



Mission News from SPIRIT OF HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH Wednesday, August 4, 2021

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CURRENT PREACHING SERIES "OLYMPIC FAITH"

The sermon topics will be:

- July 18th "Passing the Torch"
- July 25th "Training for Triumph"
- Aug. 1st "Running the Race"
- Aug. 8th "Going for Gold"



THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE: OLYMPIC FAITH!

This Sunday, Pastor Wendy will be concluding our series on "Olympic Faith" by preaching on Philippians 3:1-14. Her sermon is titled "Going for Gold" and will highlight the importance of looking forward rather than backward and making an authentic commitment to faith in Christ alone. Please join us after worship for a time of fellowship!

THE BLESSINGS OF LIVING GENEROUSLY

SPECIAL TWO-WEEK SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: AUG. 8th & 15th

Wayne Schultz will be leading a special two-week summer Sunday School class on the blessings of living generously. This class will include some ideas that can help you to live generously no matter what your circumstances may be, will offer some thoughts about how to move into a life of generosity, and will highlight not only the blessings for others, but also the ways that the Lord blesses the giver.

SCRIPTURE READERS DURING WORSHIP

Beginning after Labor Day, we will be seeking readers willing to read the Scripture text of the day during worship. If you are willing to be a

reader on occasion, please contact Pastor Wendy. If you have already expressed an interest in serving as a worship assistant, you will be added to this list as well.

NEW WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY STARTS TONIGHT! “HOW TO BE A CHRISTIAN WITHOUT BEING RELIGIOUS”

Please join us this evening at 7:00 pm as we begin a new class titled How to be a Christian Without Being Religious, taught by Ken Carpenter. This class will include highlights from the Letter to the Romans.



RIGHTNOW MEDIA SUBSCRIPTION!

The Church Board has authorized the purchase of a subscription to RightNow Media which offers thousands of streaming options including Christian Bible studies, children’s programming, theological conferences, and more. As members and friends of Spirit of Hope,

you can receive free access to this resource as a gift from the church. You are also welcome to share this opportunity with your family and friends and no additional cost. If you would like access to this resource, please contact Pastor Wendy by August 9th with the email address that you would like to be shared with RightNow Media. In a few weeks, you will receive an email from RightNow Media inviting you to set up your personal account. If you have any questions about this program, or RightNow Media, please contact Pastor Wendy.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS!

Tuesdays: 8:30 am – 10:30 am @ Fika Coffee House on Mainstreet

Tuesdays: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm @ Spirit of Hope

Wednesday - Friday: 10:00 am – 1:00 pm @ Spirit of Hope

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYERS!

Please pray for our students from pre-K through college who are heading back to school in the coming days. Please also pray for all the teachers and support staff in the schools. If you would like ideas on how to pray, please see the attachment that came with this newsletter or pick up a prayer guide in the church narthex.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

This fall we will be having a Sunday School class for designed for adults and those in confirmation age and up. This class will cover a wide variety of topics. This class will begin on September 12th. Classes will run from approximately 11:00 am – 12:00 noon. Stay tuned for more information.

NEW ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS!

This fall we will also be having a fun and faith-filled Sunday School class for our elementary students. Pastor Wendy will be teaching this class and Pat Schmidt will be assisting. This class will be geared toward those in kindergarten through third grade, though elementary students in other grades are also welcome to join us. For the majority of our classes, we will focus on the sermon text of the day so that the kids can gain deeper understanding and connect the class to worship. All participants will be both challenged and encouraged at age-appropriate levels as we all grow in faith together! This class will begin on September 12th. Classes will run from approximately 11:00 am – 12:00 noon.



COFFEE with the PASTOR



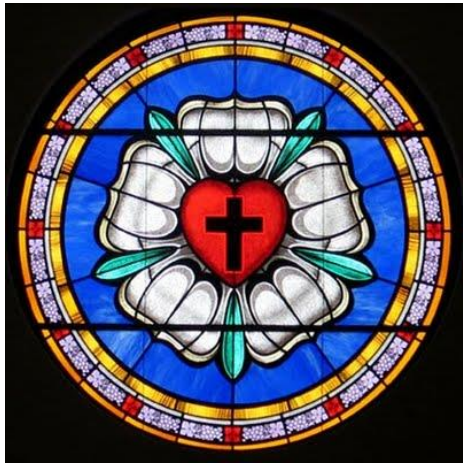
NOTE: nothing personal, but your cup of coffee may not look this snazzy.

COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR

Pastor Wendy will be holding office hours on Tuesdays from 8:30 – 10:30 am at Fika Coffee House, located at 19559 East Mainstreet. Come and join her for some good conversation. All topics are welcome. No need to make an appointment. Just drop in! Bring a neighbor or friend!

CRAFT & BAKE SALE: SEPTEMBER 12th

The Hopeful Spirits will be having a craft and bake sale on Sunday, September 12th. All proceeds will go to one of our mission partners. Please consider making or donating items for the sale. The items don't necessarily have to be baked goods or crafts. All donations are welcome!



**FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD
(The Lutheran Confessions):**

THE SECOND COMMANDMENT

“You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God” (Ex. 20:7; Deut. 5:11).

FROM THE SMALL CATECHISM

“What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.”

FROM THE LARGE CATECHISM

“Now you understand what it means to take God’s name in vain. In sum it means (a) to use His name simply for purposes of falsehood, (b) to assert in God’s name something that is not true, or (c) to curse, swear, use spells and in short, to practice whatever wickedness one may.

Besides this you must also know how to use God’s name rightly. For when He says, “You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain,” He wants us to understand at the same time that His name is to be used properly. For His name has been revealed and given to us so that it may be of constant use and profit. So, it is natural to conclude that since this commandment forbids using the holy name for falsehood or wickedness, we are, on the other hand, commanded to use His name for truth and for all good, like when someone takes an oath truthfully when it is needed and is demanded (Numbers 30:2). This commandment also applies to right teaching and to calling on His name in trouble or praising and thanking Him in prosperity, and so on.” [LC I 62-64]

2-YEAR BUILDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION & DEBT REDUCTION SUNDAY, AUGUST 22nd

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, August 22nd as we celebrate the 2nd anniversary of our church facility. The actual anniversary is August 19th. We will be celebrating by having a cake from Masterpiece Cakeshop as well as enjoying an ice cream sundae bar after worship!

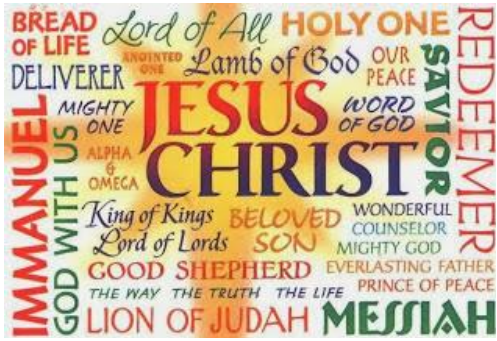
As we did on our first anniversary, we will be attempting to significantly reduce our debt by collecting a special offering. Please

dream about how much we could accomplish for God's kingdom if all the money going toward our debt could go toward mission and ministry! And please pray about whether or not the Lord is calling you to help us pay down our debt sooner so that we can do just that! Every dollar that is given now will save us multiple dollars in the years to come. We would like to ask that any/all gifts given toward debt reduction are given in addition to regular offerings so that we can continue to provide for our current mission and ministry needs.



Prayer Requests - If you have a prayer request for the prayer team please contact Pastor Wendy @ 303-841-3553 or wendy.poch@spiritofhopelcmc.org

Jesus said; "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."



PRAYER FOR THE WEEK By Pastor Wendy

Dear Lord,

We thank you for revealing yourself to us through your Word. You are one God in three persons. One God with many names. You are our loving Creator, our merciful Savior, and our

source of Strength and Life. We give you thanks and praise for all that you are, for your willingness to take us into a deeper relationship with you, and also for all that you have done for us. We love you Lord: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

Please include the following people and situations in your prayers:

Please pray for...

Sara G. as she begins a new chemotherapy treatment plan.

Janie S. who has been diagnosed with a mass on her pancreas.

Bill L. as he grieves the death of his wife, Cherri, who is now a member of the Church Triumphant.

Liz D. who has been diagnosed with COVID and is experiencing symptoms.

For James W. who is at Marine boot camp.

For all those being affected by the intensity of recent heat waves and fires across the western states and into Canada.

For those who are first responders to all emergencies: fire fighters, EMTs and law enforcement.

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, Alternatives Pregnancy Center,

Apache Youth Ministries, Institute of Lutheran Theology, Tartu Academy of Theology, Marion Medical Mission.

For Spirit of Hope mission allies: Compassion International, SONetwork, LCMC Disaster Relief Fund, Operation Christmas Child/Samaritan's Purse.

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) = \$4,186

General Fund Offerings = \$3,885

Debt Reduction Offerings = \$300

Dedicated Offerings = \$1

Other Income = \$0

July Expenses (to date) = \$1,791.01

Checking Accounts Balance = \$28,770

Debt Reduction Account Balance = \$4,927

Money Market Account Balance = \$117,236