



## Mission News from SPIRIT OF HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH Tuesday, June 15, 2021

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### **SPECIAL EDITION!**

Pastor Wendy will be on vacation starting June 22<sup>nd</sup> (and is off on June 21<sup>st</sup>) so this edition of the newsletter covers the next two weeks. The next newsletter will be published on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**\*\*\*SUMMER OFFICE HOURS! Tuesday – Friday from 10 am – 1 pm.\*\*\***  
The office will be closed this Friday for the Poch/Howey Wedding. Renee Nefe will be staffing the office on Wednesday and Thursday of this week and Tuesday through Friday next week.

### **THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE: SIX WEEKS IN THE PSALMS!**

This Sunday will be the third Sunday in our six-week journey in the Psalms. Each Sunday Pastor Wendy will preach on a different type of Psalm as a means of introducing the power of the Psalms. Her sermon this week will be on Psalm 13, a Psalm of lament, and is titled, "Letters to our Father". Please see the articles below on the other ways we will be focusing on the Psalms for the first part of our summer.

### **CURRENT COVID POLICY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE**

Masks are now optional! We do ask that if you are not feeling well that you consider staying home or wearing a mask in order to protect others.

**We will be reserving the five back pews on the left side of the sanctuary as an especially protected area.** Anyone who has been

vaccinated may sit there (or anywhere else in the sanctuary). We understand that some people have concerns regarding vaccine efficacy and/or may have other health issues they are dealing with. This section was chosen as the back pews on the left are closest to fresh air ventilation. This also minimizes the opportunity for any potential viral loads to be spread over anyone seated in this area as the majority of congregational singing will happen in front of, rather than behind those sitting in this area.

The Church Board will continue to monitor COVID trends and reserves the right to reinstate previous restrictions should they feel the need to do so to protect the congregation. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Wendy or any member of the Church Board.

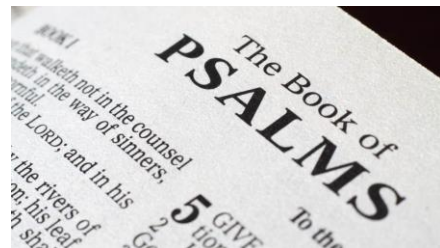
### **SIX WEEKS IN THE PSALMS: A BIBLE READING INVITATION**

It's not too late to join us in our summer Bible reading challenge! As a congregation, we are reading through the Psalms over a period of six weeks (or however long it takes you!). You can pick up a reading schedule on the table in the church entryway.

### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: PSALM 119**

**Wednesdays in June & July at 7:00 PM**

To continue our focus on the Psalms, we will spend the next two months studying Psalm 119 in our Wednesday evening Bible study. Psalm 119 is the longest Psalm in our Psalter and is a magnificent work of Hebrew poetry. But more importantly, it speaks to us today as it describes the life of the faithful as they await the fullness of God's work in the world. Even better yet, it reminds us that our work is to remember the Word of the Lord while God's work is our deliverance. Each week we will watch a video by Pastor Matt Chandler through Right Now Media and then we will discuss a section of this Psalm and how it applies to our lives today. Please come and join us!





## **ALTERNATIVES PREGNANCY CENTER BABY BOTTLE DRIVE**

**PLEASE RETURN BOTTLES THIS  
SUNDAY OR BY FATHER'S DAY!**

On Mother's Day, we began a baby bottle fundraising drive for Alternatives Pregnancy Center. Baby bottles are still available and we are 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 20<sup>th</sup>). This is a great project for all ages! Thank you to Tiffany Hanson for organizing this project.

## **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.



## **A THANK YOU NOTE FROM THE ZWEYGARDT FAMILY**

Delmer and Lavonne wish to thank everyone who has been praying for their family as they walked alongside their granddaughter-in-law, Julie, who had a sudden brain aneurysm. Julie went home to be with Jesus last night. Please do continue to keep Julie's husband Dylan and their four-year-old son, Andrew, in your prayers. The Zwegardts wish to convey how much they felt loved and supported during this difficult time. Thank you.

## THE POCH – HOWEY WEDDING: AN ONLINE INVITATION!

Due to COVID, Pastor Wendy's family had to plan for a small wedding for her daughter Tiffany and fiancé Timothy (TJ). However, they would be most honored if you would share in this very special day by worshiping with the Poch family and the Howey family this Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 pm via the livestream link. This link will default to a recording as well for viewing later. Please pray for Tiffany and TJ as they pledge their lives to one another and also before God. Here is the link: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G9\\_wihx41Ug](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G9_wihx41Ug)

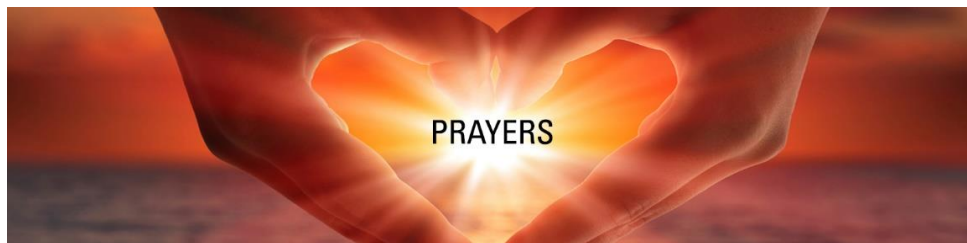
## UPCOMING WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

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



June 2<sup>nd</sup> – July 28<sup>th</sup>: Psalm 119, taught by Pastor Wendy

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



**Prayer Requests** - If you have a prayer request for the prayer team please contact Pastor Wendy @ 303-841-3553 or [wendy.poch@spiritofhopelcmmc.org](mailto:wendy.poch@spiritofhopelcmmc.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

This week, because my daughter is getting married, I'd like us to pray for the institution of marriage as a whole.



Loving Lord, we lift up all those who are preparing for marriage in a world where marriages are no longer cherished the way they once were. Give these new couples the faith, grace, and strength they need to honor you as well as one another. Bring people who have faithfully set the example of Godly marriages before them to learn from. And Lord, we thank you for all those who have remained committed to one another in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, and who honor you in the process. Bless all those whom you have called together, for you have done so in love and also for the good of your kingdom! In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

**Please include the following people and situations in your prayers:**

Please pray for...

Tiffany & TJ as they prepare to be united in marriage later next week.

Delmer & Lavonne's family as they grieve the death of their granddaughter-in-law, Julie. Please continue to pray for Julie's husband, Dylan and their four-year-old son, Andrew, and the entire extended Zwegardt family.

Carol Palin's God-Daughter Danette's daughter, Veronica, who is very active in sports and has torn her ACL and is awaiting surgery.

Lee Case who is recovering from neck surgery and hand surgery and is still preparing for two more surgeries.

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)**

### June Birthdays

6/2 Christian Ramirez  
6/4 Tiffany Poch  
6/7 Kandy Parsons  
6/13 Glenn Poch  
6/15 Faith Giles  
6/22 Ken Carpenter  
6/26 Sheri Giles  
6/28 Paul Reinicke  
6/28 Hope Bradshaw

### June Anniversaries

6/5 Carl & Marie Winkelman  
6/8 Bob & Sherry Helmeke Clark  
6/11 Pastor Wendy & Glenn Poch

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

**June Income (to date) = \$6,188**

**General Fund Offerings = \$5,353**

**Debt Reduction Offerings = \$700**

**Dedicated Offerings = \$135**

**Other Income = \$0**

**June Expenses (to date) = \$5,924**

**Checking Accounts Balance = \$23,356**

**Savings Account/Debt Reduction Account Balance = \$55,451**

**Money Market Account Balance = \$115,039**