



Mission News from SPIRIT OF HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH Wednesday, July 28, 2021

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CURRENT PREACHING SERIES "OLYMPIC FAITH"

The sermon topics will be:

- July 18th "Passing the Torch"
- July 25th "Training for Triumph"
- Aug. 1st "Running the Race"
- Aug. 8th "Going for Gold"



THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE: OLYMPIC FAITH!

This Sunday, Pastor Wendy will be preaching on 1 Cor. 9:24-27. Her sermon is titled "Running the Race" and will focus on the importance of the children of God living life with intentional purpose. Please join us after worship for a time of fellowship!



A VERY SPECIAL WELCOME TO MADDY YEUNG!

Please give a warm Spirit of Hope welcome to our new accompanist, Maddy Yeung! Maddy helped to lead worship this past Sunday. She had pre-existing plans to be out of town on August 1st, but she will be back on August 8th and help to carry us forward

from there. Maddy, thank you for joining us and helping to lead God's people in worship here at Spirit of Hope. We are so glad you are here!!

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

THE BLESSINGS OF LIVING GENEROUSLY

SPECIAL TWO-WEEK SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: AUG. 8th & 15th

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.



YOU KNOW YOU'RE A LUTHERAN IF...

You wonder why Martin, as long as he had taken the time to write 95 theses, didn't round it off to an even 100.

FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD (The Lutheran Confessions):

THE FIRST COMMANDMENT

"You shall have no other gods." (Exodus 20:3; Deuteronomy 5:6)

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might." (Deut. 6:5)

(From the Small Catechism)

What does this mean?

We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

(From the Large Catechism)

So everyone made his god that interest to which his heart was inclined. So even in the mind of the heathen to have a god means to trust and believe. But their error is this: their trust is false and wrong. For their trust is not placed in the only God, beside whom there is truly no God in heaven or upon earth (Isaiah 44:6). Therefore, the heathen really make their self-invented notions and dreams of God an idol. Ultimately, they put their trust in that which is nothing. So it is with all idolatry. For it happens not merely by erecting an image and

worshiping it, but rather it happens in the heart. For the heart stands gaping at something else. It seeks help and consolation from creatures, saints or devils. It neither cares for God, nor looks to Him for anything better than to believe that He is willing to help. The heart does not believe that whatever good it experiences comes from God (James 1:17). [LC I 18-21]

2-YEAR BUILDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION & DEBT REDUCTION SUNDAY, AUGUST 22nd

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, August 22nd as we celebrate the 2nd anniversary of our church facility. The actual anniversary is August 19th. 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.



COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR

Pastor Wendy will be holding 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 12th

The Hopeful Spirits will be having a craft and bake sale on Sunday, September 12th. All proceeds will go to one of our mission partners. 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!

FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL: SEPTEMBER 12th

In addition to the craft and bake sale mentioned above, Sunday School for all ages will resume on September 12th. This year we will be having an elementary class along with an adult/young adult class. Both classes will begin at approximately 11:00 am and run until about 12:00 noon. More details will be provided in August.

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

August 4th – September 8th: How to be a Christian Without Being Religious, taught by Ken Carpenter. This class will include highlights from the Letter to the Romans.



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**

Dear Lord, as the summer season draws to a close, we thank you for all the opportunities you have given and continue to give to us. Though much of this year has been a challenge for many of us, there have been so many ways in which you have blessed us beyond our measure. When things get tough, when schedules tighten, and as we continue to endure a virus that is sweeping through the world, help us to focus on all that is good and to recognize that you alone are the giver of good things, no matter how we may think we receive them. Thank you for being with us always – even unto the end of the age. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Please include the following people and situations in your prayers:

Please pray for...

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.

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) = \$19,461

General Fund Offerings = \$16,291

Debt Reduction Offerings = \$1,500

Dedicated Offerings = \$2,641*

Other Income = \$684

July Expenses (to date) = \$55,738**

Checking Accounts Balance = \$46,088

Debt Reduction Account Balance = \$0

Money Market Account Balance = \$116,755

*Includes \$2,401 for the Tartu Academy of Theology in honor of the Elliott's 50th Anniversary.

**Includes debt reduction payment of \$45,776