



Mission News from SPIRIT OF HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH Wednesday, September 15, 2021

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THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

This Sunday Pastor Wendy will be preaching on Genesis 21:1-2 and Genesis 22:1-14 which is the story of Abraham and the binding of Isaac. We will learn about trusting in the Lord who blesses us by providing for us and who always keeps His promises. It is also a praise band Sunday!



After worship we will enjoy a time of fellowship. Then at approximately 11:00 we will we will have Sunday School for both youth and adults. The adults will be watching and discussing episode two of “The Chosen”. Elementary youth will be learning more about Abraham, Sarah and Isaac. **We are looking for a few more kid-sized bean bag chairs that are red, blue, brown, black, or gray. If you have one you are willing to donate to our Sunday School room, please contact Pastor Wendy or Pat Schmidt.**

COMING UP AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

Wednesday, September 15th

7:00 am Men’s Prayer Breakfast at Village Inn

7:00 pm Bible Study: Christ in the Old Testament

Saturday, September 18th

10:00 am – 1:00 pm Confirmation Class, Grades 7-9

Sunday, September 19th

9:30 am Worship

11:00 am Adult Sunday School: The Chosen

11:00 am Elementary Sunday School: Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac

Tuesday, September 21st

Bible Study: Digging Deeper 12:00 – 1:00 pm @ Church

Hopeful Spirits @ 1:30 pm



OFFICE HOURS

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

Tuesdays: 11:30 am – 2:00 pm @ Spirit of Hope

Wednesday - Friday: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm @ Spirit of Hope

SOUND & TECH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of people who can spend an hour or two once a month (more if you're interested) at the church creating slides for worship. No experience necessary. Complete training will be provided. We are also looking for people who are willing to sit in the tech booth during worship and help advance the slides one Sunday a month. Again, no experience needed. If you're willing to help, please contact Dave Giles or Pastor Wendy.



Christ caring for people through people

**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

SPIRIT OF HOPE IS NOW A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION!

In August, Spirit of Hope officially became a Stephen Ministry Congregation. Starting this week, Kandy Parsons and Pastor Wendy will be beginning the process of becoming trained Stephen Ministry Leaders. Kandy will be our official Stephen Ministry Leader and Pastor Wendy will offer pastoral support. Each week this fall, we will

share new articles about Stephen Ministry. You are invited to prayerfully consider if God may be calling you to become a Stephen Minister. We will begin training Stephen Ministers in January of 2022.

WHAT IS STEPHEN MINISTRY?

Stephen Ministry offers a proven and effective way to organize, equip, and supervise a team of congregation members—called *Stephen Ministers*—to provide high-quality, one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people in the congregation and the community experiencing life difficulties. *“Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ” (Galatians 6:2, NRSV).*

WHAT IS A STEPHEN MINISTRY LEADER?

Stephen Leaders are church staff, lay leaders, and pastors trained to provide ongoing leadership for their congregation’s Stephen Ministry. They are equipped for this key role through the Bridge Leader’s Training Course offered by Stephen Ministries St. Louis.

WHAT IS A STEPHEN MINISTER?

Stephen Ministers are congregation members trained by their Stephen Leaders to offer care to people who are hurting. A Stephen Minister typically has one care receiver at a time and meets with that person once a week for about an hour.



FREE ACCESS TO RIGHTNOW MEDIA

If you would like free access to thousands of Bible studies, theological conferences, apologetics studies, discipleship programs, Christian children's programming and more, please copy and paste this link into your

browser: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/SOH>

This is a free gift (and will always be free!) from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church, to you! We are even in the process of creating our own channel where you will have easy access to recorded worship services and more!

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR 3 BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2022

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 2022. Susan Spancers, Carol Palin, and Gary Flora are scheduled to go off the board while John Parsons, Steve Gutknecht and Sheri Giles 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 Wendy 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.

NAME TAGS

As we are now receiving more and more visitors at Spirit of Hope, Pastor Wendy would like for us to start wearing our name tags again. This is really helpful for visitors and even to help each of us to get to know one another better. Please check the name tag board in the narthex prior to entering the sanctuary. If you need a new name tag, please let Pastor Wendy know.

NEW DIRECTORY COMING SOON!

Spirit of Hope is in the process of creating a new and updated directory. Please send an updated photo (especially if your current photo is more than three years old) and contact information (name, emails, cell phone number, home phone number, etc.) to Rene Nefee at reneeneffe@yahoo.com. If you have photos of recent events at Spirit of Hope, please send them to Pastor Wendy. Due to recent events at Spirit of Hope, we are extending the deadline through September.



NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Are you interested in learning more about Spirit of Hope? Come attend a new member class! During the class, Pastor Wendy will walk you through Spirit of Hope's history and core beliefs, answer any questions about Spirit of Hope, Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ, or any theological questions you may have. Participants will be given a new member packet. If you would like to be an official member, you can turn the packet in. If you're not sure, you can just hold on to it. Please know that while you need to be a member to vote at congregational meetings or to serve on the Church Board, you are still welcome to fully participate in congregational life without formal membership. Pastor Wendy is happy to set up a new member class for you and/or your family at a time that works well for you. Just let her know!



CHRIST IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Starting this evening at 7:00 pm, our Wednesday evening Bible study will be focused on Christ in the Old Testament.

We will be watching theological lectures on this fascinating topic presented by one of the world's leading Lutheran theologians, Chad

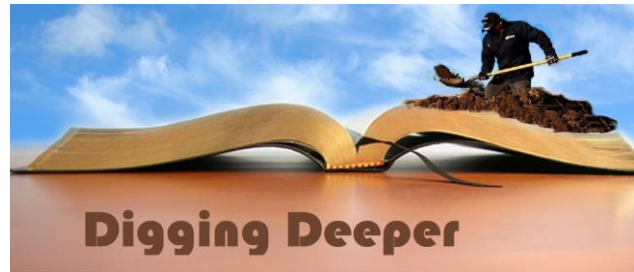
Bird. Each lecture is approximately 40 minutes long. After viewing the lecture, Pastor Wendy will lead a discussion and will supplement with material from Chad Bird's new book, "The Christ Key". If you would like to study this independently because you are unable to attend on Wednesday evenings, please contact Pastor Wendy, who will be happy to send you what you need.

DIGGING DEEPER WITH PASTOR WENDY

TUESDAYS 12:00 – 1:00 pm
LUNCH TIME BIBLE STUDY

Join Pastor Wendy on Tuesdays from 12:00 – 1:00 pm as we dig deeper into the text

from Sunday, explore the daily Bible readings, and I also start digging into the text for the upcoming Sunday. As we begin the Narrative Lectionary, which will include many of the Old Testament pericopes (stories or selected texts) that we were taught as children, this is an opportunity to ask those questions you've always wondered about and also to share your own biblical insights with others. We will learn and explore the texts together! This class will meet on Tuesdays from 12:00 – 1:00 pm. You are welcome to bring a lunch!



UPCOMING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

TUESDAYS BEGINNING 9/14 From 12:00 – 1:00 PM:

Digging Deeper with Pastor Wendy

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS @ 7:00 PM:

9/8 – 10/13

Christ in the Old Testament

10/20 – 11/17

Heroes of the Faith: Inquiring Heroes

SUNDAYS AFTER WORSHIP

Adults: 9/12 – 11/7

The Chosen (except for 10/3)

10/3

Special Sunday School Class on Religious Art

Elementary Class:

Narrative Lectionary Story of the Day



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

THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT

“You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.”

(Exodus 20:16; Deuteronomy 5:20).

FROM THE SMALL CATECHISM

“We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.”

FROM THE LARGE CATECHISM

“Now we have the sum and general understanding of this commandment: Let no one do any harm to his neighbor with the tongue, whether friend or foe. Do not speak evil of him, no matter whether it is true or false, unless it is done by commandment or for his reformation. Let everyone use his tongue and make it serve for the best of everyone else, to cover up his neighbor’s sins and infirmities (1 Peter 4:8), excuse them, conceal and garnish them with his own reputation. The chief reason for this should be the one that Christ declares in the Gospel, where He includes all commandments about our neighbor, ‘whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them’ (Matthew 7:12).” [LC I 285-286]



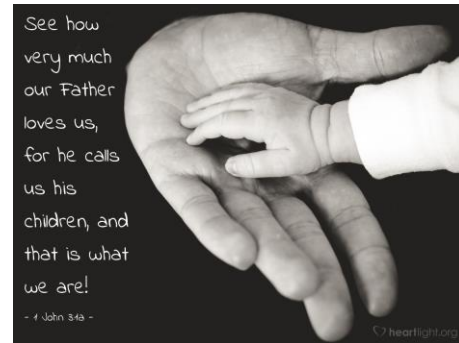
Prayer Requests - If you have a prayer request for the prayer team, please contact Pastor Wendy @ 303-841-3553 or wendy.poch@spiritofhopelcmc.org

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

Lord God, there are many among us who are suffering this week. We lift each one of them up before your throne of grace. When the hearts of your children are broken, your heart breaks as well. When your children are sick, you never leave their side. When your children are scared, you are their source of comfort. When your children are angry, frustrated, or tired, you are patient, loving, and our source of strength. Lord, we thank you for all that you are and for all you have done and continue to do for us. Help us to turn to you in all things and to trust everything to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.



Please include the following people and situations in your prayers:

Please pray for...

Herb and Ben P. who are grieving the sudden and very unexpected death of our precious sister, Beth.

Wayne's sister-in-law, Helen, who is grieving the death of her husband, Larry, who lost his battle with COVID due to lung cancer.

Rebecca S. who is fighting breast cancer.

Lavonne Z. as she and her family grieve the death of her husband, Delmer.

For the families of our military members who gave their lives trying to set others free.

For the Americans that have been left behind in Afghanistan.

For our believing brothers and sisters in Afghanistan who are now in great danger, and for all who are grieving and suffering the sudden loss of freedom under a terrorist regime.

Jerry R., friend of a member of our congregation, who was diagnosed with brain cancer.

Sara G. as she goes through intensive chemotherapy.

Janie S. who has been diagnosed with a mass on her pancreas. Janie is undergoing chemo in preparation for surgery. Please pray that the chemo is successful so that further treatment can continue.

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

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, LCMC Disaster Relief, Tartu Academy of Theology, Marion Medical Mission.

For Spirit of Hope mission allies: Compassion International, SONetwork, Operation Christmas Child/Samaritan's Purse, the Institute of Lutheran Theology, Stephen Ministry.

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 Anne Carpenter
9/8 David Giles
9/11 Shelly Blazier
9/12 John Malone
9/12 Pat Schmidt
9/13 Carol Byers
9/14 Gary Flora
9/18 Ben Potthoff
9/19 Sarah West
9/30 Lee Case



September Anniversaries

9/10 Steve & Nancy Howland
9/13 Bill & Carol Byers
9/30 Julie & Lee Case

QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE

September Income (to date) = \$10,716

General Fund Offerings = \$8,530

Debt Reduction Offerings = \$1,900

Dedicated Offerings = \$286

Other Income = \$100

September Expenses = \$6,286

Checking Accounts Balance = \$32,288

Debt Reduction Account Balance = \$33,839

Money Market Account Balance = \$105,376