation through your PayPal account. However, you do not have to have a PayPal account to give. We hope that this may be of help during the stay at home situation. Please be aware, though, that all donations cost the church a processing fee. PayPal takes 2.2% + \$0.30 of each donation.

The church has purchased and installed a new secure mailbox at the church facility. You can mail checks directly to the church address:

**Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church  
7060 E. Ponderosa Drive  
Parker, CO 80138**

You may also still mail them directly to our Financial Secretary, Renee Nefe, at:

**Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church  
c/o Renee Nefe  
10565 Humboldt Peak Way  
Parker, CO 80138**

Please place the letter "O" on the back of your envelope so that we know what the contents are. Thank you, again, so much for all the tithes, offerings and gifts you have sent since the stay at home orders

went into effect. Our financial position continues to hold steady because of your generosity.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE PASTORS**

If you need to contact the pastors for any reason during this time please use the following:

**Senior Pastor Dave Fisher – 303-941-0668 (voice & text)**

**[pastordave@spiritofhopelcmc.org](mailto:pastordave@spiritofhopelcmc.org) (email)**

**Associate Pastor Wendy Poch – 303-514-5266 (voice & text)**

**[wendy.poch@spiritofhopelcmc.org](mailto:wendy.poch@spiritofhopelcmc.org) (email)**

**PASTORS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR FACE TO FACE MEETINGS VIA ZOOM, FACETIME, DUO AND SKPYE.**

**Prayer Requests** - If you have a prayer request for the prayer team please contact Pastor Wendy Poch or Pastor Dave Fisher at 303-841-3553 or [wendy.poch@spiritofhopelcmc.org](mailto:wendy.poch@spiritofhopelcmc.org). or [pastordave@spiritofhopelcmc.org](mailto: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 our nation and Parker community as we deal with the COVID-19 coronavirus situation that the virus will be suppressed, that those infected will be healed and that those who have lost loved ones will be comforted, and that the return to more normal life will go smoothly

For those in the nation of Malawi who are suffering from the effects of recent continual rains, subsequent flooding and now the arrival of the coronavirus

For Monica Ojeda and the other Compassion International Children sponsored by members of Spirit of Hope who are affected by the fight against the coronavirus world wide

For our mission partners at Apache Youth Ministries as they seek to minister during a lock-down of the White Mountain Apache Nation in Arizona

For the Tartu Academy of Theology in Tartu, Estonia as they deal with the effects of the current pandemic and seek to continue funding to finance the Home of Hope project

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, Southeast Community Outreach, Mean Street Ministry, Apache Youth Ministries, East European Mission Network, Missionary Carrie, Tartu Academy of Theology

For Spirit of Hope mission allies: Marion Medical Mission, 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 (Members and Friends)**

### **May Birthdays**

5/4 Chuck West  
5/4 Kevin Haughn  
5/4 Crystal Trawny  
5/5 Pastor 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**

5/18 Kevin & Sandra Haughn  
5/31 Dave & Victoria Fisher

## **QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE**

**April income = \$27,184**

**General Fund Offerings = \$25,368**

**Debt Reduction Offerings = \$1,150**

**Dedicated Offerings = \$440**

**Other Income\* = \$226**

**April expenses = \$8,081**

**May income (to date) = \$20,000**

**General Fund Offerings = \$0**

**Debt Reduction Offerings = \$0**

**Dedicated Offerings = \$20,000\*\***

**Other Income\* = \$0**

**May expenses (to date) = \$4,190**

**Checking = \$40,543**

**Money Market = \$23,219 (Reserves = \$10,436 Dedicated = \$12,783)**

**Building Loan Interest Escrow = \$30,568**

**\*Other Income comes from individuals and organization outside of Spirit of Hope (e.g. Thrivent, other churches, etc.)**

**\*\*Represents \$10,000 gift to Tartu Academy of Theology and \$10,000 donation to building needs**