



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, September 27, 2016

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THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE MISSION SUNDAY WITH EEMN AND TAT

Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church will have a special Mission Sunday this Sunday, October 2! 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 this 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. Fellowship begins at 9:00 am and worship is at 9:30 am at Pine Lane Elementary South! **SPECIAL FELLOWSHIP NOTE: IF YOU CAN BRING A LITTLE EXTRA FOR FELLOWSHIP SNACKS ON SUNDAY IT WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. WE ANTICIPATE THAT WE MAY HAVE EXTRA GUESTS AS SOME DELEGATES TO THE LCMC GATHERING ARRIVE ON SATURDAY AND COME TO AN LCMC CONGREGATION TO WORSHIP ON SUNDAY MORNING! THANK YOU!**

WAYNE SCHULTZ TO BE COMMISSIONED FOR FOURTH MMM TRIP IN OCTOBER

At the conclusion of worship this 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.

LCMC ANNUAL GATHERING BEGINS THIS SUNDAY IN DENVER!

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! Don't miss this unique opportunity to meet fellow sisters and brothers in Christ and be blessed!

HOPEFUL SPIRITS NEWS!

HOPEFUL SPIRITS BAKE/CRAFT SALE

Sunday October 16, 2016.

All women of Spirit of Hope are invited to bring baked items or craft items for sale!!

Items will be for sale before church and between church and Sunday school.

It is not too early to think about Christmas shopping or getting baked goods for Oktoberfest celebrations!!

BLESSING BAGS

Hopeful Spirits will be assembling blessing bags to give to the homeless at our meeting in October. We would like to be able to give a bag or two to our members to have in their cars for giving to a homeless person. Donations would be gratefully accepted.

Hopeful Spirits Meeting Minutes 9/13/2016

Attending: Pastor Dave Fisher, Kandy Parsons, Carol Palin, Jean Huebsch, Sara Gutknecht.

Pastor Dave opened our meeting with a prayer. He came to discuss our potential involvement with Pine Lane School -- working with supporting staff. We discussed several different ideas and he will check with the principal and get back to us.

Old Business:

Church directory - Sara will check with Renee to see where we are on the directory.

Craft/Bake Sale - we agreed to keep the original date of October 16.

Facebook Page for Hopeful Spirits - Renee and Jean are editors.

Selling homemade cards - everyone agreed we should continue to do this as a money raiser.

Prayer Quilts - we have one prayer quilt ready to go.

New Business:

Blessing Bags - we will be assembling Blessing bags at our October meeting. These are bags with a few essential items in them for giving to the homeless. Any donations would be welcome: new socks, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, snacks such as beef jerky or granola bars; Kleenex, wet wipes, combs, shampoo, water, sanitary napkins.

Bible Study - Kandy had a suggestion for a Bible study; we will look at her book at the next meeting.

Chrismons - Jean brought some Chrismon kits and passed them out. If we have time in October, we may try to work on these or else members can take the kits home.

LCMC Convention - here in Denver 10/2-10/4 Carol will be at the convention.

Card Houses - Jean will bring some old Christmas cards to the next meeting; we will discuss how we might use these to make cards. Carol knew of a pattern for making 'card houses' and will bring the pattern to the October meeting.

Next meeting October 11, 2016 2:00 – 4:00pm at Sara's house.

YOUTH NEWS!

Upcoming Youth Group Events

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

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Bring Your Bible to School Day

Students from elementary school through college are encouraged to participate in Bring Your Bible to School Day on Thursday, October 6th. This annual event, sponsored by Focus on the Family is designed to give students confidence as well as the opportunity to be a witness to others. Believe it or not, students ARE legally allowed to bring and read their Bibles at school. This event gives students an opportunity to express that right as well as answer questions about their faith or invite someone to church. Great times to show your Bible, or read your Bible, include before/after school, before a class begins, during lunch, during study halls, etc...If a student is homeschooled, they are encouraged to bring their Bibles with them to activities that they are in that week, or to work, where they can read it on breaks. Hundreds of thousands of students will be participating in Bring Your Bible to School Day on the same day and in the same week.

Congregation members are asked to pray for our students, especially throughout the day on October 6th. We will be providing prayer cover between the hours of 7 am - 4 pm that day. Members of Spirit of Hope are encouraged to sign up for 30 minutes (or more, if desired) of prayer time. The sign-up sheet will be available this Sunday, October 2nd. It would mean a lot to our youth to know that adults are praying for them and supporting them as they intentionally step out in faith to witness to others. If you would like more information or have questions, please contact Wendy Poch.

CHURCH-WIDE MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

Feed My Starving Children

For the third year in a row, Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church will be participating in Feed My Starving Children's Mobile-Pack event which is held at Parker United Methodist Church. We have reserved 20 volunteer spaces on Friday, October 28th from 6:30-8:30 pm and 20 spaces on Saturday, October 29th from 9-11 am. Everyone from age 5

to 105 can volunteer to serve! Come on your own or bring the whole family! No experience is needed. Sign up sheets will be available on Sunday, October 2nd. Last year we filled up fast and started a waiting list, so sign up early if you'd like to have a spot guaranteed. Volunteers should plan on arriving 15-20 minutes earlier than their scheduled packing time and need to wear close-toed shoes. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Wendy Poch.

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 is available at the following Operation Christmas Child link:**

<http://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox-suggestions/>

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.

NEW UPDATE FROM TIFFANY POCH

Wow! I cannot believe how quickly the time is going by! Our first month here is almost already over!

This last week was so wonderful. We spent the first few days doing our normal ministry routine. I went to the farm and sorted beans one morning, helped clean around CICRIN a few times, and did a prayer walk around the campus.

Late on Thursday night, however, we learned that we would be spending the next two days off the island at a ministry on the mainland! So we hopped on a ferry early Friday morning and made our way to the lovely town of San Jorge (right across from Ometepe). There we helped with a Christian feeding program run by the daughter (Sara) of a lady (Ruth) that we have had the privilege of working with

on Ometepe. Kids come to Sara's feeding ministry after school and receive a hot meal as well as some form of Biblical instruction. They also get to spend some time just playing and being kids!

Sara is also a pastor. The ministry site she has also serves as her church. Later that night we had the privilege of helping at their youth group. I think I can speak for our team when I say that this was one of the most memorable nights so far! We had a great time getting to know the youth. We played some games and then our team both shared and heard some powerful testimonies. We ended the night doing the electric slide followed by dancing to some local music! We may or may not have walked into town to get some ice cream as well... It was a blast! We are considering going back before we leave Nicaragua!

The following morning we took a bus to San Juan Del Sur for our off day! It was GORGEOUS. We splashed around in the Pacific a bit (I heard that some surfing was done by a few of our team members) and explored the beautiful city. We caught an evening ferry back to Ometepe that night! Coming back we were all struck with the feeling that we had arrived back home.

Sunday was a big day for Christians here in Nicaragua as it was the Day of the Bible, marking the anniversary of when the Bible was translated into Spanish. We thought we were going to a different church that morning... It turns out that we were actually going to be marching in a parade along with many other believers! At the end of the parade was a stage set up where several hours of preaching and worship occurred. It was quite the experience!

I spent this morning cleaning around CICRIN. I cannot wait to see what the rest of this week holds! I will write more soon! God bless you all!

**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!

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.

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

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

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

Prayers for renewed healing and strength from cancer for Sue Schultz as she continues 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) = **\$12,696**

September expenses (to date) = **\$5,361**

Checking = **\$23,168**

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

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