



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, September 11, 2018

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PASTORAL INTERN WENDY POCH IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES FOR THIS COMING SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, AT 303-514-5266.

TODAY'S MEETING OF THE HOPEFUL SPIRITS HAS BEEN CANCELED. PLEASE WATCH FUTURE NEWSLETTERS FOR WHEN THE OCTOBER MEETING WILL BE SCHEDULED. THANK YOU.

THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE – SUNDAY CLASSES BEGIN

This Sunday our regularly scheduled educational classes will begin at 10:45 am (see article below). Before that, we will gather for worship as Pastoral Intern Wendy Poch leads worship and preaches while Pastor Dave is in Africa for the Marion Medical Mission trip. We return to reading through the gospel of Luke by starting a new chapter. Luke 11:1-13 covers Jesus' teaching on prayer using what has come to be known as The Lord's Prayer.

Everything begins with fellowship at 9:00 am this Sunday at Pine Lane Elementary North (6485 E Ponderosa Drive, Parker, CO 80138).

Worship follows fellowship at 9:30 am. Sunday School for all ages begins at 10:45 am.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN THIS SUNDAY

Here is the current schedule of classes, teachers and topics for the beginning of Sunday School (10:45am – 12:00pm) on September 16: Confirmation Class – taught by Intern Wendy will begin with classes on navigating the Bible and the basic story of the Bible. **THE CLASS MEETS IN THE UPPER LEVEL ART ROOM.**

High School Class – taught by Courtney Giles in September begins with a study called “Life in Six Words” by Dare 2 Share Ministry. **THE CLASS MEETS IN THE GYM.**

Women’s Study – facilitated by Wendy West will start a new study called “Family Matters” looking at family dynamics (*both personal and church family*) from the perspective of Genesis 12-50, the gospels, Martin Luther’s Small Catechism and modern family systems theory. **THE STUDY MEETS IN THE UPPER LEVEL INOVATION LAB.**

General Adult Study – will be facilitated in September by Brad Hoyt as the class begins a new Chip Ingram video-based class call “Balancing Life’s Demands.” **THE CLASS MEETS IN THE BAND ROOM BEHIND THE STAGE IN THE GYM.**

YOUTH NEWS!

Up Coming Youth Events

September 16, Youth Group from noon to 3 pm, AYM Service Project!

September 30, Youth Group from noon to 2 pm

Watch future newsletters, GroupMe, and Facebook for details!

Youth Group Kick-Off Service Project

When youth from our families go to college, they have tremendous support from their family. When Apache youth go to college, they normally have quite the opposite. Often, Apache youth make great sacrifices to go to school, often costing them familial relationships, and even friends. Therefore, AYM has asked us to consider creating care packages for the Kennel kids who are going to college.

Presently, this is Nick, Jerrylynne, and Kobe who are now residential students at Indian Bible College on Phoenix. Please keep this a secret as we want this to be a fun surprise for them.

After Sunday School on 9/16, we will go out to lunch at Burger King. After lunch, we will go shopping for supplies for care packages (feel free to bring items as well). Then we will go to the Poch home to write out cards and notes of encouragement for them, pack up the boxes and get them ready to send. This event will run until 3:00 pm. If we finish early, the kids are welcome to hang out and play games, shoot pool, etc. Please RSVP by 9/15 so that we can figure out transportation. Parents, if you are willing to drive, please let Intern Wendy know. College aged students and young adults are welcome to join us.

Bring Your Bible To School Day - October 4th

For the fourth year in a row, we are inviting students in elementary school through college to bring their Bibles to school with them on October 4th as part of the nation-wide Bring Your Bible to School Day. This event, sponsored by Focus on the Family, is to encourage students to be comfortable with their faith, remind students and families that we do have a legal right to bring Bibles into the school and to read them and/or share them during free periods (in between classes, before/after school, lunch, study halls, etc.). This day also provides an opportunity for students to be asked questions about their faith - giving students the opportunity to share the love of Jesus Christ with their classmates. Students are encouraged to bring their Bibles to school on October 4th, and to read them as opportunity allows throughout the day. If you would like more information about Bring Your Bible to School Day, you can learn more here:

<http://www.bringyourbible.org/>

PRAYER REQUESTED FOR MMM MISSION TRIP

Africa Trip sponsored by Marion Medical Missions

This coming Friday evening Wayne Schultz, Tiffany Poch, Rodney Pobar, and Pastor Dave Fisher will fly out of Denver for this year's Marion Medical Mission trip. They will arrive in Lilongwe in the early afternoon of Sunday, September 16, and return to Denver on October 12. Two teams will try to help install 2,900 clean water drinking wells in the name of Christ before the end of October. The Spirit of Hope members of the trip will be on Team 1. The teams travel to the nation of Malawi and are then deployed to rural areas throughout that country and into neighboring Zambia and Tanzania to help local MMM employees, install, record and dedicate the wells to God. The wells provide an immediate lifesaving effect to villagers who have long suffered from water borne diseases. Please pray for our short-term missionaries during this trip!

Marion Medical Mission Trip - Facebook Prayer Group

A temporary Facebook group has been set up (thank you Tiffany Poch!) where those interested in praying for our MMM team (Pastor Dave, Wayne, Rodney and Tiffany) can receive information on what the prayer needs are. Limited trip updates will be posted as information becomes available. In addition, prayer prompts and some of the devotions that the team will be will be praying while on the trip

will be shared so that we can all pray in unity with the team. If you are interested in joining this temporary group, please click on this link or contact Intern Wendy.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/611832595879692/?multi_permalink=611834015879550%2C611833822546236&f_id=1536637618952607&f_t=group_activity

SEPTEMBER IS A FIVE SUNDAY MISSION TUB MONTH!

In September, Spirit of Hope continues the tradition of collecting tomato products for SECOR and reading glasses, action toys and Christian coloring books for Mean Street Ministry. The blue missions tub will be out again this Sunday. Thanks for your donations!

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR 3 BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2019

According to the by-laws of Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church “(B1.01) There shall be six lay members of the Church Board, who shall be selected by unanimous decision of the Church Board. Eligible members may volunteer or (with their consent) be nominated by any confirmed member no later than three months prior to the annual meeting.” What this means is that any confirmed member of the congregation may volunteer themselves or nominate another confirmed member (with that member’s consent) to serve on the board. Our current church board is scheduled to replace three of its six members in January 2019. John Parsons, Brad Hoyt and Wayne Schultz are scheduled to go off the board while Susan Spancers, Steve Gutknecht and Gary Flora are scheduled to remain on the board for one more year. Church Board terms are normally two years in length. If you would like to be considered for the board or nominate someone for consideration, please contact any board member or Pastor Dave in writing (letter or e-mail) between now and October 31. After October 31 those nominated will go through the vetting process described in the by-laws before being selected by the board before the next annual meeting.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD IS COMING SOON

Once again Spirit of Hope will participate in Operation Christmas Child sending shoe box size packages with basic items and small toys to needy children all over the world along with a gospel message. Look for more information to come soon!

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 DeDe's sister, Karen Goerler, who is currently in Cherry Creek nursing home for rehab to recover from a compression fracture in her back

For healing for Beth Potthoff's best friend Shelly who has had a return of cancer. Please pray for healing and good decisions for treatment

For Cathy Morano's family at the loss of Cathy's sister-in-law, Linda Morano, and especially for Linda's husband, Joseph Morano

For a lifelong friend of Tracey Ramirez, Carol Metzger, to heal physically and spiritually in North Dakota after suffering a recent heart attack

For continued recovery for Cherri Lusk as she recovers at home

For God's will to be done in the selection process for the next justice of the Supreme Court of the United States of America

For the Tartu Academy of Theology in Estonia as they fundraise to acquire a permanent facility

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)

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) = **\$8,106**

September expenses (to date) = **\$61**

Checking = **\$46,410**

Money Market (Reserves) = **\$22,237**

Building Fund = **\$55,563**

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE QUICK FINANCIAL UPDATE WILL BE REVISED AFTER PASTOR DAVE'S RETURN FROM THE AFRICA MISSION TRIP