



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, August 27, 2019

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SENIOR PASTOR DAVE FISHER IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES THIS COMING SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, AT 303-941-0668.

THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

This coming Sunday, September 1, is the first Sunday of the month and the Sunday of the Labor Day weekend. Pastor Dave will continue our current sermon series: Gather, Grow, Serve, Go! 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 is the basis of this Sunday's message as we look at what it means to "Serve Together!" God wires us with unique personalities and gifts and calls us to use them in service to Him. As with the two previous Sundays, 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 and this Sunday we will have our annual church picnic after extended fellowship (see article below)! Also, remember to bring your donations of tomato products for SECOR and reading glasses, small action toys and Christian coloring books for Mean Street Ministry!

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC AT NEW FACILITY THIS SUNDAY!

In the past few years we have had our annual church picnic offsite at the home of Susan Spancers. Prior to the picnic we met at the construction site for a brief prayer service. This year we do not have to have the prayer service because we are worshipping now in the new building! Further, we don't have to travel to Susan's home any longer, though we still thank you, Susan, for all the times you have hosted us! We will have our annual picnic right at the church

following fellowship this Sunday around 11:30 am. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Burgers, hot dogs, buns and beverages will be provided. Come and share some time together on this last national holiday of the summer season!

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

By Senior Pastor Dave Fisher

Thank you to EVERYONE who was able to come last Saturday and help with the BIG move of the majority of our furnishings and equipment from storage into the new building. People contributing and participating were: Carol and Bill Byers, Marvin and Polly Gates, Herb Potthoff, Carolyn and Doug Kleven, Renee and Tom Nefe, Marie and Carl Winkelman, Margie and Gary Flora, Lavonne and Delmer Zwegardt, Pastor Wendy and Glenn Poch, Bud Blazier, Wendy West, Tom Clausen, Wayne Schultz, Victoria Fisher, Cindy, Penny and Violet Garrett, Esther Tracey, Sara and Steve Gutknecht, Sherry Helmecke-Clark, and DeDe Elliott. This work day was a Thrivent Action Team event and we thank Thrivent Financial for providing T-shirts and funds for a delicious Hickory House BBQ lunch!

Meanwhile the items to complete within the next 60 days to convert our temporary C.O. into a permanent one is in process. Everything has been done and turned in and we are awaiting the lighting luminosity test to be scheduled.

The documentation for the final installment of our Lasko grant was submitted last week and we should be receiving that check soon. Also, there will be a final bill from the contractor for overruns that have occurred this summer due to various close out requirements from the county and fire department. The church board is working on how to address this and we will be communicating that information in the next few weeks. Thank you to ALL of you for your prayers and patience over the years! Please continue to pray that we will get all items and finances accomplished to completely close out this project. Praise be to God for bringing us to a new chapter in our history!

GRAND OPENING AND DEDICATION PLANS UNDERWAY

The scheduling of our upcoming “Grand Opening/Open House” for the Parker community and the formal dedication service of the building to the glory of God has changed from what was published in last week’s newsletter and may change from what was announced on

Sunday. Please watch email and future newsletters as dates and details become more certain.

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 preached two of the four sermons for the new sermon series called “Gather, Grow, Serve, and Go!”. During this sermon series, we are focusing 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 is as follows: August 18th: “Gathering Together” August 25th: “Growing Together” September 1st: “Serving Together” (THIS SUNDAY) 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES BEGINS SEPTEMBER 8TH! (NEW ARTICLE!)

Our new Intergenerational Sunday School program begins on September 8th! Throughout the year, we will be studying select passages of Scripture as we move through Genesis to Revelation and begin to develop an overarching Biblical narrative. The curriculum that we are using as a foundation is actually on a four-year cycle, with every year covering select passages that move through the entire Bible from beginning to end each year. So, we will not be covering every story this year. However, it will be exciting to see how God worked in the Old Testament, the New Testament and how it all applies to our lives today!

For our first class on September 8th, please bring your favorite Bible. It doesn't have to be the Bible you use the most (though it can be). But bring a Bible that is extra special to you for some reason. A big part of intergenerational learning is sharing the stories of how God has been at work in our lives. In fact, storytelling (something that seems to be getting lost in today's busy culture!) is a big part of intergenerational learning! We are looking forward to hearing why your special Bible is extra special to you.

One more thing about intergenerational Sunday School. Jesus said we must have the heart of a child in order to enter the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 18:2-4). At the same time, those who are young in faith need to be able to learn from those who are more mature in faith in order to grow. Intergenerational Sunday School helps all of us with this! So, while we are learning and being challenged by deep scriptural truths, we will also have fun and remember that we are all children in the Lord! As such, we encourage adults who desire to do so to "keep their hands busy" while learning just as we do for the kids. When's the last time you were able to just sit at the feet of Jesus while also having the ability to create or color (we have adult coloring books!)? Maybe you want to bring a knitting or crocheting project (or some other portable activity) to work on as you sit and listen (or maybe you want someone to teach you how to do these things as you listen to God's Word together). Maybe you would relish the freedom to draw or doodle as you ponder God's Word. Adults can have fun too! We invite you to come, enjoy and relax at the feet of Jesus as we learn and grow together as a church family! We hope you will join us on September 8th!

SERVANT PROFILES

Servant Profiles have been delivered to your inbox (see the additional attachment to this newsletter). Please print out the Servant Profile, fill it out, and return it to Kandy Parsons (or place it in the basket in the Narthex as you enter the front doors of the church) by September 15th. Thank you to everyone who has turned them in already!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE AUGUST THRIVENT FINANCIAL SERVICE PROJECT AT SPIRIT OF HOPE!

During the month of August, Spirit of Hope has joined Thrivent Financial in a service project. The project was a "Back to School Shoe Drive" done in partnership with Samaritans Feet. This month

we collected 16 pairs of new athletic type shoes for needy elementary aged children prior to the start of school. Shoes are being sent this month and will soon be distributed. Thank you to all of you who were able to contribute.

HOPEFUL SPIRITS NEWS

The NEXT meeting of the Hopeful Spirits service, study and fellowship group will be September 18, 1:30 - 3:30 pm at the church.

SUMMER ADULT EDUCATION POSTPONED THIS WEEK!

Mid-week summer Bible study on the subject of intentional generosity and will be POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT WEEK. The last class which is taught by Wayne Schultz will be held from 7:00 to 8:30 pm on September 4 IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL OF THE NEW CHURCH.

LAST SUNDAY TO ORDER BIBLE STUDY BOOKS!

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 is a great opportunity to learn, or to be refreshed, about our core Lutheran beliefs. This class will be taught by Pastor Dave and Pastor Wendy. Bible study books for this class are \$10 each. If you would like us to order you a book, please add your name to the registration form in the Narthex or contact Pastor Wendy by September 1st.

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:

For healing for Sheri Giles who is dealing with fluid buildup since her back surgery of earlier this year. Please pray for the condition to dissipate

Thanksgiving to God for the completion of the building project

For healing for Cathy Morano's friend in Chicago, Traci, who is in treatment for breast cancer and also, for Traci's father who continues to deal 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

September Birthdays

9/5 Dylan Poch
9/8 David Giles
9/11 Shelly Blazier
9/12 John Malone
9/13 Carol Byers
9/14 Gary Flora
9/18 Ben Potthoff
9/19 Sarah West

September Anniversaries

9/10 Steve & Nancy Howland
9/13 Bill & Carol Byers

QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE

August income (to date) = **\$14,273**

August expenses (to date) = **\$9,946**

Checking = **\$28,125**

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

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