



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, May 9, 2017

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THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

It is Mother's Day this coming Sunday. At Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church we will once again recognize and honor all mothers at the beginning of service. We also will conclude our reading of the Acts of the Apostles. After being shipwrecked on the island of Malta, Paul ministers to the locals and then makes his way to Rome where he shares the good news with Jews and Gentiles in the capital of the empire. This week's message comes from Acts 28:1-31. Fellowship begins at 9:00 am. Worship begins between 9:30 and 9:40 am. Final Sunday School classes for this season are at 11:00 am.

FINAL CLASSES OF SUNDAY SCHOOL!

This Sunday marks the final classes of Sunday School for this season. Although the confirmation and youth classes were originally scheduled to be finished last Sunday, there is a bonus class offered this Sunday. So, there is a class for everyone! Great thanks go to all our teachers this year: [Andrea Hoyt](#), [Victoria Fisher](#), [Wendy Poch](#), [Glenn Poch](#), [Pastor Dave](#), [Wendy West](#), [Wayne Schultz](#), [Joseph Ravitts](#), [Tim Lehnerz](#) and [Brad Hoyt](#)!

Kid's meet with Andrea Hoyt and Victoria Fisher for a "wrap up" lesson about all they have learned about Jesus this year.

Confirmation students and youth will meet with Pastor Dave for an open ended "Question and Answer" session. Ask Pastor any question you want and see if he has an answer (good or bad!).

Tim Lehnerz and Brad Hoyt conclude this season's General Adult study, "Why I Believe: Finding Answers to Life's Most Difficult Questions." This series will resume in the fall as there are a few sessions left in the curriculum.

AYM Visit June 3rd - 7th

High school youth from AYM will be arriving on the afternoon of Saturday, June 3rd and leaving Wednesday morning, June 7th. There will be opportunities for fellowship during that time. Stay tuned for details. Presently, we are looking for several more members who are able to host either 2 females or 2 males for those four nights (possibly including adult leaders). Air mattresses are perfectly acceptable accommodations if you have floor space in your home that you are willing to share. If you are able to help, please contact Wendy Poch at wendy.poch@spiritofhopelcmc.org or Pastor Dave.

HOPEFUL SPIRITS MINUTES...APRIL 11, 2017

Present- Carol Palin, Kandy Parsons, Marie Winkelman and Sara Gutknecht.

Our meeting was opened with a devotion -"Why Forgive?" - by Carol Palin.

We will be having a Craft/Bake sale in October of this year, date to be determined. This is a heads up for any crafters in our congregation who want to participate.

Various future service projects were discussed. Since the meeting, Wendy Poch has been in contact re: a service project for Kari Bream, a teacher in China. We will discuss this at our next meeting.

We finished discussing the story of Tamar. At our next meeting, we will be discussing Rahab....the 2nd book in "A Lineage of Grace".

Our next meeting will be May 9th, at Sara's house.

We closed our meeting with prayer.

YOUTH NEWS!

Upcoming Youth Events

May 20th Youth Mission Trip Training, Poch Home, 9 am - 2 pm
June 3-7 AYM visit to Parker, CO. Please mark your calendars and plan on spending as much time as you can with our AYM friends.

Opportunities for day trips and evening fellowship will be available.
Stay Tuned!

Youth Mission Team Encouragement Notes

If you would like to help support this year's youth mission team, you are once again encouraged to write each team member a note. These notes will be distributed throughout the week of the mission trip to the team members. It is a wonderful way to be a part of the mission work that the kids are doing and to share your love, support, and encouragement of them as they step out in faith to serve others. Notes, cards, letters, or even little surprises can be given to Wendy Poch any time between now and June 25th, which is the day the team will be commissioned and will depart. Members of this year's mission team are: Faith Giles, Loreena Hoyt, Kayanna Larson, Thane Larson, Dylan Poch, Ben Reinicke, Tim Rienicke, James West, Rachel West, Tiffany Poch (Assistant Leader), Glenn Poch (Leader) and Wendy Poch (Team Leader).

KNITTERS NEEDED FOR TAT PROJECT!

As most of you know, DeDe Elliott is returning to Tartu, Estonia this August to help lead the Friendship English Language Bible Camp. One of the gifts that will be given to participants at the camp will be hand knitted dish cloths. DeDe is responsible for providing 90 of these dish cloths. She can greatly use some help in getting them produced. The pattern is simple and can be accomplished with basic knitting skills. If you knit and can help with this project, please contact DeDe at grmydd@aol.com to receive more information. Thank you!

MILITARY BIBLE STICKS ARE BACK!

In the past Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church has participated in a drive to provide small audio "Bible Sticks" for military personnel. This May, to honor Memorial Day and our fallen soldiers, we will once again provide that opportunity (see poster attached to this week's e-mail of the newsletter). For \$25 you can provide a service man or woman with a sturdy, portable audio production of the New Testament. Produced by "Faith Comes by Hearing" ministries, over a half million "BibleSticks" have been distributed free of charge to U.S. military personnel. **IF YOU BELIEVE YOU ARE CALLED TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE MAKE A CHECK OUT TO SPIRIT OF HOPE**

LUTHERAN CHURCH WITH “MILITARY BIBLESTICKS” IN THE MEMO LINE. PLACE THE CHECK IN ANY OFFERING DURING THE MONTH OF MAY. Funds will be sent to Faith Comes By Hearing in the beginning of June.

MAY 24 MEAN STREET ONLINE EVENT

On the evening of May 24, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm, our mission partners at Mean Street Ministries will hold their annual online fund raising event. Done much like a telethon, only over the internet, the event illustrates Mean Street’s mission and features inspiring testimonies from volunteers and clients. Host or join a viewing party from your own living room. More information is available at <http://www.meanstreetministry.org/meanstreetday>.

MARTIN LUTHER MOVIE COMING IN OCTOBER

In October a special showing of a movie about Martin Luther, “Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World,” is being offered at the AMC Movie Theater in Castle Rock for Thursday, October 19. Commemorating this year's 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation, the film tells the rousing adventure story that was Martin Luther's life, following his bold quest for truth—a journey that would reshape the church, and the world. Watch for more information in future newsletters regarding ticket pricing and times of the showing.

Prayer Requests - If you have a prayer request for the prayer chain please contact Pastor Dave at 303-941-0668 or 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 success and healing for Pastor Eenok Haamer’s wife and Pastor Siimon Haamer’s mother, Eha, as she undergoes a surgical procedure on May 10 in Tartu, Estonia, to clear clogged arteries in her heart

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

Prayers for continued healing and strength from cancer for Sue Schultz as she continues treatment for cancer

For healing for Dane Zwegardt as he continues treatment for lung 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, Mean Street Ministries, Apache Youth Ministries, East European Mission Network, Missionary Carrie, Tartu Academy of Theology

For Spirit of Hope mission allies: Marion Medical Missions, 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

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

May Anniversaries

5/31 Dave & Victoria Fisher

QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE

May income (to date) = **\$76,938***

May expenses (to date) = **\$3,177**

Checking = **\$33,113**

Money Market (Reserves) = **\$22,204**

Building Fund = **\$172,399**

***Reflects pledged donations of \$70,000 to building fund**