



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, August 30, 2016

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THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

This Sunday at Spirit of Hope we finish the sermon the apostle Paul delivered in the synagogue at Pisidian Antioch. Recorded in Acts 13:32-43, Paul proclaims that the forgiveness of sins comes from belief in Jesus and His resurrection! Come for this special day of worship and fellowship! 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).

LABOR DAY SUNDAY PICNIC – SEPTEMBER 4 – THIS SUNDAY!

This coming Sunday is the Sunday of Labor Day Weekend, September 4. Spirit of Hope will have a special day of worship and fellowship that day. 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 first go over to the church construction site at 7060 Ponderosa Drive for a brief prayer service in the newly constructed parking lot. The state of Colorado requires at least one religious observance to occur on our property per year to retain our tax exempt status. After the prayer service we will 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 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!

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!

RALLY SUNDAY COMING SEPTEMBER 11!

On Sunday, September 11, 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 South where classes will begin on September 18. Currently there are five classes that are being planned for Sunday School this fall:

Kid's class – studying the stories and teachings of Jesus

Confirmation Class taught by Pastor Dave

High School youth class on apologetics taught by Wendy and Glenn Poch

Women's Study facilitated by Wendy West finishing the book Women of the Bible

General Adult Study led by a variety of teachers. The first class will be taught by Wayne Schultz on why bad things happen in life and how to handle them. That series will be followed by a three session class on apologetics taught by Joseph Ravitts.

Also on Rally Sunday we will remember and honor all those who died on September 11, 2001 and those who have died in the service of our nation since then.

YOUTH NEWS!

Upcoming Youth Group Events

9/11 Youth Group Night, Poch Home, 6-8 pm

9/25 Youth Group Night, Poch Home, 6-8 pm

10/1 LCMC Gathering Service Project, Crowne Plaza, Morning (TBD)

10/6 Bring Your Bible to School Day

10/9 Youth Group Night, Poch Home, 6-8 pm

10/8 or 9 through 10/15-16 Apache Youth Ministry Visit - stay tuned for event opportunities.

10/23 Youth Group Night, Poch Home, 6-8 pm

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

OOPS! Last Sunday I forgot to do the Mission Moment at the start of worship! I guess it takes a while to form a new habit! The Mission Moment is a brief moment at the beginning of worship to highlight something that is mission or ministry related to Spirit of Hope. This Sunday the Mission Moment will continue the brief informal survey regarding mission work members of the congregation may be involved in, but that is relatively unknown. 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.

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.

HOST HOMES NEEDED FOR AYM VISIT IN OCTOBER

UPDATE!

News has come from Apache Youth Ministries that their fall school break trip will occur from October 8 or 9 – 15 or 16. These high school youth are a part of AYM's youth outreach program and must earn the right to go on such trips. The current estimate is that the group will be 10-15 kids. 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. 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

Delivery of recycled asphalt to the parking lot at the church construction site should complete this week. The parking lot will be compacted with a rolling machine this week as well. As of last weekend about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the parking lot has been covered. The approved redesigned Fire Suppression System is being combined into the entire site plan for resubmission to the Fire Department a final 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

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 safe travel for Tiffany Poch as she travels to Atlanta this week for training prior to departure next week for her three month mission trip to Nicaragua

Prayers for quick healing for DeDe Elliott's sister, Karen Goerlier, from a stroke suffered two weeks ago

Prayers of guidance, protection and effectiveness for all students, teachers and staff as schools resume classes this month

For continued healing for Susan Spancers' mother, Doris Finney, as she recovers from recent gall bladder surgery

For healing for Tracey Ramirez' friend John Walter and his family

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

September Birthdays

9/5 Cliff Perkins
9/5 Dylan Poch
9/7 Carolyn McLaughlin
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
9/28 Samantha Shobe

September Anniversaries

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

QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE

August income (to date) = **\$17,240**

August expenses (to date) = **\$9,853**

Checking = **\$23,568**

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

Building Fund = **\$129,030**