



**SPIRIT OF HOPE**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## **MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, August 18, 2020**

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**ASSOCIATE PASTOR WENDY POCH IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES THIS COMING SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, AT 303-841-3553.**

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

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

Worship begins at 9:30 am this Sunday. This week's message will be on 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 10:1-11 where the apostle Paul defends his ministry and speaks on the importance of taking every thought captive for Christ. Join us either in person or online! **IN PERSON ATTENDANCE REQUIRES EVERYONE WHO WANTS TO COME TO MAKE A RESERVATION.** You can do that by cutting and pasting this link: <https://sohworshipaugust23.eventbrite.com>.

The YouTube live-stream link and worship bulletin for those who wish to join us online 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!

## **DISINFECTANT SPRAY**

The church is in need of cans of disinfectant spray, which we use to sanitize surfaces in the church building that may have been touched after any and every meeting. If you are able to keep the church in mind while shopping, donations of disinfectant spray would be most appreciated. Thank you.

## **ATTENTION ALL YOUTH – YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT**

Spirit of Hope youth are going to have a Social Distance Movie Night on Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> 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! Friends are welcome! Please RSVP to Tiffany Hanson at 303-929-5676 by Sunday, August 23rd.

## **NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY SERIES BEGINS SEPT. 2nd “HEROES OF THE FAITH: THE QUIET HEROES”**

As we continue to face extraordinary challenges in 2020, it can be very helpful to learn how men and women, in particular very ordinary and very quiet men and women in the Bible, overcame extraordinary difficulties. Their stories show that God chooses ordinary people—people like you—to do His extraordinary work in extraordinary times. Of course, God is the true hero of every Bible story! Each of the six lessons in this series, which will be taught by Pastor Dave and Pastor Wendy, will focus on God’s mercy in people’s lives, especially the mercy shown through Jesus Christ. These lessons will introduce you to the cultural setting and life story of biblical characters, examine the joys and challenges they faced, show how God forgave, sustained, and empowered them to serve Him as well as how to integrate these lessons into our own lives. Classes will be on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall as well as online via Zoom. The lesson schedule is as follows:

- Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> Hannah
- Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> Widow at Zarephath
- Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> Naaman and a Young Girl
- Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> Zacchaeus
- Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> Dorcas
- Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> John Mark

## **SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION**

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR TEACHERS, STUDENTS, and STAFF**

We are a praying church and this week we have a special opportunity to pray for all those affected by the schools opening with new COVID-19 guidelines. A more detailed Prayer Guide was attached to the email that accompanied this newsletter.

**Please pray for staff:** including teachers, principals, administrators, nurses, janitors, cafeteria workers, counselors, maintenance workers, bus drivers, crossing guards, etc.

**Pray for parents, families, students, and the community.**

**Pray for students that you know, both Christians and unbelievers;** students who may be going through rough times, students who are bullies, students who get bullied, students who struggle with homework, students who are lonely, etc.

**Pray for our homeschooled students, middle school students, elementary students in our congregation** as well as students that may be reached by members of our congregation.

**Pray for our college-aged students** who may be attending universities, technical schools, the military, or still waiting on direction from God.

## **STEPHEN MINISTRY (NEW ARTICLE!)**

Stephen Ministers are lay congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, relocation, etc. Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life, but they all share a passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during a time of need.

If you are interested in learning how to walk alongside congregation members and friends in their times of need please know that you do not need any prior training or experience. You only need a heart for helping and comforting God's people. Should we become a Stephen Ministry congregation, there will be ample opportunities for in-house training and significant pastoral support. To learn more about becoming a Stephen Minister, please contact Pastor Wendy and/or click here: <https://www.stephenministries.org/stephenministry/default.cfm/1596>

## **ZOOM ASSISTANT**

We will be in need of volunteers who can help monitor our Zoom feed during Sunday School and during Wednesday evening Bible studies. One of the pastors will have everything set up, but it would be helpful to have someone sit near the computer to let them know if someone has a question or comment during our hybrid classes. If you would be willing to help out some of the time, please contact Pastor Wendy.

## **SONetwork SPECIAL LIVE STREAM EVENT**

**Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm**

You are invited to a special live-stream event being presented by one of our mission partners, SONetwork (formerly EEMN). This uplifting event will be 90 minutes long and features key note speakers: Rev. Dr. Gemechis Buba, Rev. Greg Finke, and Rev. David Briedenbach who will each be speaking on being the generation of faith in a world that so desperately needs the Gospel. For more information and to view the live-stream click here: <https://sonetwork.org/2020/08/03/son-live-streaming-event/>

**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](mailto:wendy.poch@spiritofhopelcmc.org). or [pastor.dave@spiritofhopelcmc.org](mailto: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 Pastor Dave as he recovers from knee replacement surgery.

For rain to help put out the fires blazing through our state and for the safety and well-being of those serving on the front lines of the fires.

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 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 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 Zweygardt  
8/8 Tim & Nancy Lehnerz  
8/22 Tom & Renee Nefe

## **QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE**

**August income (to date) = \$24,978**

**General Fund Offerings = \$11,121**

**Debt Reduction Offerings = \$13,550**

**Dedicated Offerings = \$160**

**Other Income = \$147\***

**August expenses (to date) = \$18,051**

**Checking = \$43,549**

**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**