



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, September 19, 2017

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PASTORAL INTERN WENDY POCH IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES FOR THIS COMING SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, AT 303-514-5266.

THE NEXT MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST IS THIS COMING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, FROM 7 TO 8 AM AT THE PARKER VILLAGE INN (19502 E Parker Square Dr, Parker, CO 80134). BREAKFAST (separate checks), PRAYER AND CONVERSATION ARE ALL ON THE MENU EVERY FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH!

THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

This coming Sunday, September 24 we continue with the reading of the Gospel of Luke in worship. Last Sunday we read Luke's introduction in 1:1-4. This Sunday we will skip to chapter four and read about the tempting of Jesus in the wilderness by Satan in Luke 4:1-13. We will return to Luke chapters 1-3 in Advent when we prepare to celebrate Christmas. The familiar story of Jesus' tempting has some deep and helpful lessons on facing and overcoming temptation and testing in our lives! Come and learn more this Sunday. Speaking of learning, all Sunday School classes will be in session this coming Sunday at Pine Lane Elementary North (see article below)

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Currently there are four Sunday School classes this fall:

Kid's class – studying the Gospel of John will be taught by Andrea Hoyt and Victoria Fisher meeting in the upstairs music room

High School youth class on the Gospel of Luke will be taught by Intern Wendy and Pastor Dave meeting in the upstairs resource center

Women's Study facilitated by Wendy West will study the Gospel of Luke using a resource by Christian author, Max Lucado, meeting in the band room behind the stage in the gym

General Adult Study will be led by a variety of teachers. Tim Lehnerz and Brad Hoyt and finish the Chip Ingram series on answering difficult questions in life this week and next in the main gym

YOUTH NEWS!

Upcoming Youth Events

10/1/17 Youth Group: Pine Lane North: 12-2pm LUNCH, GAMES, FUN!

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

11/12/17 Youth Group: TBD

BRING YOUR BIBLE TO SCHOOL DAY - OCTOBER 5TH

For the third year in a row, we are inviting students in elementary school through college to bring their Bibles to school with them on October 5th 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 5th, 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/>

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD WILL BEGIN THIS SUNDAY

Our “mission moment” at the beginning of worship this Sunday will focus on Operation Christmas Child (OCC). 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. Free cardboard shoe boxes from OCC will be available if you wish to use them. Please visit the OCC website at Samaritan’s Purse for an updated list of things to pack and what NOT to pack. The list has changed since last year. Toothpaste and candy, for instance, are no longer allowed. Visit the following link to learn more about what to pack and not to pack:

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebbox-suggestions/>

More information will come soon!

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

Exterior siding and trim are being installed and the HVAC work is beginning this week (it was delayed last week by a materials order delay). Last week carpet tiles were purchased for installation toward the end of the project. That is an item that will be self-performed by the congregation so stay tuned for when a volunteer crew is needed to install them. Another self-perform item will be the installation of high quality pews and church furnishings that have been generously donated to the congregation. The furnishings were acquired last month from an area Lutheran church and are in very good condition. The pews, which are solid oak, do need some refurbishing to remove some scratches. Building team lead Rodney Pobar is currently researching and testing techniques to best accomplish this. Stay tuned for what will soon be an opportunity to help with that part of the project. Everything continues to move in the right direction and our general contractor, Skarco, still believes the project can be completed and the building occupied by the end of this year. Please pray for that to be so and continue to pray for safety for all working on 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 Wayne Schultz and his Marion Medical Mission team mates and colleagues to have safety and effectiveness as they begin their three week mission to install rural, clean drinking water wells in the African nations of Malawi, Tanzania, and Zambia

For continued recovery for all the victims of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma and for protection from Hurricane Maria

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

For comfort for the family of Carol Palin's 95-year-old aunt Hazel in Minnesota who passed away on Sunday morning

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) = **\$17,255**

September expenses (to date) = **\$5,700**

Checking = **\$35,431**

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

Building Fund = **\$171,247***

***Reflects scheduled payment to contractor**