



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, July 31, 2018

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PASTOR DAVE FISHER IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES THIS COMING SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, AT 303-941-0668.

THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE – ESTONIAN MISSION TRIP COMMISSIONING!

This Sunday at Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church we commission Renee Nefe for her upcoming first mission trip to Estonia to help conduct East European Mission Network's Friendship English Language Bible Camp along with the Tartu Academy of Theology in Tartu, Estonia (see article below)! We also will read Luke 9:57-62. This is a good passage for a mission trip commissioning as Jesus talks about the need for dedication, loyalty and focus when following Him. Additionally, this Sunday will premiere the very first praise band for Spirit of Hope (also see article below). Everything begins with fellowship at 9:00 am this Sunday at Pine Lane Elementary North (6485 E Ponderosa Drive, Parker, CO 80138). Worship follows fellowship at 9:30 am. Fellowship continues following worship.

ESTONIA TRIP WITH EEMN

Renee Nefe will be making her first mission trip to the nation of Estonia from August 6 – 20 to help lead the Friendship English Language Bible Camp sponsored by Spirit of Hope mission partner's East European Missions Network and the Tartu Academy of Theology. Using the Bible as the teaching text, the team not only teaches all levels of English, but shares the gospel in doing so. Renee will be commissioned at the conclusion of worship THIS SUNDAY, August 5.

PRAISE BAND TO LEAD SINGING THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE! **By Pastor Dave Fisher**

As reported in previous newsletters and announced at worship, a small ensemble is now forming to accompany worship at Spirit of Hope. They will lead the singing of contemporary praise songs for the first time **THIS SUNDAY, August 5!** The initial goal is to have the praise band accompany the singing at worship once per month, while our regular accompanist, Stacy Fahrion, accompanies the other three Sundays. I have been in conversation with Stacy, Intern Wendy, choir director, Brenda Reinecke and the church board throughout the last several weeks and everyone is on board and supportive of this addition to our music ministry at Spirit of Hope. Indeed, this will be an addition and not a replacement for how we worship and celebrate with music in our congregation. While the songs the praise band leads will be more contemporary nothing will be “out there” as far as musical style and the intent is for the band to aid in the congregation’s signing, not become a performance-oriented band. Also, the structure of our worship will not change significantly. We will still celebrate communion, preach the word, confess our sins and receive forgiveness as we do in our other worship services. Currently the band will consist of guitar played by Steve Selby. He is the husband of LCMC Pastor Amy Selby who has preached at Spirit of Hope in the past. Brad Hoyt will play keyboard and vocal singing will be done by Intern Wendy and Tiffany Poch. Once the band is established we will look to including others who may wish to join. This is an exciting opportunity for our congregation especially as we look forward to moving into our new facility.

YOUTH NEWS!

THANK YOU FROM THE YOUTH MISSION TEAM

The youth mission team would like to thank all of the members and friends of Spirit of Hope for sending them to the White Mountain Apache Reservation last week. We had a very successful trip - one that would not have been possible without your prayers and support. Please continue to pray for Apache Youth Ministries, for Gwendena Lee-Gatewood who is the first female and first Christian head of the Tribal Council, and that the team will maintain the relationships that have been built so that God will continue to work through them.

Upcoming Youth Events

August 5, 11:00 am to 1:30 pm, A Day to Pray for Our Schools

A DAY TO PRAY FOR OUR SCHOOLS IS THIS SUNDAY

After worship this Sunday, August 5, all youth are invited to join with Pastor Dave as we travel to each of the high schools where our youth will attend this year to pray for the students, teachers, administrators and staff. We will begin at 11:00 am at Pine Lane Elementary North and pray for preschools, elementary schools, and middle schools. We will then make our way to the high schools and finish with a provided lunch at a local park where we will pray for charter schools, home schools and colleges. Please RSVP with Pastor Dave by Thursday, August 3, so that food and transportation can be arranged.

ALL CHURCH FELLOWSHIP EVENTS FOR AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

There are two all church fellowship events this year in August and September! The August event will be on Sunday, August 12th at 4:00 pm at Cherry Creek State Park. Susan Spancers has a boat in a dock rental arraignment at the marina. There is a space at the marina for a hamburger and hot dog cookout and we'll do the side dish/dessert potluck with beverages provided there. In addition to boat rides on Susan's boat, Tim Lehnerz will have his boat available for a special type of boat ride: being pulled in an inner tube behind the boat! There is a beach at the marina as well for swimming and wading. There is a \$9 vehicle entrance fee. Carpooling might help with that. The September event is our annual Labor Day Weekend Picnic on Sunday September 2 after worship. It will again be at the home of Susan Spancers and will be a hamburger and hot dog cookout with side dish potluck; beverages provided. Watch next week's newsletter for more details and directions for these two exceptionally fun fellowship events to close out the summer!

HOPEFUL SPIRITS MINUTES..JULY 19, 2018

Present: Jean Huebsch, Wendy Poch, Marie Winkelman, Carol Palin and Sara Gutknecht

Our meeting was opened with a devotion by Carol Palin. We assembled 9 popcorn packets to be put in the visitor bag. Making scarves or blankets, hats , etc. for Mean Street is an ongoing project.

Jean questioned whether there might be something we could do for the residents of Victorian House...she will investigate this and let us know.

Since Wendy was here, we asked about dates re: the church, does anybody know what is on hand for the kitchen, and parameters. We also briefly mentioned cleaning the seat cushions for the pews. Since there is no date, all this will be looked at in the future.

We discussed future happenings, but at this time the craft/bake sale in November and stuffing Blessing Bags in December are the only firm items.

Sara presented some information on Bonhoeffer and the power of prayer...we had a good discussion.

Our next meeting is August 14th at Sara's house.

Our meeting was closed with prayer, specifically praying for identified needs within our congregation or family members and for the mission trip for AYM.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN "PARKER PACK"

Everyone ages 5-105 are welcome to join us in packing meals for those in need through the Feed My Starving Children "Parker Pack" event on Friday August 17th, from 6:30 - 8:30 pm at Parker United Methodist Church. For the past several years, this event has been held in October, but has been moved up to August for 2018. The event is a lot of fun and there are jobs that everyone can do to help (including jobs that allow you to sit the whole time!). **Spirit of Hope HAS 8 RESERVED SPACES LEFT for Friday night.** A signup sheet will be available at church. You may also contact Intern Wendy to sign up or to get more information.

SUMMER DONATION NEEDS FOR MEAN STREET MINISTRY

Hello treasured Mean Street friends, I hope you are staying cool this very warm June!

Mean Street Ministry is busy this summer helping people as they visit our food bank and café, chat with us during our street outreach evenings, and enjoy a nice honoring shower through our partnership

with Living Well showers as they bring their remarkable shower trailer to Mean Street each Tuesday morning!

As we serve our homeless friends in these ways, we find that we need to restock some items that are most needed for these services to be provided.

Below, please find a list of current items that we are in need of this summer. If you are able to help with any of these items, or if you would like to volunteer to help with any of the above ministries, we would love your support!

Donations can be brought to Mean Street Mondays through Thursdays between 9 am and 3 pm, and if you wish to volunteer, please contact me at my information below.

Here are the needed items:

Diapers (all sizes) and wipes

Baby bottles

Reading glasses

Toys, especially coloring books and crayons

Backpacks

Rolling bags or rolling suitcases

Underwear, T shirts, socks in all sizes for men, women and children

Razors, shaving cream

Foot powder

Various toiletries

Tampons, menstrual pads

Thank you SO much for your support and caring hearts!

Blessings,

Diane Chapman

Volunteer Coordinator

Mean Street Ministry

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PRAYER REQUESTED FOR UPCOMING MISSION TRIP

Africa Trip sponsored by Marion Medical Missions

This will be Wayne Schultz seventh trip to Africa to help with the installation of clean water drinking wells in the name of Christ through Marion Medical Missions (MMM). Two teams travel to the nation of Malawi and are then deployed to rural areas throughout that country and into neighboring Zambia and Tanzania to help local MMM employees, install, record and dedicate the wells to God. The wells

provide an immediate lifesaving effect to villagers who have long suffered from water borne diseases. **THIS YEAR'S GOAL IS TO INSTALL A TOTAL OF 2,900 WELLS!** Joining Wayne this year on Team One (September 14 – October 8) are Tiffany Poch, Rodney Pobar and Pastor Dave. The team will be commissioned on Sunday, September 9. Please pray for all of our short-term missionaries as they prepare for these trips!

DEAD SEA SCROLLS TRIP NUMBER TWO COMING UP

Those of you who signed up for the church's trip to see the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science on August 19, don't forget the date! We have a 1:00 pm entry time into the exhibit.

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 healing for Intern Wendy's father, David Nader, in Missouri who will have triple bypass surgery on Wednesday morning to correct severe heart blockage

Thanksgiving for Spirit of Hope's youth and adults on their successful and effective mission trip last week to the White Mountain Apache Nation with Apache Youth Ministry

For safe travel for Renee Nefe and her team led by Pastor Bob Nordvall as they travel to Tartu Estonia next week for this year's EEMN Friendship English Language Bible Camp

For continued recovery for Cherri Lusk as she recovers at home from abdominal surgery last week

For fighting to cease in the area of Nicaragua where Tiffany Poch served as a short-term missionary two years ago. Please pray for protection for CICRIN, it's staff, and the children who are involved with the program.

For healing and recovery for Don Harrison, a friend of Susan Spancers, diagnosed with bladder cancer

For comfort and peace for the families of Sandra Atkinson and Ria Furr as they mourn their passing last month. Both women were friends of Susan Spancers

For God's will to be done in the selection process for the next justice of the Supreme Court of the United States of America

For Kerli in Estonia as she undergoes more cancer treatment

For the Tartu Academy of Theology in Estonia as they fundraise to acquire a permanent facility

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 (Members and Friends)

August Birthdays

8/4 Bill Lusk
8/5 Nancy Howland
8/6 Guy Fittje
8/9 Donna Maxwell
8/9 Carl Winkelman
8/10 Pam Malone
8/10 Mike Maxwell
8/11 Carol Palin
8/24 Dane Zwegardt
8/29 Stephanie Fittje
8/29 Marvin Gates

August Anniversaries

8/2 Delmer & Lavonne Zwegardt
8/8 Tim & Nancy Lehnerz
8/22 Tom & Renee Nefe

QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE

July income (to date) = **\$20,715**
July expenses (to date) = **\$8,871**
Checking = **\$40,504**
Money Market (Reserves) = **\$22,228**
Building Fund = **\$45,343**