



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, July 25, 2017

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PASTORAL INTERN WENDY POCH IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES FOR THIS COMING SATURDAY, JULY 29, AT 303-514-5266.

PASTOR DAVE WILL BE ON VACATION FROM FRIDAY, JULY 28 THROUGH MONDAY, JULY 31. PASTORAL INTERN WENDY POCH WILL COVER EMERGENCIES DURING THIS TIME. PLEASE CONTACT HER AT THE ABOVE NUMBER.

THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

This Sunday at Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church we conclude our reading of 2 Thessalonians. Chapter three of the letter will be covered by Pastoral Intern, Wendy Poch, who will also lead worship that day while Pastor Dave is on vacation with his extended family. In this week's reading the Apostle Paul, along with Silas and Timothy, urge the Thessalonian Christians to work and be productive in their lives. Fellowship officially begins at 9:00 am in the gym at Pine Lane Elementary North. Worship begins between 9:30 and 9:40 am. During the summer fellowship will normally resume after prayer time following worship.

JULY'S MISSION TUB MONTH CONCLUDES THIS SUNDAY!

July has been another month of collection of tomato products for SECOR and reading glasses, action toys and Christian coloring books for Mean Street Ministry. The blue missions tub will be near the entrance of our worship space for your donations. Thank you!

YOUTH NEWS!

Upcoming Youth Events

8/1 A Day to Pray for Our Schools, 8 am - Lunch

PRAYER FOR OUR YOUTH AND SCHOOLS

Beginning one week from today, Tuesday, August 1st through Sunday August 6, we invite everyone at Spirit of Hope to pray for our youth and the schools that they will be attending. On Tuesday, August 1 our youth will be meeting at each of the high schools our youth attend to pray at the front entrance of each location. When they are finished they will gather at a park to pray for all of our middle school students, homeschooled students, and college-aged students. In addition, please pray for the students and staff at Pine Lane Elementary School, where our congregation is blessed to meet. Attached to this newsletter you will find a prayer sheet that will help give you ideas on how to pray. In general, please pray for our youth, their teachers, school staff, endurance to study strong throughout the school year, opportunities to witness and share the gospel with other students, and for the health and safety of everyone. Thank you for caring about our youth and taking the time to lift them up before the throne of our Father.

ESTONIA MISSION TRIP UPDATE!

On Sunday, August 6, we will commission DeDe Elliott for her return trip to Tartu, Estonia as a short-term missionary with East European Missions Network (EEMN). DeDe along with other members of the EEMN team from around the United States will once again conduct the Friendship English Bible camp from August 14-18. Using the story of Joseph in Genesis as the main text, English of all skill levels is taught to Estonian participants in the camp.

If you wish and feel called to provide prayer support and follow DeDe during this adventure in mission, visit www.eemn.org during the week of the camp. Prayer requests and progress reports will be posted on EEMN's site during the camp. Thank you for supporting DeDe and her team mates in Estonia.

Hopeful Spirits Meeting July 11, 2017

Present were Marie Winkelman, Jean Huebsch, Carol Palin, Kandi Parsons, and Sara Gutknecht.

Our meeting was opened with prayer.

Old Business:

Craft/Bake sale in October - date TBD.

Banners - we have been talking about a dedication banner for the new church. Ideas have been shared, but if anyone in the congregation has suggestions, we would appreciate that.

China - Both Jean and Carol presented ideas for crafty projects for missionary Carrie to use with her students. We will try to make these ideas at the next meeting to see if they are workable.

Sara will touch base with Wendy to check on the ages of the girls.

Blessing Bags - this will be a fall project. Again, we will request Thrivent support.

New Business:

Lutheran World Relief Quilts - specs were emailed to members. We will discuss this further at the next meeting. Members felt this would be a good fall project.

Helmet liners for troops - Sara will find the instructions and we will discuss this at the next meeting.

Fund raiser for missions - we discussed having a garage sale in the spring - when we can do it in the church parking lot!! - and involving the youth. We will hold this on the back burner.

Time was spent discussing Spirit of Hope's new Facebook page.

The rest of the meeting was spent discussing Ruth; a most interesting discussion.

Next meeting: August 8 at Sara's house, 2 pm – 4 pm
We will be discussing Bathsheba; Book 4 in "A Lineage of Grace".

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

Framing for the building continues! Particle board has been installed over the fellowship hall's wall and roof. The remainder of the trusses

for the building and the particle board sheathing should be finished in the next three weeks.

One of our backhoes was sold last week with the proceeds going to the building fund. Thank you for your prayers. Please keep them going!

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 comfort and peace for the Giles Family as they mourn the passing of Sheri's father, Don Zeh, which happened on Sunday

For healing for the father of Cathy Morano's friend in Chicago, Traci, as he undergoes tests this week for a possible risky vascular surgery. His name is James Kallas

For all in our congregation traveling for work, vacation, or family visits this summer

For healing and pain relief for Glenn Poch as he awaits a hernia repair surgery

For Kandy Parson's mom, Hazel, to completely recover from a recent infection

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 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

July Birthdays

7/6 Polly Gates

7/8 Jacki Doty

7/11 Jim Elliott

7/14 Justin Trawny

7/17 Philip Johnson

7/20 Judy Mackie
7/23 Bob Clark
7/23 Nancy Lehnerz

July Anniversaries

7/5 Judy & LH Mackie
7/7 Steve & Sara Gutknecht
7/10 Herb & Beth Potthoff
7/16 Jim & DeDe Elliott
7/17 Mike & Denise Christensen
7/18 Brad & Andrea Hoyt

QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE

July income (to date) = **\$19,190**
July expenses (to date) = **\$13,117**
Checking = **\$30,686**
Money Market (Reserves) = **\$22,204**
Building Fund = **\$674,651**