



SPIRIT OF HOPE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, August 25, 2020

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ASSOCIATE PASTOR WENDY POCH IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES THIS COMING SATURDAY, AUGUST 29th, 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 2nd Corinthians 10:12-18 where the apostle Paul continues to defend his ministry and also teaches us about the importance of working and serving within the parameters that God has called us each to serve. 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://sohworshipaugust30.eventbrite.com>.

The YouTube live-stream link and worship bulletin for those who wish to join us online will be sent later this week.

*****NEW ASSISTIVE LISTENING SYSTEM IN THE SANCTUARY*****

Part of our new technology upgrade includes an assistive listening system called "**Listen EVERYWHERE**". There are three ways to utilize this sound magnification system:

- 1) Through your own headphones connected to your phone
- 2) Through your own hearing aids that connect to your phone

3) Through a temporary listening device on loan from the sound booth (we presently have two but will order more should more be needed).

In all cases, you will need to download a free app called “Listen EVERYWHERE” for your phone. Detailed instructions on how to do this were sent as an attachment to this newsletter. You are encouraged to download the app prior to Sunday (though if you have any trouble, please see Steve or Josh Selby who will certainly be happy to help you on Sunday at the sound booth!). When you arrive at church on Sunday, we will have handouts available at the sound booth that give more information as well as details on how to access the WIFI in the sanctuary for this purpose. You are encouraged to arrive early the first Sunday you wish to tap into this listening assistance program so that you can have a stress-free time preparing for worship. A very special thank you goes to Steve and Josh Selby for setting this system up for us!

AUGUST IS A FIVE SUNDAY MISSION COLLECTION MONTH (NEW ARTICLE)

Before the COVID pandemic, SECORCares served approximately 1,500 families a month in our local area. Presently they are serving close to **1,500 A WEEK!!** As such, they are in desperate need of donations from those in our community who are able to share some of what the Lord has given them. The mission ark will be open this coming Sunday to receive your donations of tomato and paper products for SECORCares. In addition, we are collecting reading glasses, action toys and Christian coloring books for Mean Street Ministry. Thanks for your donations!

TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

You will be noticing some new technology upgrades happening in the coming weeks and months. Last weekend we were blessed with new microphones. This week we are adding listening assistance technology. Soon we will be able to utilize a digital sound system and sound board (our sanctuary was designed with this plan in mind) which means we will be able to eliminate the black cord running through the left side of the sanctuary. In the near future we will also add screens in the sanctuary to enhance our worship experience and

enable additional classes and programs to take place throughout the week. While all of these upgrades were part of our building plan, we expected to have to wait quite a long time before we would be able to have the funding to implement them. However, these upgrades have been made possible by special gifts made to the church by several members and also through the hard work of Steve and Josh Selby. Thank you to everyone who has been helping with these projects! These upgrades will be most beneficial in mission and ministry as the COVID pandemic has pushed us more rapidly than anticipated into the digital age!

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.

SONetwork SPECIAL LIVE STREAM EVENT

This Thursday, August 27th 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/>

ZOOM ASSISTANTS NEEDED

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.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

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>

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. 2nd Hannah
- Sept. 9th Widow at Zarephath
- Sept. 16th Naaman and a Young Girl
- Sept. 23rd Zacchaeus
- Sept. 30th Dorcas

Oct. 7th 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.

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. or 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 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 Zwegardt
8/8 Tim & Nancy Lehnerz
8/22 Tom & Renee Nefe

QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE

August income (to date) = \$28,298

General Fund Offerings = \$13,121

Debt Reduction Offerings = \$14,850

Dedicated Offerings = \$180

Other Income = \$147*

August expenses (to date) = \$18,341**

Checking = \$46,579

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**

**** Reflects \$8,687 expenditure from gifted dedicated funds for sound and technology upgrades.**