



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, August 20, 2019

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SENIOR PASTOR DAVE FISHER IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES THIS COMING SATURDAY, AUGUST 24TH, AT 303-941-0668.

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE – MOVE IN THIS SATURDAY!!!

By Senior Pastor Dave Fisher

PRAISE BE TO THE LORD GOD WHO IS FAITHFUL IN ALL HIS WAYS!!! While I missed not being part of the celebration on Sunday as we had our first worship service in the new facility, know that I was with you in spirit! I insisted to Pastor Wendy that we move forward as the building project isn't about any one person or even the building itself, but it is about God's mission and ministry through us. Thanks be to God that we are on our way in that mission and ministry! Having received a temporary certificate of occupancy we now have the joyous task of moving the furniture and equipment that have been in storage into our new facility. Some of this is happening already, but the **BIG** push will be this coming Saturday, August 24. Starting at 8 am will we begin moving items and then cleaning them at the entrance of the new building before locating them into the building. Lunch will be provided.

Meanwhile we still have some items to complete within the next 60 days to convert our temporary C.O. into a permanent one: lighting luminosity test (yes, we have to do that anyway, but we expect no problems passing), trash enclosure gate installed (scheduled for this week; final documentation will be submitted in the next week or so). Thank you to **ALL** of you for your prayers and patience over the years! Praise be to God for bringing us to a new chapter in our history!

THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

This coming Sunday, August 25th, Pastor Dave will continue our current sermon series: Gather, Grow, Serve, Go! Deuteronomy 6:4-9 will be the basis of this Sunday's message as we look at what it means to "Grow Together!" Sunday worship and fellowship will happen this Sunday at OUR NEW FACILITY 7060 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 now moving into 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 18th: "Gathering Together" August 25th: "Growing Together" September 1st: "Serving Together" September 8th: "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 intergenerational 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 8th. 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 15th. 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.

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.

THE SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE HOPEFUL SPIRITS FOR AUGUST 6, HAS BEEN CANCELLED! WATCH FUTURE NEWSLETTERS FOR A RESCHEDULED MEETING IN THE NEW FACILITY

SUMMER ADULT EDUCATION CONTINUES TOMORROW!

Mid-week summer Bible study continues tomorrow with our look at the Scriptural basis for our mission and some of our core beliefs. Tomorrow's class continues the subject of intentional generosity and will be held from 7:00 to 8:30 pm IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL OF THE NEW CHURCH. The class is taught by Wayne Schultz.

NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY COMING!

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

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.

SAVE THE DATES – COMING IN SEPTEMBER!

September 1 – Annual Church Picnic at New Facility

September 8 – Sunday School Starts and Mission Commissioning

September 15 – “Open House” Worship and Building Dedication

September 22 – Mission Commissioning

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.

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:

Thanksgiving to God for the completion of the building project

For healing for Cathy Morano's friend in Chicago, Traci, who is beginning treatment for breast cancer 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 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

August income (to date) = **\$11,293**

August expenses (to date) = **\$9,118**

Checking = **\$25,973**

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

Building Fund = **\$6,109**