



## Mission News from SPIRIT OF HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH Wednesday, July 21, 2021

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### CURRENT PREACHING SERIES “OLYMPIC FAITH”

This Sunday, in anticipation of the 2021 Summer Olympics, Pastor Wendy will be kicking off a new series titled, “Olympic Faith”. The sermon topics will be:

- July 18<sup>th</sup> “Passing the Torch”
- July 25<sup>th</sup> “Training for Triumph”
- Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> “Running the Race”
- Aug. 8<sup>th</sup> “Going for Gold”



### THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE: OLYMPIC FAITH!

This Sunday, Pastor Wendy will be preaching on 1 Timothy 4:7-11 in which the Apostle Paul teaches about the importance of living godly lives. The sermon is titled, “Training for Triumph”. Athletes rarely train alone, so why not invite a friend to join you for worship? It will be a traditional Sunday. Please join us after worship for a time of fellowship!



### CHURCHWIDE FELLOWSHIP EVENT THIS SUNDAY, JULY 25<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 pm @ CHERRY CREEK STATE PARK

Join us at the Pelican Bay/Cherry Creek Marina for a few hours for a picnic and a boat ride. There is no longer a grill or lawn chairs, only a picnic table. So, please bring your own prepared meat

for you and/or your family, a side dish or dessert to share, and lawn chairs to sit out on the dock. A CO State Parks Pass is required for entry so you may want to car pool with friends from the church

parking lot or meet at the parking lot right beside Dam Road and car pool into the park. **Please RSVP to Susan Spancers** at [spancers@Qadas.com](mailto:spancers@Qadas.com) by Friday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>.



### **ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER NEEDED**

We are looking for a Sunday School teacher who is willing to work with our young elementary

students. We anticipate a small class size, ranging from 2-5 students. We have a curriculum that contains weekly lesson plans and additional ideas, or you are welcome to design your own. If you would be willing to help our younger members and friends grow in their faith, please contact Pastor Wendy. Thank you.

### **SUMMER OFFICE HOURS!**

Tuesdays: 8:30 am – 10:30 am @ Fika Coffee House on Mainstreet

Tuesdays: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm @ Spirit of Hope

Wednesday - Friday: 10:00 am – 1:00 pm @ Spirit of Hope

### **2-YEAR BUILDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION & DEBT REDUCTION SUNDAY, AUGUST 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> as we celebrate the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of our church facility. The actual anniversary is August 19<sup>th</sup>. We will be celebrating by having a cake from Masterpiece Cakeshop as well as enjoying an **ice cream sundae bar** after

worship! As we did on our first anniversary, we will be attempting to significantly reduce our debt by collecting a special offering. Please

dream about how much we could accomplish for God's kingdom if all the money going toward our debt could go toward mission and ministry! And please pray about whether or not the Lord is calling you to help us pay down our debt sooner so that we can do just that!

Every dollar that is given now will save us multiple dollars in the years to come. We would like to ask that any/all gifts given toward debt reduction are given in addition to regular offerings so that we can continue to provide for our current mission and ministry needs.



## **THE BLESSINGS OF LIVING GENEROUSLY**

**SPECIAL TWO-WEEK SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: AUG. 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>**

Wayne Schultz will be leading a special two-week summer Sunday School class on the blessings of living generously. This class will include some ideas that can help you to live generously no matter what your circumstances may be, will offer some thoughts about how to move into a life of generosity, and will highlight not only the blessings for others, but also the ways that the Lord blesses the giver.

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

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

Psalms 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!



## **COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR**

Pastor Wendy will be holding new "mobile office" hours on Tuesdays from 8:30 – 10:30 am at Fika Coffee House, located at 19559 East Mainstreet. The

purpose of holding mobile office hours is to engage pastorally with our local community. Pastor Wendy will wear her collar, which will identify her as a pastor. In time, we hope that coffee house regulars will begin to notice her and that the Lord will open up opportunities for conversation, prayer, and the sharing of information about Spirit of Hope. This community engagement program will likely expand in the future. **Please know that you are most welcome to stop by to chat and enjoy a cup of coffee (or tea or whatever you enjoy) with Pastor Wendy while she is at Fika!**

## CRAFT & BAKE SALE: SEPTEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>

The Hopeful Spirits will be having a craft and bake sale on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds will go to the **pastoral scholarship fund** for an MDiv student at the Institute of Lutheran Theology so that Spirit of Hope can be part of raising up new pastors for the next generation. Please consider making or donating items for the sale. The items don't necessarily have to be baked goods or crafts. All donations are welcome!

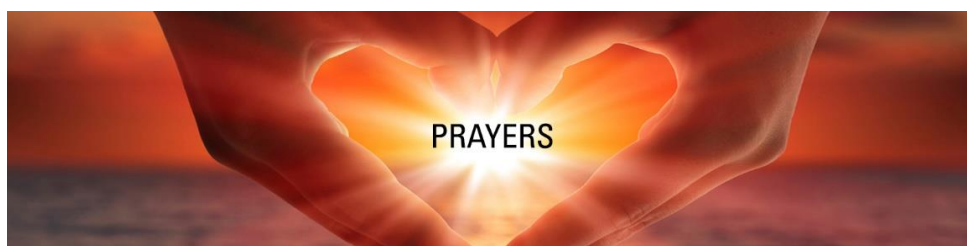
## UPCOMING WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

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@spiritofhopelcmc.org](mailto: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, grant peace to your children. Fill us with faith and draw us closer to you. Give us the courage to carry the flame of faith throughout our week and show us where you want us to shine your light so

that others can be filled with faith and peace as well. We ask this through the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son and our

**Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.**

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

Please pray for...

For the victims of the violence in South Africa, Haiti, and all places where people are living in fear and danger.

For all those being affected by the intensity of recent heat waves and fires across the western states and into Canada.

Ken G. as he deals with continued pancreatic issues.

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.

Lee Case who had his third surgery last week.

For those who are first responders to all emergencies: fire fighters, EMTs and law enforcement.

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)**

### **July Birthdays**

7/6 Polly Gates  
7/11 Jim Elliott  
7/23 Bob Clark  
7/23 Nancy Lehnerz

### **July Anniversaries**

7/7 Steve & Sara Gutknecht  
7/10 Herb & Beth Potthoff  
7/16 Jim & DeDe Elliott  
7/18 Brad & Andrea Hoyt



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

**July Income (to date) = \$15,891**

**General Fund Offerings = \$13,402**

**Debt Reduction Offerings = \$1,000**

**Dedicated Offerings = \$1,490\***

**Other Income = \$684**

**July Expenses (to date) = \$43,904\*\***

**Checking Accounts Balance = \$55,060**

**Debt Reduction Account Balance = \$0**

**Money Market Account Balance = \$116,755**

\*Includes \$1,251 for the Tartu Academy of Theology in honor of the Elliott's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

\*\*Includes debt reduction payment of \$40,932