



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, September 26, 2017

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PASTOR DAVE FISHER IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES FOR THIS COMING SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, AT 303-941-0668.

THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

This coming Sunday, October 1, the reading from the Gospel of Luke will be in chapter 4 verses 14-30. Jesus returns to His hometown of Nazareth. What starts out as welcome turns ugly as Jesus challenges the prejudices and misconceptions of the people of Nazareth regarding His ministry and Messiahship. Come and learn and worship this Sunday at Pine Lane Elementary North (6485 E Ponderosa Drive, Parker, CO 80138).

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

Currently there are four Sunday School classes this fall:

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

High School youth class on the Gospel of Luke is taught by Intern Wendy and Pastor Dave and meets in the band room behind the stage in the gym

Women's Study facilitated by Wendy West will study the Gospel of Luke using a resource by Christian author, Max Lucado, meets in the upstairs Innovation Lab

General Adult Study is led this Sunday by Tim Lehnerz who will do a review of the Chip Ingram series on answering difficult questions in life and meets in the main gym

OCTOBER IS A FIVE SUNDAY MISSION TUB MONTH!

This Sunday begins another month of collection of tomato products for SECOR and reading glasses, action toys and Christian coloring books for Mean Street Ministry. Thanks for your donations!

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 AWESOME STUFF!

11/12/17 Youth Group: Pine Lane North: OCC Packing Party!

NEXT YOUTH GROUP GATHERING IS THIS SUNDAY!

Our next youth gathering is this coming Sunday, October 1! We will start around 12:30 pm in the Pine Lane Elementary gym with lunch and then launch into "Pastor Dave Games!" (led, of course, by Pastor Dave). Come find out what that's about! A brief devotional and some prayer time will conclude our gathering by 2:00 pm (you Broncos fans will have plenty of time to make it home for the game!) IT WOULD HELP IF WE HAD RESERVATIONS! Please let Pastor Dave know via email, text, voice message or GroupMe if you can come, youth person! Thanks!

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 IS UNDERWAY!

This last Sunday Operation Christmas Child began. Our “mission moment” at the beginning of worship focused on how to pack a shoebox! Once again Spirit of Hope is participating 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 now through November 5 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-shoebox-suggestions/>

If you would just like to donate supplies for boxes you can place them in the blue missions tub that will be near the entrance of the gym through October. Our youth and families will pack them in boxes on November 12 and they will then be transferred to one of the collections centers in the Denver area during national collection week (November 13-17).

ALL CHURCH MISSIONS/SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Feed My Starving Children

Feed My Starving Children is returning to Parker on October 27th and 28th! Everyone ages 5 to 105 are invited and encouraged to attend a 2 hour meal packing session. No skills required! If you need to serve while sitting down and comfortable, there are jobs for you! If you can stand, there are jobs for you! And, if you can do heavy lifting, there are jobs for you! We can use everyone's help packing food to be shipped to children and families in countries that are so desperately in need. Spirit of Hope has reserved two time slots. Friday, October 27th from 6:30 - 8:30 pm (please arrive by 6:15 pm) and Saturday, October 28th from 9 am - 11 am (please arrive by 8:45 am). Sign-ups will be available at church beginning this Sunday and slots tend to fill up quickly (we usually end up with a wait list, especially for Friday nights!). You can learn more about Feed My Starving Children at <https://www.fmssc.org/>. Please contact Intern Wendy if you have any questions or would like more information.

HOPEFUL SPIRITS MINUTES 9/12/2017

Present were Marie Winkelman, Carol Palin, Jean Huebsch, Renee Nefe, and Sara Gutknecht.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Carol Palin.

Old Business:

Craft and Bake Sale -- Please note--- This date has been changed from October 29th to NOVEMBER 5th.

After discussing the church schedule with Pastor, it was decided to move the craft sale up by one week. It will be the weekend of the time change, but everyone gets an additional hour of sleep, so that should be no problem.

ALL CRAFTERS AND BAKERS -- PLEASE BE THINKING ABOUT WHAT YOU WANT TO BRING!!

Prayer quilt - we have one quilt on reserve.

Blessing Bags -- We will apply for Thrivent aid in October, shop at the end of November and then pack the bags on

December 12th. We will have bags to hand out to the homeless as the Christmas season approaches.

Church banner -- ideas were shared.

Handmade cards -- We will again be offering handmade cards for sale. This money will go to mission funding.

New Business:

Carrie - China missionary -- We continue to collect ideas to put in a folder to send to Carrie. This meeting we made

crochet lattice yarn necklaces --- one of which will be sent to Carrie as a prototype. We hope to have our folder of ideas ready to send off by November.

Yarn necklaces - 2 types were made and there will be some of these on sale at the November Craft Sale.

December 12th meeting -- we will include spouses who can help with packing the Blessing Bags and we will have snacks. Everyone is welcome.

During our meeting we discussed the final chapter in "A Lineage of Grace" -- Mary, the mother of Jesus. We had an interesting discussion. We will not be starting a new study until January. Any suggestions are welcome.

Our next meeting is October 10 at Sara's house -- cards, felt birds and church banners will be on the agenda.

Our meeting was closed with prayer for all those in need in our church, for specific family members, and all those traveling.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PEW REFURBISHING

A self-perform item that we as a congregation will need to accomplish before moving into the new church building is 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 tested techniques to best accomplish this. The pews simply need to be cleaned and lightly re-stained. A signup sheet will be available at worship this coming Sunday or contact Rodney directly at 303-815-9877. Thank you!

SPECIAL EVENTS IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

October 8 - LCMC Annual Gathering Begins in Minneapolis, MN through Wednesday, noon, October 11. Pastor Dave and Intern Wendy are delegates for Spirit of Hope. The Rev. Dr. Philip Johnson will lead worship, preach and teach a special all church Sunday School class that Sunday

October 29 – 500th Reformation Anniversary Service and Potluck

November 5 – All Saints Sunday and Craft Fair/Bake Sale

November 12 – Veteran's Sunday and OCC Packing Party

November 19 – Thanksgiving Sunday and EEMN Missions Sunday

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 continue their three week mission to install rural, clean drinking water wells in the African nations of Malawi, Tanzania, and Zambia. Wayne has been assigned to Malawi this year

For recovery for all the victims of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria as well as those affected by the wildfires in the western United States and the recent earthquakes in Mexico

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 recently passed away

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) = **\$18,673**

September expenses (to date) = **\$7,754**

Checking = **\$34,795**

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

Building Fund = **\$449,711***

***Reflects scheduled payment to contractor and activation of building fund loan**