



## MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, August 22, 2017

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**PASTOR DAVE FISHER IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES FOR THIS COMING SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, AT 303-941-0668.**

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

This Sunday at Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church we will conclude our reading of the New Testament letter of Titus. Chapter three will be read. Paul encourages Titus to urge the Christians on the island of Crete to be good and do good; not so that God will love them, but because He already does.

Fellowship officially begins at 9:00 am in the gym at Pine Lane Elementary North. Worship begins between 9:30 and 9:40 am. Fellowship will resume after prayer time following worship.

### **ESTONIA MISSION A GREAT SUCCESS!**

Last week's EEMN Friendship English Bible camp at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Tartu, Estonia was a great success. The gospel was shared, prayers were lifted up, a young man became a believer in Jesus, hearts were warmed! As of press time DeDe Elliott and her fellow team mates were flying back to the United States.

Thank you to everyone who prayed for DeDe and the team! If you would like more details on how last week's camp finished, please visit the EEMN website at the following special link:

<http://www.eemnmissionsblog.org/Estonia-17>.

### **IMPORTANT YOUTH GROUP NEWS**

This fall we are making some changes to our youth group leadership and structure. These changes are being made because of Intern

Wendy's increased ministry load in other areas, including chaplaincy work at Parker Adventist Hospital, and also in response to input from parents regarding the scheduling that is best for their families. Therefore, this fall Pastor Dave and Wendy will be sharing the leadership for youth group in both planning and implementation. We will also be meeting at a new time! Beginning September 17th, youth group will be meeting after church on youth group Sundays. We will enjoy lunch, games, service projects and other youth group activities. A letter with more information has been sent to all youth group families via email. Please keep watch in the newsletter and on our youth group Facebook page for more details.

## **YOUTH NEWS!**

### ***Upcoming Youth Events***

9/17/17 Youth Group: Cherry Creek State Park 11:30 - 2 pm

10/1/17 Youth Group: Pine Lane North: 12-2pm

10/22/17 Youth Group: Pine Lane North: 12-2pm

11/12/17 Youth Group: TBD

## **LABOR DAY SUNDAY PICNIC RETURNS!**

On the Sunday of Labor Day Weekend, September 3, there will be a special day of worship and fellowship. We will start the day with worship at Pine Lane Elementary North as normal with fellowship and worship at their usual times. 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 again 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!

## **HOPEFUL SPIRITS NEWS**

**Hopeful Spirits August 8, 2017 -- meeting minutes**

**Present were Marie Winkelman, Jean Huebsch, Carol Palin, Kandy Parsons, and Sara Gutknecht.**

**Our meeting was opened with prayer.**

### ***Old Business:***

**The Craft and Bake Sale will be Sunday October 29th. We hope this gives all the crafters and bakers in our church time to craft and to think about baking.**

**We had several ideas that might be doable for Carrie Breum in China. The question was raised as to what craft supplies she has access to and the idea was presented of making a book of ideas to send to her. The concern is the cost of postage. Sara will discuss this with Wendy. Members will bring ideas that we can put into a notebook for Carrie.**

**We would like to have something ready to send to Carrie in November.**

**Blessing Bags - We will be assembling Blessing Bags again. We will apply for Thrivent aid in October, shop at the end of November and then pack the bags on December 12th. That way we will have bags to hand out to the homeless as the Christmas season nears.**

**Church banners - ideas were discussed and we will try to have some drawings ready for review at the next meeting.**

### ***New Business:***

**Helmet liners - this has been tabled for now.**

**Handmade cards - we will again be offering handmade cards for sale. We will start working on holiday cards in September and October.**

**Yarn 'necklace' - This is an idea which we hope to send to Carrie Breum. The original idea came from Susan Spancers. We will make some at the next meeting and will see if this is doable in China...**

The second half of the meeting we discussed Bathsheba. It was an interesting discussion, especially since some of the members did not like the way it was written. But sometimes the best discussions are when people don't care for the selection...

Next meeting we will be discussing Mary, the 5th and final book in "A Lineage of Grace".

We will not be starting a new study until January.

We closed the meeting with prayer, trying to remember and pray for all those in need in our church, on a mission trip, those in pain, and those who were suffering a loss.

**Our next meeting is September 12th at Sara Gutknecht's house.**

### **INTERIOR DESIGN COORDINATION TEAM FORMING**

At the Church Board meeting of August 10, the board moved to form an Interior Design Coordination Team. As the building project starts to approach completion this fall, this team will coordinate with the building team on the installation of furnishings, fixtures, colors, etc. Selections on interior finishes were made by a team a few years ago before the project was placed on hold. This new team will help to review that work and facilitate it under the general oversight of the Church Board. If you would like to serve on that team, please let Pastor Dave know.

**Prayer Requests - If you have a prayer request for the prayer chain please contact Pastor Dave at 303-941-0668**

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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 and relief for Carol Palin's 95 year old aunt Hazel in Minnesota as she has been diagnosed with a malignant mass on her left lung

Thanksgiving for DeDe Elliott and her fellow EEMN Team Members and their Estonian students for last week's successful Friendship English Language Bible Camp Tartu, Estonia

For healing for Beth Potthoff's friend in Missouri, Shelly, to recover from last Tuesday's single mastectomy and beginning reconstruction surgery

For students, teachers and staff as they begin a new school year this month.

For healing for James Kallas the father of Cathy Morano's friend in Chicago, Traci, from vascular issues

For healing and pain relief for Glenn Poch as he awaits outpatient hernia repair surgery next Tuesday

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 Spirit of Hope mission partners: Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ, Southeast Community Outreach, Mean Street Ministries, 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  
8/6 Guy Fittje  
8/9 Donna Maxwell  
8/9 Carl Winkelman  
8/10 Pam Malone  
8/10 Mike Maxwell  
8/11 Carol Palin  
8/24 Dane Zwegardt  
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) = **\$15,939**

August expenses (to date) = **\$5,215**

Checking = **\$39,415**

Money Market (Reserves) = **\$22,204**

Building Fund = **\$560,364\***

**\*Reflects completion of payment of contract deposit for work done so far and activation of additional, previously offered congregation member loans**