



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, August 29, 2017

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PASTORAL INTERN WENDY POCH IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES FOR THIS COMING SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, AT 303-514-5266.

THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE – LABOR DAY SUNDAY

This Sunday at Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church we observe the Labor Day weekend with a special service and sermon centered around the value of work. Although many opinions abound about work in our culture today, work is actually intended by God as a gift. The different reasons why God gives work will be explored from a variety of scripture passages this Sunday, September 3!

Fellowship officially begins at 9:00 am in the gym at Pine Lane Elementary North. Worship will begin at 9:30 am (SEE ARTICLE BELOW). Following worship there will be a special brief prayer service at the construction site followed by our annual Labor Day picnic at the home of Susan Spancers. More information on each of these events is also below.

STARTING ON TIME

By Pastor Dave

During last Sunday's Mission Moment I spoke about how our upcoming move into a permanent facility will necessitate some changes in habit for our congregation. We expect that there will be a number of visitors and guests who will come to see who we are and what we are about. In order to be hospitable and welcoming one of the things we will need to do is start our worship services at the time we publish. This serves to make guests more at ease by taking away an unnecessary surprise (they didn't start on time).

SO, IN ORDER TO SET A NEW HABIT AND STARTING THIS SUNDAY WORSHIP WILL BEGIN AT OUR PUBLISHED TIME OF 9:30 AM. It will probably take a bit of time to get used to this, but in the long run will serve our congregation well. Thank you in advanced for your patience in this.

LABOR DAY SUNDAY PICNIC RETURNS!

This Sunday, 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, head to the construction site for a brief prayer meeting 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!

PRAYER SERVICE AT CONSTRUCTION SITE

This Sunday between worship and the church picnic there will be a brief prayer service at our construction site of 7060 Ponderosa Drive. Each year the State of Colorado requires churches to hold at least one religious service on their property to retain their property tax exemption. Although we expect to be finished and in the new building before the end of the year, this prayer service will ensure our compliance with the state.

SPECIAL MISSIONS SUNDAY COMING SEPTEMBER 10

On September 10 Spirit of Hope will host a specials Missions Sunday at worship. DeDe Elliott will share some of the amazing stories of God working during the recent Friendship English Language Bible Camp in Estonia. Special guests will be present from our local

mission partner, Mean Street Ministry. Founder and director Chaplain James Fry along with some of his staff and board members will present about the work they are doing with homeless families in the Denver area. Don't miss this special time!

RALLY SUNDAY COMING SEPTEMBER 17!

On Sunday, September 17, Rally Day will happen at Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church. After prayer time that Sunday we will rally together and visit the rooms at Pine Lane Elementary North where classes will begin on September 24. Currently there are four classes that are being planned for Sunday School this fall:

Kid's class – studying the Gospel of John

High School youth class on Gospel of Luke taught by Intern Wendy and Pastor Dave

Women's Study facilitated by Wendy West curriculum to be determined

General Adult Study led by a variety of teachers. The first class will be facilitated by Tim Lehnerz and Brad Hoyt finishing last Spring's video series on "Why I Believe: Finding Answers to Life's Most Difficult Questions."

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

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 Spencers. 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.

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 continued protection and future recovery for all the victims of Hurricane Harvey

For healing for Glenn Poch as he undergoes outpatient hernia repair surgery today

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

For healing for Kandy Parson's mother, Hazel, whose infection returned last week

For healing for Beth Potthoff's friend in Missouri, Shelly, to recover from a recent 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, as he is scheduled for angiogram and possible angioplasty procedures for vascular issues

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) = **\$17,586**

August expenses (to date) = **\$5,245**

Checking = **\$41,032**

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**