



Mission News from SPIRIT OF HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH Wednesday, June 2, 2021

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

This Sunday we are beginning a special 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 1 and is titled, “The Secret to a Happy Life”. Please see the articles below on the other ways we will be focusing on the Psalms for the first part of our summer.

We are no longer asking you to register for seating. Please just come and join us and sit wherever you would like! We do ask that you continue to keep a healthy space between other household units that you don't regularly interact with. At this time, we are still asking everyone to follow the CDC guidelines regarding masks. The live stream link will be sent later in the week for those who wish to worship with us online.

SIX WEEKS IN THE PSALMS: A BIBLE READING INVITATION

As a congregation, we will be reading through the Psalms in six weeks. A reading list was attached to the email that accompanied this newsletter with the Psalms for each week listed so that you can follow along and/or catch up as needed. Also attached was an information sheet about the benefits of studying the Psalms, some ideas on how to make your time in the Psalms extra meaningful, and which gives an example of how the Psalms speak to us in our times of deep and raw emotions. Please join us as we dig into the Scriptures together and are blessed by God both individually and as a family of God!

NEW 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!



NEW SUMMER OFFICE HOURS!

Tuesday – Friday from 10 am – 1 pm.



CHURCH GROUNDS WORK DAY

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2nd @ 8:30 am – 2:00 pm

We are seeking volunteers who can help with the church property on June 2nd. Come when you can and stay for as long as you're able. Byers will operate the Zwegardt's Kubota tractor to mow large level areas. If possible, please bring a push mower, weed-wacker and string trim to supplement the effort to mow slopes and trim around the trees. Also, please bring work gloves, hand shovels, etc. to help with pulling weeds. The plan is as follows:



Come and
Join Us!

1. Clean up trash on grounds and in ditches along the streets.
2. Mow the lot and trim around trees.
3. Remove weeds from planted areas.
4. **Pastor Wendy could use some help indoors as well if you're willing to come but unable to help with yardwork!**

Hope to see you on Wednesday, June 2nd!

NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS: SUNDAY, JUNE 6th

Would you like to become a member of Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church? We will be having a new membership class on Sunday, June 6th after worship. The class takes about two hours. Lunch will be provided. While the class is required for membership, there is no pressure to join upon finishing the class. If you would like to join but are unable to attend on June 6th, we can schedule a time that will work for you. Please contact Pastor Wendy to RSVP for this class.

PASTOR WENDY'S SABBATH DAY

Mondays are Pastor Wendy's Sabbath Day. As such, she is out of the office, off email and off phone/text. From Sunday afternoon through Monday evening, the church phone is being forwarded to our Church President, John Parsons. He knows how to get a hold of Pastor Wendy if there is a pastoral emergency such as a hospital emergency, crisis, or death in the congregation. Pastor Wendy will respond to other emails, texts, or phone messages starting on Tuesday of each week. Thank you for giving Pastor Wendy a Sabbath rest so that she can be an effective servant leader for our congregation.

LOOKING FOR PRAYER WARRIORS FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

By Renee Nefe

Spirit of Hope does a fantastic job of supporting Operation Christmas Child each year by packing shoeboxes, but have you ever wanted to do more? The Area Team for our church is looking to fill the roles of Prayer Team Members. Prayer Team Members get together throughout the year to pray for OCC globally, nationally and locally. We also pray for the prayer needs of our team of year-round volunteers or any other prayer needs. We already have an awesome Prayer Team Coordinator but we need Team members to have a team! If you would like more information, please contact our Coordinator Jane huckabyjane@gmail.com who can give you more details on some of the exciting prayer opportunities we have coming up as we approach the OCC Collection season.



WORSHIP BANNERS

Would you be willing to help create some new church banners? You don't have to have sewing skills as it would be helpful to have help shopping for fabric, cutting fabric, discussing design ideas, etc. We would like to expand our banner collection to include banners for ordinary time (the green season), special church holidays, and to have banners of matching colors/themes on both sides of the sanctuary. If you would like to be a part of this project, please contact Carol Palin.



PRAISE BAND MUSICIANS NEEDED

Do you enjoy singing contemporary Christian music? Our praise band is looking for a few more singers. You do not need to be able to read music. Members come prepared to sing on the Sunday that they are leading worship. The praise band practices at 8:30 am on the Sunday they lead worship. If you would like more information, please contact our praise band leader, Steve Selby, or Pastor Wendy.

DOUGLAS COUNTY COLORADO COVID UPDATE

As of Tuesday, May 14th, the state of Colorado has moved to following the recommendations given to us by the CDC. For the time being, the Church Board of Spirit of Hope has decided to follow the CDC's recommendations as well. Presently, those recommendations are that those who have been fully vaccinated no longer have to wear masks and those who have not yet been fully vaccinated continue to wear masks to help protect others who are also unvaccinated. The board will continue to monitor state and local trends as well as our own congregational health. The board expects masks to become completely optional in the near future. In the meantime, thank you all for your patience as they navigate new and uncharted waters during this pandemic. Please note that should the Church Board notice an upward trend in COVID cases, the easing of restrictions may be reversed as your safety is their number one priority.



ALTERNATIVES PREGNANCY CENTER BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

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 20th). 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.



UPCOMING WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

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



June 2nd – July 28th: Psalm 119, taught by Pastor Wendy

August 4th – September 8th: 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@spiritofhopelcmc.org

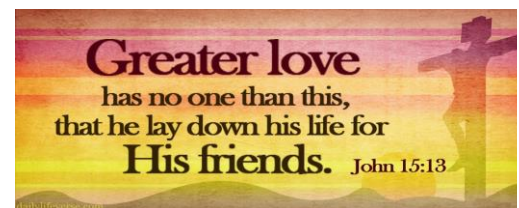
Jesus said; "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

By Pastor Wendy

"Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13

Lord, we pray for the families of those who gave up their lives for our freedom, a freedom that includes the freedom to worship you openly. We are grateful for their sacrifice. And you, Lord, made the ultimate sacrifice, so that no matter what happens to us in this life, we will be truly free for all eternity, an eternity spent in the presence of your glory. Thank you, Father, for sending you beloved Son, Jesus, to die for us so that we may have life. Give us your Spirit so that we may share that life, that ultimately freedom, with others. In your name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.



Please include the following people and situations in your prayers:

Please pray for...

Delmer & Lavonne's granddaughter in-law who has been hospitalized with a brain aneurysm and is in critical condition. Please also pray for her husband, Dylan and their four-year-old son, Andrew.

DeDe Elliott's sister, Karen, who is in the hospital recovering from seizures.

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

Lee Case who is recovering from neck surgery and preparing for three more surgeries.

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)

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

May Income (to date) = \$85,131*

General Fund Offerings = \$18,139

Debt Reduction Offerings = \$10,900

Dedicated Offerings = \$5,886

Other Income = \$151

May Expenses (to date) = \$15,674**

Checking Accounts Balance = \$19,513

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

Money Market Account Balance = \$116,070

***Includes a gift of \$50,000 for a permanent sign upon completion of the Pine Lane expansion project.**

****Includes Lenten offering payment to SECORCares and 1st Quarter Benevolence payments.**