



**SPIRIT OF HOPE**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

7060 E. Ponderosa Drive  
Parker, CO 80138

## **MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, September 1, 2020**

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**ASSOCIATE PASTOR WENDY POCH IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES THIS COMING SATURDAY, September 5th, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 7:2-16 (we’re jumping backwards in the text this week) where the apostle Paul writes about the joy that surpasses all affliction, the joy that can only come through Jesus Christ and through the repentant and forgiven hearts of His children. 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://sohworshipseptember6.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 WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY SERIES BEGINS  
TOMORROW NIGHT! \*\***

**“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**.

**Masks may be removed once you are seated at your table.**

**This Wednesday, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm: *Hannah's Story***

Here is the Zoom Link (cut and paste you're your browser) if you'd like to attend from home.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84896778939?pwd=ZWNIUmhjTmY4UjByQjRhTFlybEE1Zz09>

## **U.F.O.NIGHT – THIS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM**

Ladies of all ages are invited to attend our monthly U.F.O. Night (UnFinished Objects!). You are welcome to bring something from home that you've been wanting to work on or finish up (crafts, bills, organization projects, you name it!) and simply enjoy a time of catching up with one another. You can even just come and hang out with the ladies without a project! Masks may be removed once seated at a table. In this time of COVID – the chance to sit and talk face to face is a blessing. We hope that you will join us!

## **NEW MEMBER CLASSES**

Due to COVID, we are happy to hold new member classes for individual families/households and are happy to schedule them at your convenience. Attending our new member class doesn't mean you have to become a member. But it is a great opportunity to learn about our congregation's history, core beliefs, vision for ministry, and to ask questions about Spirit of Hope, LCMC, or anything else that you've been wondering about! If you would like to schedule a new member class, please contact Pastor Dave or Pastor Wendy. We would be delighted to meet with you!

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS SEPTEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>!**

Sunday School for all ages begins on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Everyone, from preschool through adults is invited to join the class in the Fellowship Hall after worship. Activities that connect with our lesson of the day will be provided for the little ones. Once again, we will be utilizing SOLA Publishing's SEED Curriculum which will take us from Genesis through Revelation, highlighting various Biblical accounts so that we get an overarching view of the Scriptures. The SEED program is a four-year series that highlights different Scripture accounts every year. The class will meet in the Fellowship Hall and once you are seated at your table, you may remove your mask. We will also have a Zoom link available for those who would like to attend class from home.

## **HOPEFUL SPIRITS IMPORTANT UPDATE! NEW MEETING DAY!**

The Hopeful Spirits will now be meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm. The Bible study will be on Martin Luther's "A Simple Way to Pray". If you would like a copy of "A Simple Way to Pray", there are copies in the Church Office. A study guide for this lesson was attached to the email that accompanied this newsletter. If you'd like to learn more about the Hopeful Spirits, please contact Sara Gutknecht.

## **UPDATES FROM CARRIE**

As you know, we provide regular support to Carrie who serves in Southeast Asia. Since this newsletter is public and posted to our website, we will not share more information here (though you are welcome to talk with Pastor Dave or Pastor Wendy for more info!). Carrie sends out a personal newsletter and has invited anyone who would like to follow her work to sign up to receive that newsletter. If you would like to get updates from Carrie, please contact Pastor Wendy at [wendy.poch@spiritofhopelcmc.org](mailto:wendy.poch@spiritofhopelcmc.org) and specify if you would like your email, physical address, or both shared with Carrie.

## **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).

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!

## **PLEASE REMEMBER SPIRIT OF HOPE IN YOUR MONTHLY GIVING**

We would like to ask you to prayerfully consider supporting the mission and ministry of Spirit of Hope in your regular giving. Presently we have three ways of giving: You can mail your offerings to the church (7060 E. Ponderosa Drive, Parker, CO 80138), you can give via PayPal by visiting our website [www.spiritofhopelcmc.org](http://www.spiritofhopelcmc.org), and you are, of course, welcome to place offerings in the collection plate at the back of the sanctuary. Your gifts will go a long way in our being able to continue to support our mission partners and those in need during this crazy COVID season that we are in! As always, we thank you for your continued generosity.

## **BUILDING UPDATE**

A few weeks ago we announced that the odor issue in the fellowship hall had been resolved. We had a “pipe to nowhere” that was leaking unpleasant (though harmless) odors through the walls into the fellowship hall. The plumber found the mystery pipe, the root of our issue, capped it, and all seemed well. However, with that pipe being capped, the odor is now being forced out through a different set of pipes in the kitchen, which means the odor has temporarily returned. The Church Board is in the process of working with a contractor to extend the original pipe up and out of the building so that it will vent outside properly. Thank you for your patience. The good news is that

**we have identified the source and a permanent solution should be achieved soon!**

### **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!**

### **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>**

**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](mailto:wendy.poch@spiritofhopelcmc.org). or [pastor.dave@spiritofhopelcmc.org](mailto: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) = \$33,621**

**General Fund Offerings = \$18,118**

**Debt Reduction Offerings = \$15,150**

**Dedicated Offerings = \$206**

**Other Income = \$147\***

**August expenses (to date) = \$24,717\*\***

**Checking = \$45,525**

**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.**