



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, September 20, 2016

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THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

This Sunday at Spirit of Hope the mission adventures of Paul and Barnabas continue as we cover Acts 14:21-28. The first missionary journey of the apostles concludes with Sunday's reading. Fellowship begins at 9:00 am followed by worship at 9:30 am and Sunday School at 11:00 am.

SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS SUNDAY

Here is the lineup of classes for Sunday School this coming Sunday:
Kid's class – Andrea Hoyt teaches the kids about Jesus; His story and His teachings.

Confirmation Class – Pastor Dave begins four classes on the story of the Bible.

High School youth class on apologetics will be taught by Wendy and Glenn Poch. Timely topics are being covered in this class!

Women's Study facilitated by Wendy West study the book *Women of the Bible* concentrating on women in the New Testament this fall.

General Adult Study led by Wayne Schultz will conclude the class on why bad things happen in life and how to handle them.

MISSION MOMENT – (USE THE BUDDY SYSTEM)

By Pastor Dave

Last Sunday I shared during the Mission Moment at the beginning of worship about a concept for doing mission from the Scriptures. In Luke chapter 10, Jesus sent 72 disciples out to preach His message of good news (the gospel). Jesus sent these disciples, not singly but in pairs; two together. At Spirit of Hope many are taking on volunteer opportunities and we have several mission partners and allies that

provide opportunities to share the love of Jesus in word and deed. Why not invite a friend to join with you? Why not join a friend involved in a mission project? Invite a friend to join with you in a mission project you are currently doing or in one you believe the Lord is calling you to. In the coming weeks I will lift up opportunities for mission and share the names of people who are serving as points of information contact about those opportunities. It is the church board's hope and prayer that mission involvement expand this fall at Spirit of Hope.

UPDATE FROM TIFFANY POCH

It has been quite a week here on Ometepe! Nicaragua celebrated their Independence Day this week. That meant lots of parades for us! Some of "our kids" marched in the parades. It was so neat to see!

Ministry this week looked a little different for us this week due to all the celebrations. We had several days off so we could enjoy the activities. We continued to help clean up and work on CICRIN's property throughout the week. Some of our team helped with construction at the school. I helped pull more weeds for the new garden at the school one morning. I also did a prayer walk with some of my team -we may or may not have gotten lost... Lo! We also did a special outreach event with the local church we attend for women in one of the neighborhoods here. We invited them to come get massages and their nails done so they would feel very loved and special. All the while we prayed that they would find the Lord so they can feel that way every day!

We were able to experience some really fun activities this week! In addition to the parades, we were able to go to Ojo De Agua (Eye of the Water)! It is a natural volcanic spring that we were able to swim in. It was definitely one for the memory books!

A few other more unique memories...

We have a poisonous toad who keeps crawling into our bathroom. We tried to remove him by grabbing a towel, but underneath the towel was a tarantula! Yikes!

Bats abound. If ever in Nicaragua, move chairs carefully and use caution in choosing bathroom stalls.

Some caterpillars are poisonous... One of these has also been sighted in our bathroom...

Coconuts are hard to get into. That is all.

All in all our team is having a blast here on Ometepe! Thank you for your continued prayers, love, and support!

WAYNE SCHULTZ TO BE COMMISSIONED FOR FOURTH MMM TRIP IN OCTOBER

At the conclusion of worship on Mission Sunday, October 2, Wayne Schultz will be commissioned as a short term missionary to the Malawi, Zambia, Tanzania area of Africa with Marion Medical Missions. The focus of MMM is to install clean drinking water wells in the name of Jesus for rural villages in the area, drastically reducing the incidents of disease due to contaminated water sources. This will be Wayne's fourth trip to the area and he will be away from October 7- 31. Please pray for safety for Wayne and effectiveness for all the teams that will be deployed by MMM to this area of Africa.

SECOR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SATURDAY FOOD BANK HOURS THERE IS AN IMMEDIATE NEED FOR VOLUNTEER HELP AT SECOR!

Our mission partners at Southeast Community Outreach have expanded food bank operations to include Saturdays from 9 am to 1 pm. There is an immediate need for volunteers for stocking, accompanying guests as they shop the food bank market, and visiting with guests as they wait in the lobby to shop. If you can give of your time on a Saturday morning in any of these capacities please contact SECOR Development Director, Mike Dworak, at 720-842-5621. Also to find out more details about volunteering please contact Spirit of Hope POIC (Point of Information Contact) John and Kandy Parsons. John and Kandy regularly volunteer at the SECOR food bank on Mondays. Thank you!

CHOIR CONTINUES REHEARSALS ON THURSDAYS

The Spirit of Hope Choir rehearses Thursdays at the home of Jackie Dillon (9071 Apache Plume, Apt C, Parker, CO 80134) from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Led by Brenda Reinicke and accompanied by Stacy Fahrion the choir can always add your voice to those making a joyful noise to the Lord! We are especially in need of sopranos this season. Please contact Brenda for more information at brendar4flute@gmail.com.

SPECIAL EVENTS IN OCTOBER – LCMC ANNUAL GATHERING & MISSION SUNDAY WITH EEMN AND TAT

On Sunday, October 2, the fifteenth Annual Gathering of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ will begin at the Crowne Plaza Hotel and Convention Complex in Denver. The Crowne Plaza complex is located at the northeast corner of I-70 and Chambers Road. Worship begins the gathering at 7:00 pm that night in the main ballroom. All area LCMC congregations are invited to join in that worship service. Opening worship at the gathering is always exciting and uplifting. Approximately 1,000 delegates and guests attend from all over the world!

Prior to the beginning of the gathering, in the morning of October 2, Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church will have a special Mission Sunday! Our guests will be Pastors Bob Nordvall, Field Director of East European Missions Network, and Siimon Haamer, Dean of the Tartu Academy of Theology in Tartu, Estonia. Pastor Siimon will preach at worship that Sunday and Pastor Bob will bring a special greeting from EEMN. Both EEMN and TAT are mission partners of Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church. Following worship there will be an all church Sunday School forum featuring an in depth trip sharing from the most recent Friendship English Language Bible Camp in August in Estonia and an update on what is happening with our mission partners at the Tartu Academy of Theology in Tartu, Estonia. Don't miss this special Sunday in the life of Spirit of Hope.

YOUTH NEWS!

Upcoming Youth Group Events

9/25 Youth Group Night, Poch Home, 6-8 pm

10/1 LCMC Gathering Service Project, Crowne Plaza, 9 am - 1 pm

10/6 Bring Your Bible to School Day

10/9 Youth Group Night, Poch Home, 6-8 pm

10/23 Youth Group Night, Poch Home, 6-8 pm

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. We will begin collecting items and shoeboxes on Sunday,

October 9! Information on items to pack or donate will be available in next week's newsletter.

RETURN OF DINNER FOR SIX

Dinner for Six, the fellowship event for groups of six is returning to Spirit of Hope! Couples (or to two single people) join together in homes for a potluck meal and fellowship, rotating homes each month for three months. Groups are then reformed each fall and spring. Susan Spancers has volunteered to be the contact person for Dinner for Six. You can contact her at (303) 617- 8995 or spancers@Qadas.com. **SPECIAL NOTE: PLEASE CONTACT SUSAN BY THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, IF YOU WANT TO BE IN THIS FALL'S GROUPING!**

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR 3 BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2016

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 2017. Wendy Poch, Brad Hoyt and Wayne Schultz are scheduled to go off the board while Susan Spancers, Steve Gutknecht and Tim Lehnerz 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.

BUILDING PROJECT NEWS

Replacement of the in ground HVAC duct work was completed last week. The agreement for IREA to begin work to bring permanent electric power to the construction site was signed last week and forwarded to our general contractor to deliver to IREA for scheduling.

The final renewed drawings for the site including the redesigned Fire Suppression System were delivered last week and our contractor is resubmitting them to the Fire Department this week for a final review and approval. Once approved the plans go to the county so that the permits will be formally transferred to our General Contractor, Skarco Design. Since the bid numbers for our project have expired, a rebidding process is now underway and hoped for at the end of the month. The church board will address any issues presented by the rebid process. Please pray for all work to continue to go smoothly and for continued safety for all who work at the construction site. Thank you!

Prayer Requests - If you have a prayer request for the prayer chain please contact Pastor Dave at 303-941-0668 or : dave.fisher51@gmail.com

PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR DAVE DIRECTLY WITH ANY NEW PRAYER REQUESTS THAT YOU HAVE. THANK YOU!

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:

Prayers of comfort for the Howland family as they mourn the death of Nancy's stepfather who passed away in California early Monday morning

Prayers for Tiffany Poch as she continues three months of mission work in Nicaragua

Prayers for quick healing for DeDe Elliott's sister, Karen Goerlier, from a recent stroke

For healing for Tracey Ramirez' friend John Walter and his family

Prayers for renewed healing and strength from cancer for Sue Schultz as she continues a this current round of stronger chemotherapy

For healing for Paul Soules, Cherri Lusk's father, being treated for cancer

For healing for Dane Zwegardt as he continues chemotherapy and radiation treatment for lung cancer

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, Apache Youth Ministries, East European Mission Network, Tartu Academy of Theology

For missionaries around the world as they seek to proclaim the gospel

All of our military fighting for our freedoms

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

September Birthdays

9/5 Cliff Perkins
9/5 Dylan Poch
9/7 Carolyn McLaughlin
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
9/28 Samantha Shobe

September Anniversaries

9/10 Steve & Nancy Howland
9/13 Bill & Carol Byers

QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE

September income (to date) = **\$10,884**

September expenses (to date) = **\$4,229**

Checking = **\$21,459**

Money Market (Reserves) = **\$22,202**

Building Fund = **\$112,413**