



## MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, August 13, 2019

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**ASSOCIATE PASTOR WENDY POCH IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES THIS COMING SATURDAY, AUGUST 17<sup>TH</sup> AT 303-514-5266.**

**PASTOR DAVE WILL BE AWAY ON VACATION FROM AUGUST 10<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH AUGUST 18<sup>TH</sup>.**

### **THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE**

This coming Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup> Pastor Wendy will preach and preside at worship as we begin our new sermon series: **“Gather, Grow, Serve, and Go!”**. Details on our new sermon series can be found in the next article below! This Sunday our texts will be Psalm 100:1-5 and Hebrews 10:24-25 as we focus on why we gather as a congregation, what God does for us in our worship service, and how God works through us to strengthen and encourage one another. Unless otherwise published, Sunday worship and fellowship will happen this Sunday at Pine Lane Elementary North (6485 E. Ponderosa Drive, Parker, CO 80138). Fellowship officially begins at 9:00 am. Worship begins at 9:30 am. Extended fellowship follows worship.

### **NEW SERMON SERIES**

**“Gather, Grow, Serve, and Go!”**

Our congregation is entering into some new and wonderful ministry opportunities. We are nearing the completion of our new church facility, we are setting up a new volunteer structure that will help us to create a strong foundation for both present and future ministries, we will be joining together as we study God’s Word together through a

**new inter-generational Sunday School program (see details below!), and we will be deploying three short-term missionaries to Africa this fall.**

**As such, Pastor Dave and Pastor Wendy have decided to create a new sermon series called “Gather, Grow, Serve, and Go!”. During this sermon series, we will focus on who God called us to be as a congregation, why God has called us to worship together, why God calls us to grow in His Word together, why God designed us to do important kingdom work together, and why we are called to missions and discipleship together.**

**The new preaching series will be as follows:**

**August 18<sup>th</sup>: “Gathering Together”**

**August 25<sup>th</sup>: “Growing Together”**

**September 1<sup>st</sup>: “Serving Together”**

**September 8<sup>th</sup>: “Going Together”**

**Each week will highlight an important aspect of who we are and what we are doing as a congregation and several weeks will also highlight some of our new ministries. Pastor Dave and Pastor Wendy are working on another sermon series to follow this one. We will return to the Gospel of Luke at a later date.**

### **NEW INTER-GENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM**

**This fall Spirit of Hope is launching a new inter-generational Sunday School program! We will be studying God’s Word together as we highlight stories from Genesis through Revelation throughout the school year providing everyone in the congregation with an overarching Biblical narrative experience. Our pastors and our church board are excited about this new program for several reasons:**

- 1) We believe that God is calling us, in this busy season of moving into a new facility, to come together and study God’s Word together so that we would be strengthened as a church family.**
- 2) A truly inter-generational program means that there will be blessings for everyone who attends. Every age has needs we can gift and gifts that we need. As such, by learning together as well as from one another, each person will be stronger for the experience.**

- 3) A truly inter-generational Sunday morning experience, from worship through Sunday School, is very warm and welcoming to families who will be coming to visit Spirit of Hope once we open our new facility. It provides families the security of staying together in a new place and also will provide everyone the spiritual growth opportunities of discussing what they've learned and shared together throughout the coming week.
- 4) It shows that we are a congregation that highly values and respects people of all ages, experiences, and skill levels. The program will be as beneficial to the most experienced Bible scholar as it will be to someone who has never known the love of Jesus. There is a place for the youngest of children to the eldest adult, for singles, couples, families, and friends. All are equal in the eyes of God and have much to contribute and learn from one another. Rather than building age separated classes, we will be building extended families of love, care, service, and support.
- 5) Three of our regular Sunday School teachers will be traveling to Africa this fall. Several other regular teachers have other reasons why teaching every week would be challenging this year. An inter-generational program allows us to work together, share teaching responsibilities, and also gives everyone a chance to sit back and enjoy learning.

Presently, we are preparing to launch our new Sunday School program on September 8<sup>th</sup> (subject to change depending on the building's Grand Opening schedule). The Church Board will be evaluating the program throughout the fall. Special thanks to Cindy Garrett who will be helping to coordinate lessons and activities for our younger members while Pastor Wendy works on the initial lesson material for our older youth and adults. If you are interested in helping to prepare or gather materials for Sunday mornings (perhaps on a rotating basis), please contact Pastor Wendy. We pray that you will join us in this unique and very special opportunity we have to study God's Word as a church family!

### **COMING SOON...YOUR SERVANT PROFILE**

In the near future, you will be receiving a Servant Profile from our Volunteer Coordinator, Kandy Parsons. We are asking every member and friend of Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church to fill out a Servant Profile and return it to her by September 15<sup>th</sup>. This Servant Profile was

developed to help you express ways that the body of Christ (the church) may be able to be blessed by your unique gifts. Filling out the Servant Profile will help us to know how God has wired you to serve in His kingdom, namely where your passions and interests are, where your spiritual gifts are, and what special skills and talents you have. As you complete your Servant Profile, we hope you have the opportunity to pray and contemplate how the church could bless and serve you as well.

### **BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE**

We still have several remaining inspection issues to resolve in order to receive our C.O. and they all have to do with the outside of our building. Our trash enclosure is expected to be installed later next week. The parking lot has recycled asphalt due to cost savings rather than finished hard asphalt paving per the plans submitted at the beginning of the project. This requires a request for an amended plan be submitted and a meeting with the county to obtain. Several representatives from Spirit of Hope will be attending that meeting which is scheduled to take place this Thursday at 2 pm. Finally, the parking lot lighting will be fixed to meet the submitted plans so there will be no need for a luminosity test.

Once these issues are resolved the C.O. will be released and we can move in! Please watch your email as one of our pastors will inform you of progress as it happens. Once the C.O. is obtained, we will organize to transfer our furnishings that are in storage into the new facility and plan to have our first worship service the Sunday after C.O. Again, watch your email for more details as things happen. Thank you for ALL your prayers and continued patience! Praise be to God for bringing us this far!

### **THRIVENT FINANCIAL SERVICE PROJECT AT SPIRIT OF HOPE THIS AUGUST!**

During the month of August, Spirit of Hope will join Thrivent Financial in a service project. The project is a "Back to School Shoe Drive." This is a national joint effort by Thrivent and Samaritans Feet. The project is to provide new ATHLETIC TYPE shoes for needy elementary aged children prior to the start of school. Shoes will be collected all through August on Sundays at Spirit of Hope in the blue mission tub.

Thank you to Thrivent Representative, Jim Johnson, for sharing more about this project during last Sunday's mission moment.

### **NEW SUMMER ADULT EDUCATION BEGINS TOMORROW!**

Mid-week summer Bible study continues tomorrow as we begin a new four-week series on Living with Intentional Generosity. The class is taught by Wayne Schultz. The location of this week's class is Wayne's home (11360 E Stallion Drive, Parker, CO 80138) from 7 – 8:30 pm.

### **TWO NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDIES!**

**"Intentional Generosity" August 14th - September 4th**

**"Luther's Catechisms" September 18th - November 13th**

Our Wednesday evening Bible studies continue. This week, Wayne Schultz is beginning a new series on "Intentional Generosity" that will run from August 14th - September 4th. All classes meet from 7 - 8:30 pm.

Have you even wondered what it actually means to be Lutheran? Have you been asked by friends or family members why you attend a Lutheran church rather than belonging to a different denomination? Do you understand and know how to share with others what we believe regarding the sacraments, the Lord's Prayer, the Creeds, and other important topics? On September 18th we will be offering a new Bible study on our Lutheran Catechisms and how to apply them in the 21st century. This class will be taught by Pastor Dave and Pastor Wendy. Bible study books for this class are \$10 each. We will be taking orders for the books at church throughout the month of August. This is a great opportunity to learn, or to be refreshed, about our core Lutheran beliefs.

**Prayer Requests - If you have a prayer request for the prayer team please contact Pastor Dave Fisher at 303-941-0668 or [pastordave@spiritofhopelcmc.org](mailto: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:**

We lift up all of our youth and college students as they head back to school.

We lift up all of our teachers and support staff as they begin a new year of working with the youth in our community.

For healing for Cathy Morano's friend in Chicago, Traci, who is recovering from recent breast cancer surgery and also, for Traci's father who has been in and out of the hospital with foot and stress issues

Thanksgiving for Sara and Steve Gutknecht for Sara finishing chemotherapy and Steve finishing from radiation treatments for cancer. Please pray that future scans show complete healing

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 our church to meet any and all challenges to complete the building project

For Spirit of Hope mission partners: Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ, Southeast Community Outreach, Mean Street Ministry, 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  
8/9 Donna Maxwell  
8/9 Carl Winkelman  
8/10 Pam Malone  
8/10 Mike Maxwell  
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**

**\*As of August 6, 2019**

July income = **\$13,021**

July expenses = **\$14,111**

August income (to date) = **\$7,147**

August expenses (to date) = **\$2,188**

Checking = **\$29,260**

Money Market = **\$29,167 (Reserves = \$10,386 Dedicated = \$18,781)**  
Building Fund = **\$8,854**