



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, August 16, 2016

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THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

This week at Spirit of Hope Lutheran we will read Acts 12:25-13:12 as the basis of the message during worship. This portion of Acts covers the beginning of the first missionary journey of the apostles Paul and Barnabas. The preaching of the gospel was done with power as evil forces were encountered and conquered. Fellowship begins at 9:00 am followed by worship at 9:30 am.

We meet in the cafeteria of Pine Lane Elementary South (6475 E Ponderosa Drive, Parker, CO).

FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

We are in need of more deposit counters. If you feel led to help out in this area, please see Renee in the Teacher's Lounge after worship service for some very easy training and join the team. Thank you!

YOUTH NEWS!

Upcoming Youth Group Events

8/28 Youth Group Night GaGa Ball Kick-Off Party, Family Event, Poch Home, 6-8 pm

9/11 First Day of Sunday School

9/11 Youth Group Night, Poch Home, 6-8 pm

9/25 Youth Group Night, Poch Home, 6-8 pm

Youth Group Nights!

The end of summer means the return of Youth Group Nights! Youth going into 7th grade and up are invited to join us twice a month for a time of Bible study, games, and food. Friends are always welcome! On August 28th we will have a GaGa Ball Kick-Off Party. Parents and

families are invited (both to attend AND to play!!!) Please note that this year we will be meeting from 6 pm - 8 pm (last year we met until 8:30). This is to allow everyone to have more time to finish up homework and get a good night's rest before school on Monday mornings.

CHURCH BOARD MISSION AND MINISTRY STRATEGY

The church board has been involved this spring and summer in a discernment and visioning process to try to hear from the Lord what directions He has for mission and ministry for Spirit of Hope this fall. After prayer and planning the board believes God is calling us to focus on three areas or initiatives this fall:

Missions (expanding opportunities for members and especially non-members to participate in local, regional and international mission efforts)

Small Group Study and Fellowship (encouraging “grass roots,” organic groups to form rather than a “top down” formal approach)

Large Group Fellowship (planning, conducting and encouraging the congregation to gather together for periodic all church fellowship events; e.g. picnics, game night, etc.)

In upcoming weeks watch the newsletter for more information as the church board continues to work on this process and discerns more from the Lord.

MISSION MOMENTS

By Pastor Dave

Last Sunday, I introduced something called the “Mission Moment” at the beginning of worship. It is a brief moment to highlight something that is mission or ministry related to Spirit of Hope. This coming Sunday the Mission Moment will highlight a brief informal survey the congregation is asked to take at the beginning of worship. Index cards will be distributed at the beginning of worship for you to write a brief answer to the following question: “What hands on volunteering are you currently doing with ministries, charities, or other non-profit organizations?” The idea is to find out where Spirit of Hope members and friends are currently serving. This information will be helpful as new mission and ministry opportunities are planned.

LABOR DAY SUNDAY PICNIC – SEPTEMBER 4

On the Sunday of Labor Day Weekend, September 4, there will be a special day of worship and fellowship. We will start the day with worship at Pine Lane Elementary South as normal with fellowship at 9:00 am followed by worship at 9:30 am. Following worship we will clean up at the school and then head to Susan Spancers' home for a church potluck picnic! Head north on Parker Road and turn right at Nichols Place traveling to the end of that street where the home of Susan Spancers is located (17610 E. Nichols Place, Centennial, CO 80016). Susan has graciously offered her home and spacious back yard for a potluck picnic. You may park in the street and walk around to the backyard or go to the end of Nichols, turn right and drive towards the barn, turn into the yard and park heading east beside one another along the edge of the barn driveway. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Burgers, hot dogs, buns and beverages will be provided. Bring lawn chairs for you and your family. Lawn games will be set up for outdoor fun. Come and share some time together on this last national holiday of the summer season!

RETURN OF DINNER FOR SIX

Dinner for Six, the fellowship event for groups of six is returning to Spirit of Hope! Couples (or to two single people) join together in homes for a potluck meal and fellowship, rotating homes each month for three months. Groups are then reformed each fall and spring. Susan Spancers has volunteered to be the contact person for Dinner for Six. You can contact her at (303) 617- 8995 or spancers@Qadas.com.

SEMINARIAN UPDATE

Spirit of Hope seminarian Wendy Poch has made an adjustment in her seminary study and training. In July Wendy began studies with Beyond the River Academy to obtain a pastoral ministry certificate. In August Wendy discerned that God was calling her to pursue a Masters of Divinity degree, the academic degree most Lutheran pastors have. An opportunity was also opened for her to attend another LCMC affiliated institution, The Institute of Lutheran Theology, which offers that degree program. Last week Wendy made the switch from BTRA to ILT. The degree program will take four years and is mostly done online. At the end of the program Wendy will be certified for a pastoral call in LCMC and then ordained upon receiving

a call. In the meantime, her intern student pastor status with Spirit of Hope remains unchanged. She will be an “embedded” intern at Spirit of Hope with Pastor Dave as her intern supervisor. Please continue to pray for Wendy and her family as the academic requirements for an M.Div degree are more rigorous and involved than for a pastoral certificate.

ESTONIA MISSION TRIP PRAYER TEAM

DeDe Elliott has safely arrived in Estonia and is meeting up with team members this week to prepare for this year’s Friendship English Language Bible Camp conducted by EEMN and TAT in Tartu, Estonia. The camp will be held in the city of Tartu next week from August 22-26. Please continue to pray for DeDe and the team as they get ready to share the gospel with Estonian friends.

MISSION TRIP THANK YOU FROM TIFFANY POCH

Dear Spirit of Hope Family,

I wanted to say THANK YOU to all of you! You have been so incredibly supportive of me and my upcoming mission journey. I would especially like to say thank you to everyone who has either committed to pray for me, bought a T-Shirt, or made a donation. You have all made me feel so loved and encouraged! I cannot wait to share with you when I return! Thank you all! God bless you!

Thank you!

Tiffany

WE WILL HAVE A COMMISSIONING SERVICE FOR TIFFANY ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 28!

BUILDING PROJECT NEWS

Recycled asphalt began to be delivered to the parking lot at the church construction site last week. The process has been slowed by an asphalt plant shut down as equipment broke down and needed to be repaired temporarily halting deliveries. The delivery and installation process will continue this week until completion.

Removal of the damaged HVAC ductwork in the church building proper was completed last week. Also, the redesigned Fire Suppression System was submitted to the Fire Department last week for review by the engineer working on that piece of the project.

Should that pass, it will be included in a resubmittal for the entire site

plan for the Fire Department to review and approve. Please pray for safety for all who are working at the construction site this week. Thank you!

Prayer Requests - If you have a prayer request for the prayer chain please contact Pastor Dave at 303-941-0668 or dave.fisher51@gmail.com

PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR DAVE DIRECTLY WITH ANY NEW PRAYER REQUESTS THAT YOU HAVE. THANK YOU!

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:

Prayers of guidance, protection and effectiveness for all students, teachers and staff as schools resume classes

Prayers for effective mission work through the Friendship English Language Bible Camp being conducted in Tartu, Estonia from August 22-26

That treatment Loreena Hoyt has received for vocal cord improvement will work

For continued healing for Susan Spancers' mother, Doris Finney, as recovers from recent gall bladder surgery

For healing for Tracey Ramirez' friend John Walter and his family; John is hospitalized with brain cancer

Prayers for renewed healing and strength from cancer for Sue Schultz as she continues a this current round of stronger chemotherapy

Healing for Victoria Fisher's sister, Evelyn Hall, after follow up radiation therapy for skin cancer

For healing for Paul Soules, Cherri Lusk's father, being treated for cancer

For healing for Dane Zwegardt as he continues chemotherapy and radiation treatment for lung cancer

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

For missionaries around the world as they seek to proclaim the gospel

All of our military fighting for our freedoms

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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 Walter Polnar
8/24 Dane Zwegardt
8/27 Steve Wiseman
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

August income (to date) = **\$12,838**

August expenses (to date) = **\$7,514**

Checking = **\$22,038**

Money Market (Reserves) = **\$22,202**

Building Fund = **\$130,032**