



## MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, August 23, 2016

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

The first missionary journey of Paul and Barnabas continues this week at Spirit of Hope Lutheran as we read Acts 13:13-31. Paul delivers a sermon in a synagogue and gives us an outline for witnessing! 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.

## **THIS COMING SUNDAY'S MISSION MOMENT**

**By Pastor Dave**

Two Sundays ago, 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 past Sunday the Mission Moment included a brief informal survey regarding mission work members of the congregation may be involved in, but that is relatively unknown. That survey will be repeated this coming Sunday and the next for those unable to be in worship this last Sunday. 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 backyard 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](mailto: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. Wendy made the switch from BTRA to ILT earlier this month. 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 and this year’s EEMN mission team have begun this year’s Friendship English Language Bible Camp in Tartu, Estonia. The camp will continue each evening (local time) until Friday. Please continue to pray for DeDe and the team as they 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 AT THE END OF WORSHIP THIS COMING SUNDAY, AUGUST 28! IF YOU PURCHASED A T-SHIRT FROM TIFFANY TO SUPPORT HER TRIP, PLEASE WEAR IT TO WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY!**

### **HOST HOMES NEEDED FOR AYM VISIT IN OCTOBER**

During the week of October 16-22, our mission partner, Apache Youth Ministries, plans to bring a group of Apache youth to the Denver area for a fall school break trip. These youth are a part of AYM’s youth outreach program and must earn the right to go on such trips. The trips are designed to expose Apache youth, most of whom have never been off the reservation, to what life is like “off the Rez.” In addition to Bible study, worship and seeing the sites of the area, the youth tour at least one college campus in the area.

**There is a need for host homes to accommodate two youth of the same gender. Although we do not have numbers yet, please pray and consider hosting some youth during their stay. The responsibilities include a place to sleep, to shower and breakfast before the youth head out for their day. Please watch upcoming newsletters for more details.**

### **BUILDING PROJECT NEWS**

**Recycled asphalt is being delivered to the parking lot at the church construction site this week. As of last weekend about 1/3 of the parking lot has been covered. The process will continue until completion this week or next. The redesigned Fire Suppression System that was submitted to the Fire Department last week for review HAS BEEN APPROVED!!! The next step is for this approved designed to be resubmitted with the entire site plan for the Fire Department to review and approve. Please pray for this process to go smoothly and for continued safety for all who are working at the construction site. 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](mailto: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 for quick healing for DeDe Elliott's sister, Karen Goerlier, who suffered a stroke last week and is now recovering at an area assisted living facility

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 this week, 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) = **\$14,836**

August expenses (to date) = **\$7,982**

Checking = **\$23,568**

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

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