



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, September 5, 2017

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PASTOR DAVE FISHER IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES FOR THIS COMING SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, AT 303-941-0668.

THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE – RALLY SUNDAY

This Sunday, September 17, is Rally Sunday at Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church. We will also start a new book of the Bible that will be read in worship and form the basis for the sermon each week. The Gospel According to Luke, chapter 1 verses 1-4 will be read this Sunday. The message by Pastor Dave will focus on the importance of learning and how we can become better “God lovers.” After prayer time we will rally together and visit the rooms at Pine Lane Elementary North where classes will begin fully on September 24. Prior to prayer time, teachers will be commissioned and topics will be introduced. Currently there are four classes that are planned for Sunday School this fall:

Kid’s class – studying the Gospel of John will be taught by Andrea Hoyt and Victoria Fisher

High School youth class on the Gospel of Luke will be taught by Intern Wendy and Pastor Dave

Women’s Study facilitated by Wendy West will study the Gospel of Luke using a resource by Christian author, Max Lucado.

General Adult Study will be led by a variety of teachers. The first class will be led by Tim Lehnerz and Brad Hoyt and finish the Chip Ingram series on answering difficult questions in life. Future classes will cover the Reformation (taught by Pastor Dave) and Joseph Ravitts will lead a class in November on why God did certain curious things in the Bible.

Fellowship time starts officially at 9:00 am. Worship begins at 9:30 am SHARP! Educational classes begin at 11:00 am.

YOUTH NEWS!

Upcoming Youth Events

9/17/17 Youth Group: Cherry Creek State Park Picnic and Beach Day
11:30 - 2 pm

10/1/17 Youth Group: Pine Lane North: 12-2pm

10/22/17 Youth Group: Pine Lane North: 12-2pm

11/12/17 Youth Group: TBD

Cherry Creek State Park Picnic and Beach Day this Sunday!

Our fall activities for youth group will start this coming Sunday with an all Family and Youth Group Picnic and Beach Day at Cherry Creek State Park. We will meet at around 11:30 am in the parking lot at Pine Line Elementary and caravan to the Park. Admission to the park and lunch will be provided. Once we find a spot at the beach we will have burgers, hot dogs, side dishes, dessert and beverages as well as games (Nine Square in the Air anyone?) and swimming if the water is warm enough. Come out and have some fun as we kick-off the fall season of youth group! Bring a friend if you can!

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!

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

Framers finished some interior framing work last week including installation of stairs to access heating units located above the restrooms. Now that the stairs are in the HVAC loft (Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning) workers have begun their work this week. White Tyvek moisture barrier has been placed on all the exterior walls and packages of roofing shingles have been placed on the roof. Windows were installed yesterday. Exterior siding and trim should be installed within the next month. Everything is moving in a forward direction.

Our weed mitigation crew led by Carl Winkelman mowed and weeded last Wednesday. Thanks to helpers Doug Kleven, Marvin Gates and

Wayne Schultz. Please continue to pray for safety for all working and for progress to continue with our building project. Thank you!

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR 3 BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2018

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 2018. Susan Spancers, Steve Gutknecht and Tim Lehnerz are scheduled to go off the board while John Parsons, Brad Hoyt and Wayne Schultz are scheduled to remain on the board for one more year. In January of this year the Church Board agreed to give both Wayne and Brad the option to step down after completion of the building project. So, there is a potential need for two additional board members to finish the rest of their terms. 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.

Prayer Requests - If you have a prayer request for the prayer chain please contact Pastor Dave at 303-941-0668 or 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 continued protection and recovery for all the victims of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma

For continued recovery for Glenn Poch from his recent hernia repair surgery

For comfort and relief for Carol Palin's 95-year-old aunt Hazel in Minnesota as she has been placed in hospice with a malignant mass on her left lung

For healing for Kandy Parson's mother, Hazel, whose infection has returned

For healing for Beth Potthoff's friend in Missouri, Shelly, to recover from a recent single mastectomy and beginning reconstruction surgery

For healing for James Kallas the father of Cathy Morano's friend in Chicago, Traci, from recent angiogram and angioplasty procedures

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) = **\$6,484**

September expenses (to date) = **\$1,782**

Checking = **\$28,578**

Money Market (Reserves) = **\$22,206**

Building Fund = **\$575,047**