



Mission News from **SPIRIT OF HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH** **Wednesday, September 22, 2021**

Questions, comments, or to unsubscribe, please contact Pastor Wendy Poch at **303-841-3553** or office@spiritofhopelcmc.org.

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THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

This Sunday Pastor Wendy will be preaching on Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23, and 28:10-17 which deals with Jacob stealing a blessing, an event that would impact the world for the rest of time. This text also clearly demonstrates that God chooses us, rather than us choosing God. And, it certainly shows us that God doesn't make his choice based upon our good behavior.



After worship we will enjoy a time of fellowship. Then at approximately 11:00 we will have Sunday School for both youth and adults. The adults will be watching and discussing episode three of "The Chosen". Elementary youth will be learning more about Jacob and Esau.

COMING UP AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

Wednesday, September 22nd

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

Thursday, September 23rd

2:30 pm Church Board Meeting

Friday, September 24th

8:45 am – 11:30 am Stephen Leader Ministry Training

Saturday, September 25th

11:00 am Memorial Service for Beth Potthoff

Sunday, September 19th

9:30 am Worship

11:00 am Adult Sunday School: The Chosen

11:00 am Elementary Sunday School: Jacob & Esau

Tuesday, September 28th

8:30 am – 10:30 am Coffee with the Pastor @ Fika Coffee House

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



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

LCMC MINISTRY BOARD

Pastor Wendy has been asked by the LCMC Board of Trustees to serve a three-year term on the LCMC Ministry Board. These two boards function as two sides of a coin for LCMC. The Board of Trustees (elected) deal with financial, logistical, and staffing issues as well as taking actions recommended by the Ministry Board. The Ministry Board (appointed) deals with maintaining theological standards, pastoral certification, helps to support seminarians, seminaries, and pastors or churches in crisis. LCMC asks that churches whose pastors are called to serve on either board donate those hours as a gift to LCMC, just as financial gifts are sent, so that LCMC can function well without over-extending the pastors who are serving. Service includes an hour or two per week and approximately two days of travel four to five times a year (one of which is for the annual gathering that Pastor Wendy already attends each year). Pastor Wendy asked the Church Board to help her discern this call and the Church Board not only encouraged Pastor Wendy to accept this call but has given her their full support. Church President, John Parsons, commissioned Pastor Wendy this past Sunday and the



congregation joined in the laying on of hands in prayer over her as she begins this new journey, which will serve as a blessing to LCMC, to Spirit of Hope and also to Pastor Wendy.



**ALTERNATIVES
PREGNANCY CENTER
FUNDRAISER
OCTOBER 10th**

You are invited to join us in supporting one of our local mission partners, Alternative's Pregnancy Center by attending this special night of worship and

good Christian fellowship and fun! There will be live music, testimonies, food trucks, scavenger hunts and more. Tickets are \$25 which includes dinner. You can register here:

<https://alternativespregnancycenter.salsalabs.org/worshipnight/index.html>

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.





SPIRIT OF HOPE IS NOW A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION!

THE MEANING OF THE STEPHEN MINISTRY LOGO AND MOTTO

The purpose of being a Stephen Ministry congregation is to equip the saints of God to care for those around them. The motto “Christ caring for people through people” reveals two things. First, it is that while we may walk alongside one another as spiritual caregivers, Christ alone is the CUREgiver. It is the Lord who does the work. And, he has chosen to do so through His children. Second, the motto shows us that Christ alone does the work through ordinary people like you! You do not need to be a pastor or some type of professional counselor, medical provider, etc. No experience is necessary – just a willingness to have the Lord work through you. Our congregation’s Stephen Ministry Leaders, Kandy Parsons or Pastor Wendy, will be happy to speak to you more about what is involved in becoming a Stephen Minister.

The logo shows someone who is broken standing behind the cross. Then, through the cross of Christ, the Lord is able to make us whole again. This is true of every Christian in general, and also Christians and others who are going through a time of brokenness and/or hardship. Stay tuned for more articles about Stephen Ministry in future newsletters!



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!

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.

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

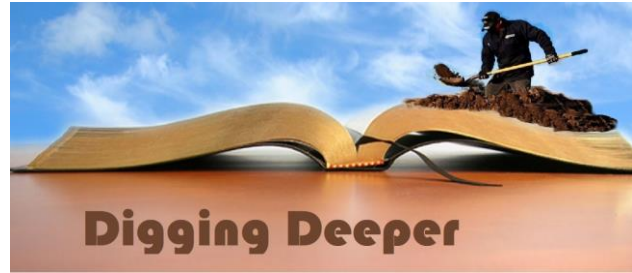
Join us on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm as we study Christ in the Old Testament. We will be

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 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 NINTH AND TENTH COMMANDMENTS

“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.”

“You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.” (Exodus 20:17; Deuteronomy 5:21).

FROM THE SMALL CATECHISM

Ninth Commandment: “What does this mean? We should fear and

love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it."

Tenth Commandment: "What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty."

FROM THE LARGE CATECHISM

"In whatever way such things happen, we must know that God does not want you to deprive your neighbor of anything that belongs to him, so that he suffer the loss and you gratify your greed with it. This is true even if you could keep it honorably before the world. For it is a secret and sly trick done "under the hat" as we say, so it may not be noticed. Although you go your way as if you had done no one any wrong, you have still injured your neighbor. If it is not called stealing and cheating, it is still called coveting your neighbor's property, that is, aiming at possession of it, luring it away from him without his consent, and being unwilling to see him enjoy what God has granted him. Even though the judge and everyone must let you keep it, God will not let you keep it. For He sees the deceitful heart and world's malice, which is sure to take an extra long measure wherever you yield to her a finger's breadth. Eventually, public wrong and violence follow." (LC I 307-8)



Prayer Requests - If you have a prayer request for the prayer team, please contact Pastor Wendy @ 303-841-3553 or wendy.poch@spiritofhopelcmmc.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, you have adopted us as your very own children through our baptism, upon which you graciously poured out your Holy Spirit upon us. Help us to remember every day that our baptism was the death of our old self and that we are now looking toward a life in your presence, both in this world and in the life to come. For if we have been united in a death like His, we will certainly be united in a resurrection like His. Help us to remember to die to self and be raised in Christ every day and all throughout the day. Thank you for this precious gift! In Jesus' name we pray. 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 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
9/10 Lee Case
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



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) = \$13,222

General Fund Offerings = \$10,635

Debt Reduction Offerings = \$2,200

Dedicated Offerings = \$387

Other Income = \$100

September Expenses = \$6,883

Checking Accounts Balance = \$34,996

Debt Reduction Account Balance = \$33,839

Money Market Account Balance = \$105,376