



Mission News from SPIRIT OF HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH Wednesday, June 9, 2021

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*****SUMMER OFFICE HOURS! Tuesday – Friday from 10 am – 1 pm.*****

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

This Sunday will be the second 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 100 and is titled, “The Practice of Praise”. Please see the articles below on the other ways we will be focusing on the Psalms for the first part of our summer.

*****IMPORTANT COVID UPDATE FOR THIS SUNDAY*****

Over the last month or so, estimates are that Spirit of Hope has been averaging between a 70-85% vaccination rate on any given Sunday. As such, ***beginning this Sunday, masks are now optional at Spirit of Hope!*** If you would feel more comfortable wearing a mask, you are welcome to do so. If you are more comfortable without a mask, that is fine as well! 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 six 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. So, to ensure that everyone has a comfortable worship space, the Church Board would like to create a small protective pocket, ensuring

that those around them are also vaccinated, to help bring peace of mind. 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 them.

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.

ADJUSTMENTS TO HOLY COMMUNION

Beginning this Sunday, we will return to receiving communion bread with humble, open hands. Pastor Wendy will use hand sanitizer frequently throughout the distribution process.

Empty communion cups will be placed in trays behind Pastor Wendy. This will allow us to take a cup, without touching other cups, and have the wine/grape juice poured for each of us individually by a communion assistant.



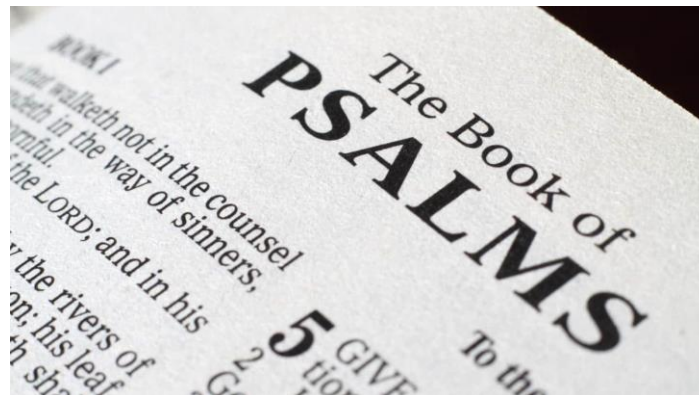
No matter how we receive communion, be it with disposable sets in our seats, pre-cubed bread and pre-poured wine, or bread broken and wine poured in our sight, the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ is in, with, and under the elements that we receive. That said, we give thanks to God that we are able to finally return to receiving this holy sacrament in a way that is more familiar and comforting to us. For the time being, we will continue our pattern of serving one side of the congregation at a time in a continuous serving line, returning to our seats as we have been afterward.

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.

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!



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 20th). This is a great project for all ages! Thank you to Tiffany Hanson for organizing this project.

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.

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.

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.

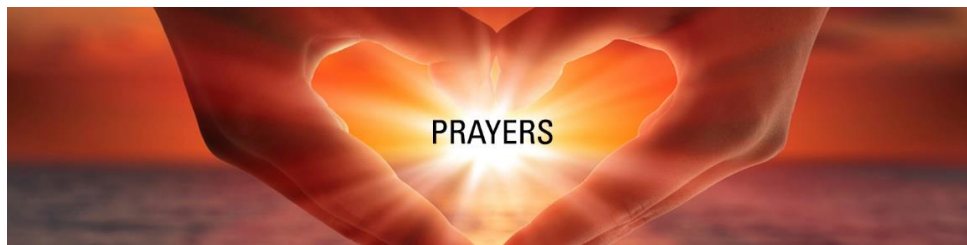
UPCOMING WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

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.

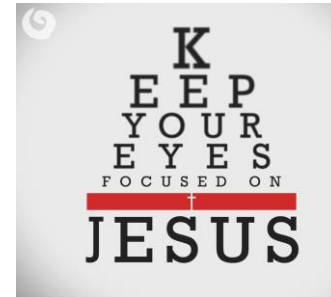


Prayer Requests - If you have a prayer request for the prayer team please contact Pastor Wendy @ 303-841-3553 or wendy.poch@spiritofhopelcmmc.org
Jesus said; "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

By Pastor Wendy

Lord, there is so much in our lives that we cannot control. We live in a sinful and broken world, a world where bad things happen to good and faithful people. Lord, when we find ourselves in the midst of situations that are painful, situations that we do not understand, situations in which we suffer, help us to keep our eyes fixed on you. We cannot always keep them fixed there ourselves. But you, the Lord who gives sight to the blind, can help us to see your love for us, the love that never ends, the love that can never be broken. We thank you for showing us this love through your Son, Jesus, our Savior. In your name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit 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 preparing for three 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) = \$3,756

General Fund Offerings = \$3,223

Debt Reduction Offerings = \$400

Dedicated Offerings = \$133

Other Income = \$0

June Expenses (to date) = \$4,511

Checking Accounts Balance = \$22,683

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

Money Market Account Balance = \$114,692