



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Wednesday, May 5, 2021

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THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

This Sunday we will be continuing our reading through Hebrews as Pastor Wendy preaches on Hebrews 12:5-17 which focuses on how the discipline of the Lord is a blessing to his children. We will also honor mothers and those who have been like mothers in our lives. Sunday School will take place after our post-worship fellowship.



We are asking everyone who wishes to worship in the sanctuary to reserve seating in advance. To reserve seating for this service, please click (or copy/paste) here: <https://sohworshipmay9.eventbrite.com>.

The live stream link will be sent later in the week.

SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS WEEK

This Sunday in our intergenerational Sunday School class we will be studying Acts 17:1-15 and 2 Timothy 3:10-17. The lesson is about the importance of studying and searching the Scriptures. All ages are welcome!

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Tuesday – Friday from 9 am – 1 pm.

When you arrive at the church office, please call the church office at 303-841-3553 and someone will let you in. As always, we are eager to greet you!

YOU KNOW YOU'RE A LUTHERAN IF...

(Taken from the book of the same title written by Janet Martin and Suzann Nelson, ©2002, Caragana Press)

“You know that Luther’s Rose belongs on a lapel, not in a vase.”

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!



*****STARTS TONIGHT!*****

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 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. If you would like to attend via Zoom, please let Pastor Wendy know by 5:00 pm tonight. Come and join us!

FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATION!

Spirit of Hope was founded on May 18, 2010. Last year, we were unable to celebrate our tenth anniversary because

our building was closed due to COVID. However, while we are still battling this pandemic, thanks to the vaccines that are available, we are now in a much better situation. **Therefore, on Sunday, May 16th, we will be celebrating our eleventh anniversary with a potluck brunch after worship. Everyone who wishes to participate is asked to bring a brunch dish to share. You are also encouraged to bring lawn chairs**



so that you may sit outside and/or spread out throughout the building (depending on the weather). In order to keep everyone as safe as possible, members of the Church Board will be serving the food. We will not have Sunday School that day.



ALTERNATIVES PREGNANCY CENTER BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

On Sunday, May 9th, which is Mother's Day, we will be starting a baby bottle fundraising drive for Alternatives Pregnancy Center. We will be handing out empty baby bottles and 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 Hansen for organizing this project.

SUNDAY SCHOOL IN MAY

May 9th Text: Acts 17:1-15; 2 Timothy 3:10-17

Story: Searching the Scriptures

Theme: Study

May 16th No Class: FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATION

May 23rd Text: Philemon 1; Romans 6:17-23

Story: Paul's Request to Philemon

Theme: Reconciliation

May 30th Text: Revelation 21:1-7; 22-27; John 5:21-29

Story: John's Vision of the New Jerusalem

Theme: Hope

Starting in June, Sunday School will be in recess until September 12th.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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.

CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have moved, changed phone numbers or email addresses, please send your new info to Pastor Wendy so that the church has updated information. Thank you.

NEW ADDRESS & PHONE NUMBERS

Steve and Sara G. have moved to Franktown. Please update the following information in your Spirit of Hope directory!

Address: 7250 Fox Creek Trail, Franktown, 80116
Steve's cell. 303 518 3460
Sara's. 303 518 3461

MISSION PARTNERS AND ALLIES

Here at Spirit of Hope we have quite a few mission partners and allies. What's the difference? A mission partner receives regular prayer support and financial support out of our quarterly benevolence funds (the church's tithe). A mission ally receives prayer support and financial support as special needs arise and as we are



able to support them. Here is a list of all of our current mission partners and allies:

Mission Partners:

Alternatives Pregnancy Center
Apache Youth Ministries
Institute of Lutheran Theology (M.Div. Scholarship Program)
Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ
Marion Medical Mission
Mean Street Ministry
SECORCares
Tartu Academy of Theology

Mission Allies:

Compassion International
LCMC Disaster Relief
SONetwork

UPCOMING WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

All classes begin at 7:00 pm at the church. Here are the upcoming classes:

May 5th – 26th: Wrestling with the Word: A Cruciform Theology of Scripture, taught by Pastor Wendy.

June 2nd – July 28th: Psalm 119, developed by Right Now Media and led by Pastor Wendy.

August 4th – September 8th: How to be a Christian Without Being Religious, taught by Ken Carpenter.

DOUGLAS COUNTY COLORADO COVID UPDATE

As of Friday, April 16th, Douglas County is no longer on a COVID dial. This will help us to have a slightly increased seating capacity. Masks are still required at all times while in the building except for worship leaders actively leading worship, while taking communion during worship, or at the discretion of a class/meeting instructor. Pastor Wendy and the church board continue to monitor the situation and may make further adjustments as deemed necessary.



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, as we begin a new week, show us how to best love those around us. Lead us to people who are hurting so that we may show them your love. Open our eyes so that we can see people the way you see people. Help us to love others as you have loved us. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.

Please include the following people and situations in your prayers:

We continue to pray for...

Pastor Dave and Victoria as Pastor Dave transitions into retirement.

Lee Case who is recovering from neck surgery.

Sara Gutknecht who is recovering from surgery to remove cancer from her liver.

Esther Tracy who is recovering from surgery to repair her broken knee.

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

May Anniversaries

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



QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE

May Income (to date) = \$14,368

General Fund Offerings = \$6,057

Debt Reduction Offerings = \$3,200

Dedicated Offerings = \$5,111

Other Income = \$0

May Expenses (to date) = \$1241

Checking Accounts Balance = \$38,387

Savings Account Balance = \$40,543

Money Market Account Balance = \$58,010

April Income (to date) = \$42,283

General Fund Offerings = \$14,149

Debt Reduction Offerings = \$18,600

Dedicated Offerings = \$3,287

Other Income = \$2,987*

April Expenses (to date) = \$12,879

***Includes sale of construction trailer.**