



**SPIRIT OF HOPE**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## **MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, September 22, 2020**

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**SENIOR PASTOR DAVE FISHER IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES THIS COMING SATURDAY, September 26<sup>th</sup>, AT 303-841-3553.**

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: MON.– THURS. 9:00 AM TO 1:00 PM**

### **THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE**

This Sunday at Spirit of Hope Pastor Dave will preach this week's message on 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 12:1-10. The apostle Paul concludes his foolish "boasting" speech to the Corinthian Christians by pointing to the grace of God at work in his life. When we are weak, God's strength works through us! Worship begins at 9:30 am this Sunday. Sunday School for all ages will begin after worship and fellowship (approximately 10:45 – 11:00 am though we will be flexible as we attempt to establish a new fellowship routine over the next few weeks). Join us either in person or online! **IN PERSON ATTENDANCE REQUIRES EVERYONE WHO WANTS TO COME TO MAKE A RESERVATION.** You can do that by cutting and pasting this link:

<https://sohworshipseptember27.eventbrite.com>

The YouTube live-stream link and worship bulletin for those who wish to join us online will be sent later this week.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTINUES THIS SUNDAY!**

Everyone, from preschool through adults, is invited to join the class in the Fellowship Hall after worship and a brief time of fellowship outside (approximately 10:45 am – 11:00 am; though we will be flexible with our start time as we continue to establish a new fellowship routine over the next few weeks). This week's lesson is on **Genesis 27:1-45 and Proverbs 12:20-22 – Jacob Tricks His Father.**

Once you are seated at your table, you may remove your mask. If you would like to attend class from home, please cut and paste the following link into your browser:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88353330135?pwd=VVV1aINwcTM3ekRZU2RabIRub2NTZz09>

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL ZOOM HELP**

We are in need of volunteers who can help monitor our Zoom feed during Sunday School. One of the pastors will have everything set up, but it would be helpful to have someone sit near the computer to let them know if someone has a question or comment during our hybrid classes. If you would be willing to help out some of the time, please contact Pastor Wendy.

## **BIBLE STUDY: "HEROES OF THE FAITH: THE QUIET HEROES" WEDNESDAY 7-8:30 PM**

This week's Bible study will focus on Zacchaeus, the chief tax collector of Jericho who had a life changing encounter with Jesus. (Luke 19:1-10). This six-week class on the "Quiet Heroes of the Faith" is being taught by Pastor Dave and Pastor Wendy (Pastor Dave will lead this week's class). Class will meet in the Fellowship Hall (masks may be removed once you are seated at your table) as well as online via Zoom. Here is the Zoom Link (cut and paste into your browser) if you'd like to attend from home.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84896778939?pwd=ZWNIUmhjTmY4UjByQjRhTFlybEE1Zz09>

## **SOUND/TECH TEAM OPENINGS**

We are looking for people who are willing to help at the sound booth during worship on Sunday mornings. No previous skills or knowledge are required. We will be looking for someone to advance worship slides once our screens are set up in the sanctuary. We will also be looking for someone who can help monitor the sound system (which

is now much easier to do with the new system!). This is a great way to serve the church that won't interfere with your weekly schedule! If you would be willing to serve on occasion, or would like more information, please contact Pastor Wendy.

### **NEW MEMBER CLASSES**

Due to COVID, we are happy to hold new member classes for individual families/households and are happy to schedule them at your convenience. Attending our new member class doesn't mean you have to become a member. But it is a great opportunity to learn about our congregation's history, core beliefs, vision for ministry, and to ask questions about Spirit of Hope, LCMC, or anything else that you've been wondering about! If you would like to schedule a new member class, please contact Pastor Dave or Pastor Wendy. We would be delighted to meet with you!

**THE NEW MEMBER THAT WAS SCHEDULED FOR TOMORROW HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, AT 10:00 AM AT THE CHURCH. PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR WENDY IF INTERESTED IN ATTENDING EITHER IN PERSON OR ONLINE!**

### **SCARVES FOR MEAN STREET MINISTRY,**

The Hopeful Spirits would like to collect scarves (hats and mittens/gloves are also welcome!) to give to Mean Street Ministry. They can be purchased or hand-made. If you would like yarn to knit or crochet scarves with, please see Sara Gutknecht who has plenty to share! Scarves can be placed in the mission ark at any time between now and Christmas.

### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2020**

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to provide God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Spirit of Hope has been a mission partner with OCC since our beginning and has increased our involvement with building shoeboxes, helping to process the shoeboxes and having a year-round volunteer on the area team!

This year you can help support Operation Christmas Child reach its goal of reaching 11 Million children and their families with the Good News of Jesus in many ways.

1. You and your family can pack a shoebox! Check out this link <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/> or one of the Pack a Shoebox brochures we have for shoebox packing ideas. Grab a few of the shoeboxes we have in the Narthex/Fellowship area. Make sure to pray over each shoebox!
2. For those of you worshipping at home you can build a shoebox online through this link <https://build-a-shoebox.samaritanspurse.org/goal/my-goal/bc6071c1-98fc-4b82-bcd6-8054dd7da630/60f6e8ba-bf6a-41b9-84d8-3adb249d7c76>. Spirit of Hope will get credit for your boxes to help us meet our goal.
3. You can bring in shoebox packing supplies for our shoebox packing party! If you've packed a shoebox but have extra supplies or just want to buy up a bunch of great stuff for shoeboxes bring that in and place in the Mission Arc! The Packing Party will happen Nov 22nd after worship service.
4. You can donate toward either supplies or shipping of shoeboxes. Just note OCC supplies, OCC shipping or OCC (for both) on your check/PayPal so that our financial secretary gets those funds into the right account.
5. For everyone ages 13 and up you can come to one of our Processing Center volunteer days. Stay tuned for details and sign ups.

Each shoebox is like a missionary that has the potential to reach 10 or more people with the Good News of Jesus. Operation Christmas Child gives us all the chance to be missionaries. This year, more than ever, the children of the world need to know that God loves them so much, he gave his Son for them.

If you want to pack shoeboxes or have supplies for the packing party that you would like picked up from your home/porch let Renee Nefe know as she is happy to arrange pickups for you.

### **[NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR 2 BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2021](#)**

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 2021. John Parsons, Bill Byers and Pam Malone are scheduled to go off the board while Susan Spancers, Carol Palin and Gary Flora are scheduled to remain on the board for one more year. Church Board terms are normally two years in length. Given the pastoral transition that is taking place next year, Pastor Dave and Pastor Wendy asked for John Parsons to remain on the board as president for an additional year. If you would like to be considered for the board or nominate someone for consideration, please contact any board member, Pastor Wendy 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.

### **UPDATES FROM CARRIE**

As you know, we provide regular support to Carrie who serves in Southeast Asia. Since this newsletter is public and posted to our website, we will not share more information here (though you are welcome to talk with Pastor Dave or Pastor Wendy for more info!). Carrie sends out a personal newsletter and has invited anyone who would like to follow her work to sign up to receive that newsletter. If you would like to get updates from Carrie, please contact Pastor Wendy at [wendy.poch@spiritofhopelcmc.org](mailto:wendy.poch@spiritofhopelcmc.org) and specify if you would like your email, physical address, or both shared with Carrie.

### **DISINFECTANT SPRAY**

The church is in need of cans of disinfectant spray, which we use to sanitize surfaces in the church building that may have been touched after any and every meeting. If you are able to keep the church in mind while shopping, donations of disinfectant spray would be most appreciated. Thank you!

**Prayer Requests** - If you have a prayer request for the prayer team please contact Pastor Wendy Poch or Pastor Dave Fisher at 303-841-3553 or [wendy.poch@spiritofhopelcmc.org](mailto:wendy.poch@spiritofhopelcmc.org) or [pastor.dave@spiritofhopelcmc.org](mailto:pastor.dave@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 everyone battling, recovering, or dealing with wildfires or hurricanes in our nation

For healing for Pastor Dave as he recovers from knee replacement surgery.

For healing for Jack Huebsch as he continues to make progress and recovers from treatment for kidney issues

For our nation to return to calm and practice true justice in light of the events of violence and death that have happened in this summer

For racial reconciliation to occur in our nation

For those who are first responders to all emergencies: fire fighters, EMTs and law enforcement

For our nation and Parker community as we deal with the COVID-19 coronavirus situation that the virus will be suppressed, that those infected will be healed and that those who have lost loved ones will be comforted, that reopening will continue and go smoothly and that treatment and a vaccine will be developed rapidly

For states and areas of our nation that have seen increases and spikes in COVID-19 cases for those outbreaks to subside

For our economy and the economies of the world to recover

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

For Spirit of Hope mission allies: Marion Medical Mission, 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 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) = \$22,519**

**General Fund Offerings = \$11,305**

**Debt Reduction Offerings = \$10,900**

**Dedicated Offerings = \$314**

**Other Income = \$0**

**September expenses (to date) = \$7,725**

**Checking = \$41,907**

**Money Market = \$23,220 (Reserves = \$10,437 Dedicated = \$12,783)**

**Loan Interest Escrow Account = \$25,364**

**Building Money Market = \$18,845**