



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Questions, comments or to unsubscribe contact Pastor Dave Fisher at 303-941-0668 or pastordave@spiritofhopelcmc.org Also visit us on the web at www.spiritofhopelcmc.org.
(Presently, Pastor Dave is on a mission trip. In his absence, please contact Pastoral Intern Wendy Poch at 303-514-5266 or wendy.poch@spiritofhopelcmc.org. Pastor Dave returns on October 12th.)

PASTORAL INTERN WENDY POCH IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES FOR THIS COMING SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, AT 303-514-5266.

THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

This Sunday our regularly scheduled educational classes will take place at 10:45 am (see article below). Before that, we will gather for worship as Pastoral Intern Wendy Poch leads worship and preaches while Pastor Dave is in Africa for the Marion Medical Mission trip. This week we will read through Luke 11:29-36 where Jesus tells the crowd that the only sign they will see is the “Sign of Jonah”. In this passage, Jesus also talks about the “Lamp of the Body” and how to let it shine. Everything begins with fellowship at 9:00 am this Sunday at Pine Lane Elementary North (6485 E Ponderosa Drive, Parker, CO 80138). Worship follows fellowship at 9:30 am. Sunday School for all ages begins at 10:45 am. Youth Group follows from 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Here is the current schedule of classes, teachers and topics for Sunday School (10:45am – 12:00pm) on September 2:

Confirmation Class – taught by Intern Wendy will begin with classes on navigating the Bible and the basic story of the Bible. This class meets in the art room upstairs.

High School Class – taught by Courtney Giles in September begins with a study called “Life in Six Words” by Dare 2 Share Ministry. This class meets in the gym.

Women's Study – facilitated by Wendy West will start a new study called “Family Matters” looking at family dynamics (*both personal and church family*) from the perspective of Genesis 12-50, the gospels, Martin Luther's Small Catechism and modern family systems theory. This class meets in the innovation lab.

General Adult Study – will be facilitated in September by Brad Hoyt as the class begins a new Chip Ingram video-based class call “Balancing Life's Demands.” This class meets in the band room behind the stage in the gym.

YOUTH NEWS!

Up Coming Youth Events

September 30: Youth Group 12-2 pm – Pizza, games, Bible Study.

October 4: Bring Your Bible to School Day

October 14: Fear Factor/Faith Factor

Watch future newsletters, GroupMe, and Facebook for details!

Youth Group This Sunday!

Youth in grade 7 up through young adults are welcome to join us for lunch, games, and Bible study/topical discussions. We will meet from 12:00 noon until 2:00 pm. Young adults are invited to come in a leadership capacity (have lots fun and also help out as needed!) If we have enough people, we will play 9 Square! Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Intern Wendy by Saturday at noon. Friends are always welcome!

Bring Your Bible to School Day - October 4th

For the fourth year in a row, we are inviting students in elementary school through college to bring their Bibles to school with them on October 4th 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 4th, 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/>

PRAYER REQUESTED FOR MMM MISSION TRIP

Africa Trip sponsored by Marion Medical Missions

Wayne Schultz, Tiffany Poch, Rodney Pobar, and Pastor Dave Fisher are presently serving on a month-long Marion Medical Mission trip. They left on September 14th and will return to Denver on October 12. Two teams will try to help install 2,900 clean water drinking wells in the name of Christ before the end of October. The Spirit of Hope members of the trip will be on Team 1. Presently, Tiffany and Pastor Dave are serving on two different teams in Tanzania, Wayne is serving in Zambia, and Rodney is serving in Malawi. Please pray for our short-term missionaries during this trip!

Marion Medical Mission Trip - Facebook Prayer Group

A temporary Facebook group has been set up those interested in praying for our MMM team (Pastor Dave, Wayne, Rodney and Tiffany) can follow the trip and lift up prayers. If you are interested in joining this temporary group, please click on this link or contact Intern Wendy.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/611832595879692/?multi_permalink=611834015879550%2C611833822546236-if_id=1536637618952607-if_t=group_activity

SEPTEMBER IS A FIVE SUNDAY MISSION TUB MONTH!

In September, Spirit of Hope continues the tradition of collecting tomato products for SECOR and reading glasses, action toys and Christian coloring books for Mean Street Ministry. The blue missions tub will be out again this Sunday. **This is the last time the donation tub will be out until December!** Thanks for your donations!

LCMC ANNUAL GATHERING – Des Moines, IA, October 7th-10th

This year's LCMC Annual Gathering will be held at the Hyvee Hall in Des Moines, IA from October 7th – 10th. Pastoral Intern Wendy Poch will be representing Spirit of Hope as a voting delegate and will attend business meetings, lectures and programs. The theme for this year's conference is "Growing Up" and has been advertised with the following description: "It is time for our churches to 'grow up' and become mature, hearing the call for every member to carry out the

work of ministry as God has designed His Church to do.” The event will be live-streamed. In addition, sessions will be recorded and made available for viewing at a later date. Live-stream and other information can be found here: www.lcmc.net. Intern Wendy will still be available via email, phone, and text and will be working remotely. Pastor Craig Lanning will be leading worship on October 7th and will be hosting an intergenerational Sunday School hour (all regular Sunday School classes will be in recess) about the exciting things that are taking place at Focus on the Family, where he works. Pastor Janet Miller (303-325-6459) will be on call for pastoral emergencies while both Pastor Dave and Intern Wendy are away.

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR 3 BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2019

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 2019. John Parsons, Brad Hoyt and Wayne Schultz are scheduled to go off the board while Susan Spancers, Steve Gutknecht and Gary Flora 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.

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. Look for more information to come soon!

Prayer Requests - If you have a prayer request for the prayer chain please contact Pastoral Intern Wendy Poch at 303-514-5266 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."

Please include the following people in your prayers:

For an effective mission and for the safety of our Marion Medical Mission Team: Pastor Dave, Wayne Schultz, Rodney Pobar and Tiffany Poch.

For prayers of praise and thanksgiving at the safe arrival of Steve and Sara Gutknecht's new grandson! Daniel arrive in time for the birth and Lia and baby are doing well. A name for this precious little one is still being decided.

For Susan Spencers as she grieves the loss of her pet and sweet companion, Ginger.

For DeDe's sister, Karen Goerler, who is currently in Cherry Creek nursing home for rehab to recover from a compression fracture in her back

For healing for Beth Potthoff's best friend Shelly who has had a return of cancer. Please pray for healing and good decisions for treatment

For Cathy Morano's family at the loss of Cathy's sister-in-law, Linda Morano, and especially for Linda's husband, Joseph Morano

For a lifelong friend of Tracey Ramirez, Carol Metzger, to heal physically and spiritually in North Dakota after suffering a recent heart attack

For continued recovery for Cherri Lusk as she recovers at home

For God's will to be done in the selection process for the next justice of the Supreme Court of the United States of America

For the Tartu Academy of Theology in Estonia as they fundraise to acquire a permanent facility

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) = **\$8,106**

September expenses (to date) = **\$61**

Checking = **\$46,410**

Money Market (Reserves) = **\$22,237**

Building Fund = **\$55,563**

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE QUICK FINANCIAL UPDATE WILL BE REVISED AFTER PASTOR DAVE'S RETURN FROM THE AFRICA MISSION TRIP