



SPIRIT OF HOPE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, August 11, 2020

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ASSOCIATE PASTOR WENDY POCH IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES THIS COMING SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, AT 303-841-3553.

**CHURCH "SUMMER" OFFICE HOURS
MONDAY – THURSDAY 9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM**

THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE – 1st ANNIVERSARY OF BUILDING MOVE IN!

This Sunday is a special one at Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church! Last year on August 18, 2019, we moved into our new church facility. After eight long years, it was a joy to finally worship the Lord in our own church home. We will celebrate this milestone this Sunday, August 16th. Worship will be a Praise Band led hymn Sunday. At the start of the service we have a special time of thanksgiving for God's blessing upon us. Holy Communion will be celebrated. For those of you who will be joining us online please have some bread and wine or juice ready for that part of the service. We will conclude reading chapter 9 of the letter of 2nd Corinthians. Sunday's message will be on 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 as the apostle Paul speaks about the harvest of blessings that come with generosity. As a part of the celebration above and beyond gifts are encouraged that will go to reducing the debt owed on the facility. After worship there will be a brief socially distanced fellowship reception on the church patio.

Join us either in person or online! **IN PERSON ATTENDANCE REQUIRES EVERYONE WHO WANTS TO COME TO MAKE A RESERVATION.** You can do that through the online reservation website, Eventbrite. The link to make that reservation is in the body of the email to which today's newsletter is attached. You may also cut and paste this link: <https://sohworshipaugust16.eventbrite.com>. The YouTube link and worship bulletin for those who wish to join online via YouTube live stream will be sent later this week.

AUGUST IS A FIVE SUNDAY MISSION COLLECTION MONTH

The mission ark will be open this coming Sunday and all through August to receive your donations of tomato and paper products for SECORCares and reading glasses, action toys and Christian coloring books for Mean Street Ministry. During this pandemic period our mission partners are in greater need of our gifts! Thanks for your donations!

HOPEFUL SPIRITS MEETS TOMORROW!!!

The next meeting of the Hopeful Spirits Women's Group will be **TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, STARTING AT 1:30 PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP AREA AT CHURCH!** You also can attend online via Zoom. The access link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86947711195>. Come join other sisters in Christ for this time of study, fellowship, service and inspiration.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF BUILDING MOVE IN CELEBRATION!

August 16, 2020 is the Sunday that is closest to the first anniversary of Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church moving into the new church building for the first worship service (August 18, 2019). We will celebrate this milestone on worship that morning as well as have an outdoor reception event after worship where we will be able to serve light refreshments (cupcakes and bottled beverages). Last week Pastor Dave sent out a letter telling how intentional giving to debt reduction can pay off the loans owed on the church building and free up more resources for mission and ministry in the future. **LATER THIS WEEK A SPECIAL COMMUNICATION WILL GO OUT SHARING IDEAS AND STRATEGIES FOR REDUCING THE DEBT IN THE YEARS TO COME.** The special email will explain how all of us can participate. Please plan to come for the celebration this Sunday!

SUMMER STUDY SERIES: LIVING IN THE PENULTIMATE TOMORROW – AUGUST 12TH!

How we live our lives in this world (penultimate) is largely dependent upon what we expect will happen after this life (ultimate). Is there life after death or not? This belief drives our behavior and values; it shapes how we treat others, what we expect from community, church and country. It is how good and evil are understood. It is at the core of how life is valued differently by individuals and societies. How then, should we live in the Penultimate? Please join us for this special three-week class (July 29th - August 12th) taught by Spirit of Hope member, Wayne Schultz. **THE CLASS CONCLUDES TOMORROW AND RUNS FROM 7-8:30 PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.** Please wear a mask until you are seated. Seats will be appropriately spaced. You may also attend via Zoom by clicking on the following link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88497006248?pwd=elgyTGsySEhhcnhJcy94Y3hLdzYyUT09\[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88497006248?pwd=elgyTGsySEhhcnhJcy94Y3hLdzYyUT09\]](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88497006248?pwd=elgyTGsySEhhcnhJcy94Y3hLdzYyUT09[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88497006248?pwd=elgyTGsySEhhcnhJcy94Y3hLdzYyUT09]). You are welcome to share this link with family and friends who might like to join us! If you have any questions, please contact Wayne Schultz, Pastor Dave or Pastor Wendy.

ATTENTION ALL YOUTH – YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT

Spirit of Hope youth are going to have a Social Distance Movie Night on Tuesday, August 25th at 6:00 pm at the church. The Hanson family will provide projector, movie screen, movie, drinks and movie candy! Everyone can bring blankets and/or pillows for comfort and their own popcorn if they wish. Come spend some time for fun, fellowship and faith!

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Spirit of Hope is in the beginning stages of exploring the possibility of becoming a Stephen Ministry Congregation. Stephen Ministers are congregation members that go through formal training that equips them to serve church and community members in need, such as those experiencing various forms of grief, trauma, stress, or who would benefit from someone walking alongside them during physically, emotionally and spiritually difficult times. An attachment was sent with the newsletter email previously that briefly describes

some of the ways Stephen Ministers can walk alongside people. Our first step in determining if this is a good fit for Spirit of Hope is to identify anyone in our congregation who has already been active in Stephen Ministry in a previous congregation who might be interested in reactivating here at SoH and/or are willing to share their experiences. If you fall into this category, please contact Pastor Wendy. Also, if you or a loved one has been blessed by a Stephen Minister and are willing to share your experience, even confidentially, Pastor Wendy would love to hear from you, too! More information about Stephen Ministry can be found here:

<https://www.stephenministries.org/>

Prayer Requests - If you have a prayer request for the prayer team please contact Pastor Wendy Poch or Pastor Dave Fisher at 303-841-3553 or wendy.poch@spiritofhopelcmc.org. or pastor.dave@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 Bryan Sapen from an occurrence of pancreatitis last weekend

For healing for Jack Huebsch as he continues to make progress and recovers in the hospital from treatment for kidney issues

For our nation to return to calm and practice true justice in light of the events of violence and death that have happened in the last three months

For racial reconciliation to occur in our nation

For those who are first responders to emergency and crisis: 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 those infected will be healed and that those who have lost loved ones will be comforted, that reopening will continue and go smoothly and that treatment and a vaccine will be developed rapidly

For states and areas of our nation that have seen increases and spikes in COVID-19 cases for those outbreaks to subside

For our economy and the economies of the world to recover

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, Apache Youth Ministries, East European Mission Network, Missionary Carrie, Tartu Academy of Theology

For Spirit of Hope mission allies: Marion Medical Mission, 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
8/9 Donna Maxwell
8/9 Carl Winkelman
8/10 Pam Malone
8/11 Carol Palin
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

August income (to date) = \$8,693

General Fund Offerings = \$7,893

Debt Reduction Offerings = \$500

Dedicated Offerings = \$153

Other Income = \$147*

August expenses (to date) = \$6,118

Checking = \$39,197

Money Market = \$23,220 (Reserves = \$10,437 Dedicated = \$12,783)

Loan Interest Escrow Account = \$5,208

Building Money Market = \$20,590

***Reflects quarterly King Sooper's Community Reward Program**