



Mission News from SPIRIT OF HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH Wednesday, July 7, 2021

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NEW 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

(See the article further down in this newsletter for more information.)

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

This Sunday, as we conclude our “Summer in the Psalms” series, Pastor Wendy will be preaching on Psalm 46, the Psalm upon which Martin Luther based his famous hymn “A Mighty Fortress is Our God”. **After worship, we will have a very short time of fellowship so that everyone can get home in time to attend our special “Table Talk” with Dr. Robert Benne via Zoom at 11:30 am.** See the article below for more information.

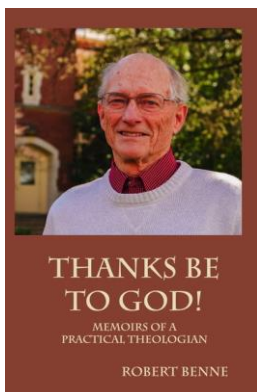


TABLE TALK WITH A THEOLOGIAN SUNDAY, JULY 11th at 11:30 am on ZOOM **RELIGION & POLITICS** **IN LIGHT OF THE PARADOXICAL VISION** FEATURING DR. ROBERT BENNE

This Sunday, Spirit of Hope will be having its very first “Table Talk with a Theologian” with special guest speaker, Dr. Robert Benne, widely considered to be the leading Lutheran ethicist of our day. Dr. Benne is a well-known and widely

published author. He is also a professor of Christian ethics at multiple universities, including the Institute of Lutheran Theology, where Pastor Wendy was able to study under him for multiple courses. Dr. Benne has been mentioned on numerous occasions in our Wednesday evening Bible studies and was highlighted during our class on “Voices of Authentic Faith” which was taught by Wayne Schultz this past year. Dr. Benne will be leading a discussion on those two “touchy” subjects of religion and politics. He will do so through the lens he puts forth in his book *The Paradoxical Vision* (which he will explain to us). Dr. Benne is also known for his joyful spirit and witty sense of humor! Our time with him is sure to be delightful!

Lutherans were first introduced to “Table Talks” by Martin Luther who would frequently invite people to his home for dinner and theological discussions. Many of Luther’s visitors took notes, which have since been published and passed down throughout many generations. You are invited to attend a modern-day “Table Talk” which will take place on Zoom so that everyone can have a front seat at the table! We are also utilizing Zoom because Dr. Benne lives in Virginia! With Zoom, you may also call in via phone if you do not have a computer.

While Pastor Wendy hopes to schedule more “Table Talks with a Theologian” in the future, this is truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to participate in a personal and intimate discussion with Dr. Robert Benne! You are invited to welcome family and friends to participate as well. Here is the Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87630254066?pwd=V082TTdYV21oaWVvYXBhZ3dHbE9sQT09>

Meeting ID: 876 3025 4066

Passcode: 750406

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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: PSALM 119

Wednesdays at 7:00 PM

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!



NEW MOBILE OFFICE HOURS

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 with Pastor Wendy while she is at Fika!

CHURCHWIDE FELLOWSHIP EVENT

SUNDAY, JULY 25th, 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 by Friday, July 23rd.

**SPECIAL EVANGELISM
OPPORTUNITY: BACKYARD VBS!!**

Spirit of Hope would like to bring a smaller version of Vacation Bible School right to your own backyard! If you would be interested in hosting a Backyard VBS and/or if you would be willing to coordinate (or help with) a Backyard VBS in someone else's backyard, please contact Pastor Wendy. We have funding set aside for supplies and a number of fun programs available for us to choose from. Pastor Wendy has experience with Backyard VBS and is willing to walk alongside you and participate throughout the event. This could be a three-day or four-day event during a week or weekend (mornings, afternoons, or evenings) that works for you. It's also an incredible opportunity to bring the church out into our community rather than expecting the community to come to us at the church! Please contact Pastor Wendy for more information.



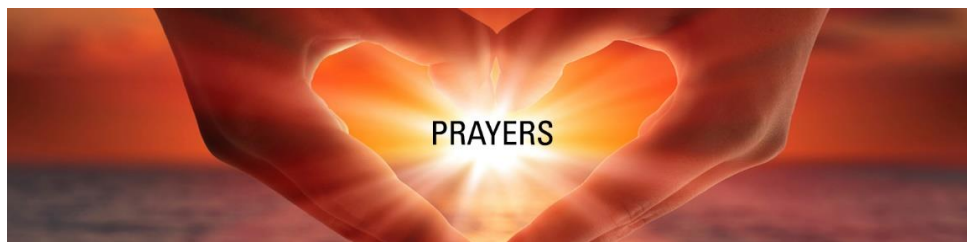
UPCOMING WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

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@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

Gracious God,

As we move through this summer, many of us are making plans for the fall, be it for work, for school, and also for ministry. You are present in all of it, for

you are God over all. This means no matter where we are, we are in service to you. Lead and guide us in the way you would have us go. Draw us closer to you. Bring us deeper into your word. Give us the courage to reach out to others in new and different ways. Help us to place our trust in you and you alone. We pray all this in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. 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.

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 is recovering from neck surgery and hand surgery and is still preparing for two 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)

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) = \$8,942

General Fund Offerings = \$8,305

Debt Reduction Offerings = \$400

Dedicated Offerings = \$238

Other Income = \$0

July Expenses (to date) = \$1,791

Checking Accounts Balance = \$28,715

Debt Reduction Account Balance = \$61,163

Money Market Account Balance = \$116,755