



## MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, September 10, 2019

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**SENIOR PASTOR DAVE FISHER IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES THIS COMING SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, AT 303-941-0668.**

**The NEXT meeting of the Hopeful Spirits service, study and fellowship group will be TOMORROW, September 11, 1:30 - 3:30 pm at the church.**

### **THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE – NEW SERMON SERIES BEGINS**

This coming Sunday, September 15, begins a new sermon series for Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church: The Mission, Values and Vision of Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church will revisit our founding documents from their biblical foundations. This Sunday Pastor Dave will preach on the mission of our congregation: *Using the Bible as our foundation we will honor God by growing in faith and love, sharing Jesus and giving generously.* The text for this week's message is the Great Commandment of Jesus in Matthew 22:34-40. In following weeks, the six core values and our vision statement will be covered. Intergenerational Sunday School (see article below) will continue after worship!

Everything starts 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. Intergenerational Sunday School begins in the fellowship area at 11:00 am. 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!

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES THIS WEEK (NEW ARTICLE)**

While Intergenerational Sunday School has something for everyone, allowing us all to come together as God's children, our program is designed in such a way that one who has never encountered Christ will be fed by God's Word as much as the most seasoned Bible scholar! Last week we discussed the creation of man and woman, had the Bible story read (complete with costumed little ones participating!) and also went deep enough into the text to discuss the ancient Hebrew translations of key Scripture verses (and covered lots of ground in-between!). This week in Sunday School we will be learning about what it means to "Wait upon the Lord" as we discuss what Noah and his family faced while on the ark and as they were called to step into a new season of life. We will also discuss the connection between the Genesis flood and baptism. Our texts this week are Genesis 8:1-22; 9:12-16; and 1 Peter 3:20b-21. Pastor Dave and Pastor Wendy invite you to read and ponder these texts ahead of time in anticipation of playing "Stump the Pastors!" in class!

## **BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE**

**By Senior Pastor Dave Fisher**

Last Wednesday we received from Douglas County our permanent certificate of occupancy! Praise the Lord for this milestone in the history of our congregation!

There are still some final close out items to complete with our general contractor over the next few weeks before we can call the project totally complete. These include the final bill from the contractor for overruns that have occurred this summer due to various close out requirements from the county and fire department as well as a walk through and "punch list" of any items that need repair. Again, thank you for your prayers, patience and persistence. Praise be to God for bringing us to a new chapter in our history!

## **DEDICATION AND GRAND OPENING DATES SET**

The scheduling of our upcoming formal dedication service to the glory of God for the new building and our "Grand Opening/Open House" for the Parker community has been set.

**BUILDING DEDICATION – SUNDAY AT 2:00 O’CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON OF SEPTEMBER 22.**

The day will begin with fellowship, worship and intergenerational Sunday at their normal times. A catered luncheon provided by

Thrivent Financial will be served from 12:00 noon to 1:30 pm. The Dedication worship service at 2:00 pm will feature special music from the choir and praise band. Area LCMC clergy and congregations as well as pastors and churches in the Parker area have been invited to participate. After the service a dessert reception will take place in the fellowship area. Plan now to come for this very special day in the history of Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church.

### **GRAND OPENING/OPEN HOUSE – SUNDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 3**

The morning worship and fellowship of this Sunday will be especially geared to inviting the Parker community to come learn more about us. More details about this event will come soon.

### **NEW SERMON SERIES “The Mission, Values and Vision of Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church”**

As our congregation continues to enter into new ministry opportunities, we return for the next several weeks to our founding documents. Our mission, values, and vision statements will be reflected upon in light of scriptures that support them. The schedule of topics is as follows:

September 15 – The Mission of Spirit of Hope

September 22 – The Value of a Close Walk with God

September 29 – The Value of Living in a Community of Christian Love

October 6 – The Value of Honoring God with Our Lives

October 13 – The Value of Holding a High View of Scripture

October 20 – The Value of Serving God and Others

October 27 – The Value of Sharing God with Others

November 3 – The Vision of Spirit of Hope

Come as we visit again the mission, values and vision that make us who we are at Spirit of Hope.

### **FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN**

Spirit of Hope members, friends, families, and neighbors are invited to help pack food for the hungry with Feed My Starving Children on Friday, September 27th from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Those ages 5 to 105 are invited to serve and there are jobs for everyone (ranging from sit down jobs all the way to heavy lifters). This community wide event is being hosted by Parker United Methodist Church, whom we have partnered with for feeding the hungry for many years now. It is always a lot of fun to serve together at this event! Please sign up in the Narthex or contact Pastor Wendy by this coming Sunday, September

15th if you'd like to participate. If you'd like to learn more about Feed My Starving Children, please click here: <https://www.fmssc.org/>

### **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 **THIS SUNDAY, September 15th**. Thank you to everyone who has turned them in already!

### **TWO NEEDS FOR THE NEW CHURCH BUILDING**

As we settle into the new church building there will be some needs identified. Currently there is a need for an additional file cabinet for the office and some temporary free-standing shelving for the sacristy. Please contact Pastor Dave if you have these items and can give or loan them to the church. Thank you.

### **ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO HELP AN SOH MEMBER**

Spirit of Hope member, Cathy Morano, is planning to move to the Trinidad, CO area in the next two months. She is in need of help with packing the items she will be taking with her into packing boxes. Please contact Pastor Dave or Pastor Wendy for more information if you can help Cathy with this need. Thank you.

**CHOIR REHEARSAL IS THIS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 7-8:30 PM**

**THE FIRST FALL MIDWEEK ADULT BIBLE STUDY ON THE CATECHISMS BEGINS, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 7:00 – 8:30 PM**

**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](mailto: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 thanksgiving for the birth of a new grandson to Sara and Steve Gutknecht on Sunday

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 being treated for breast cancer and also, for Traci's father who continues to deal with foot and stress issues

Thanksgiving for the Tartu Academy of Theology in Estonia as they prepare to move into their new facility in November and continue fundraise to make loan payments

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)**

### **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**

September income (to date) = **\$8,544**

September expenses (to date) = **\$1,050**

Checking = **\$25,075**

Money Market = **\$29,181 (Reserves = \$10,400 Dedicated = \$18,781)**

Building Fund = **\$11,719\***

Building Loan Interest Escrow\*\* = **\$2,534**

**\*Reflects payment of John C. Lasko Foundation Grant after reception of permanent C.O.**

**\*\*New account to reserve funds for member loan repayments**