



Mission News from SPIRIT OF HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH Wednesday, September 29, 2021

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THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

This Sunday Pastor Carol Clark returns to Spirit of Hope to lead worship and teach Sunday School while Pastor Wendy represents Spirit of Hope at the LCMC Annual Gathering in Columbus, Ohio. Pastor Carol will be preaching on Exodus 2:23-25; 3:1-15; 4:10-17 – the narrative of God revealing himself as the Great “I Am” as he prepares to rescue His people out of bondage in Egypt.



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 meet with Pastor Carol for a special class on biblical Art and Artifacts. Elementary youth will meet with Pat Schmidt and Wendy West and will be learning more about Moses and the burning bush.

COMING UP AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

Wednesday, September 29th

4:30 pm Confirmation Class

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

Friday, October 1st

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

Sunday, October 3rd

9:30 am Worship

11:00 am Sunday School

5:00 pm LCMC Annual Gathering Begins

Monday, October 4th

LCMC ANNUAL GATHERING

Tuesday, October 5th

LCMC ANNUAL GATHERING

Digging Deeper Bible Study WILL NOT MEET THIS WEEK

Wednesday, October 6th

LCMC ANNUAL GATHERING

7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

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

(Ken Carpenter will lead this study while Pastor Wendy is away)



OFFICE HOURS

OFFICE CLOSED TUESDAY 10/5

Wednesday - Friday: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

*****From Saturday 10/2 – Saturday 10/9 Pastor**

Wendy will be working remotely. Renee Nefe

will be staffing the office 10/6 – 10/8.

THANK YOU FROM MARIE AND CARL WINKELMAN

Dear Spirit of Hope Friends,

Thank you so much for all your prayers, get-well wishes, and meals after Marie's recent fall and surgery. It was very much appreciated. We are happy to report that she is on the mend!

Sincerely,

Carl & Marie Winkelman

THANK YOU FROM HERB AND BEN POTTHOFF

To Our Friends & Family at Spirit of Hope,

Beth so loved this church and was proud to be a part of its inception. Thank you for helping Beth to realize her wish

to live a Godly life and to be a light for others to see the teachings of our Lord. May you all be always blessed by His grace.

Ben and Herb Potthoff

LCMC ANNUAL GATHERING

This year's LCMC Annual Gathering will take place at Upper Arlington Lutheran Church in Hilliard, OH (a suburb of Columbus) from Sunday, October 3rd – Wednesday, October 6th. Pastor Wendy will be traveling to the conference on Saturday, October 2nd and will return Saturday evening, October 9th after taking a few extra days to visit with family in the area.

While non-urgent matters will be dealt with after she returns from the LCMC Annual Gathering, Pastor Wendy will be available by phone, email, or text in the case of an emergency. In case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Wendy so that she can activate the emergency protocol she has in place. Should you need it, she will be able to send an on-call pastor immediately and she will try to find an early flight back if needed.

The LCMC Annual Gathering will be livestreamed. We have not received the link just yet, but Pastor Wendy will send it out as soon as it is available. All of the breakout sessions will also be recorded and those recordings will be available at a later date.



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. **If you would like to attend and car pool or meet up with others from Spirit of Hope, please contact Pastor Wendy.** You can register here:

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

NEW!!! The Church Board has also authorized an extra gift in the amount of \$1,000 from our benevolence funds to help Alternatives with advertising and services as they have seen a very significant uptick in young women coming to Colorado from Texas in an attempt to circumvent the new anti-abortion law in Texas.



SPIRIT OF HOPE FALL FESTIVAL SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31st

Mark your calendars for a fabulous fellowship and outreach event!

CHILI COOK-OFF 11:30 am

**The SOH Chili Cook-off is BACK!
Church members will taste and vote.
Awesome prize for the winner!**

What else will be at the Fall Festival???

After lunch, we will set up a community outreach event (and a continued time of fellowship for SoH members). This will include a **“TRUNK OR TREAT”** from 1:00 – 3:00 pm; **OUTDOOR GAMES** such as cornhole, Can Jam, Bocce Ball, and Ladder Golf; **KID’S CRAFT STATION** with pumpkin decorating and fake “tattoos”; **FAMILY FUN PHOTO BOOTH** to take pictures with family as well as friends old and new; **SECOR FOOD DRIVE** to collect Thanksgiving themed foods such as cranberries, boxed potatoes and stuffing, canned vegetables, etc. Please help us reach families in our community as we have some good old-fashioned while we share the love of Jesus! It’s especially important to have members decorate their cars, yourselves and bring candy for our Trunk-or-Teat event! Let’s make memories together as a family of God!



SPIRIT OF HOPE IS NOW A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION!

Stephen Ministers are lay congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation. Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life, but they all share a passion for bringing Christ’s love and care to people during a

time of need. Since 1975, more than 600,000 people from more than 13,000 congregations and other organizations have been trained as Stephen Ministers. Spirit of Hope plans to begin training people to become Stephen Ministers early in 2022.

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



rightnow MEDIA

**Break out the
pumpkin spice
and jump into
some leaves**

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! You are welcome to share this link with family and friends!

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 reneenefe@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

NO CLASS THIS WEEK!

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

****NO CLASS THIS WEEK**

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 CLOSE OF THE COMMANDMENTS**

FROM THE SMALL CATECHISM

“What does God say about all these commandments? He says, “I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children

for the sin of the fathers to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments.” (Exodus 20:5-6)

What does this mean? God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly to what He commands.”

FROM THE LARGE CATECHISM

“Now, there is included in these words both an angry, threatening words and a friendly promise. These are to terrify and warn us. They are also to lead and encourage us to receive and highly value His Word as a matter of divine sincerity. For God Himself declares how much He is concerned about it and how rigidly He will enforce it: He will horribly and terribly punish all who despise and transgress His commandments. Also, He declares how richly He will reward, bless, and do all good to those who hold them in high value and gladly do and live according to them. So, God demands that all our works proceed from a heart that fears and regards God alone. From such fear the heart avoids everything that is contrary to His will, lest it should move Him to wrath. And, on the other hand, the heart also trusts in Him alone and from love for Him does all He wants. For He speaks to us as friendly as a father and offers us all grace and every good.” [LC I 322-23]



Prayer Requests - If you have a prayer request for the prayer team, please contact Pastor Wendy @ 303-841-3553 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."

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK **By Pastor Wendy**



Lord God, we pray for all the pastors and church leaders who will be traveling to the LCMC Annual Gathering this weekend. Protect them as they travel, strengthen them during their time away, and bring them all safely back home to their brothers and sisters in Christ. We also pray for all those who are speaking or teaching at the gathering, for all those involved in planning and coordinating the gathering, and for our brothers and sisters at Upper Arlington Lutheran Church who are working hard to host the gathering. We thank you, Lord, for all the ways you work to strengthen us through the body of Christ. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Please include the following people and situations in your prayers:

Please pray for...

All pastors and church leaders who are traveling to the LCMC Annual Gathering.

Herb and Ben P. who are grieving that the Lord has called Beth home.

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

October Birthdays

10/8 Wayne Schultz
10/12 Jean Huebsch
10/12 Marissa Lehnerz
2/17 Chris Schmidt
10/22 Esther Tracy
10/23 Rodney Pobar
10/25 Loreena Hoyt
10/25 John Parsons

September Anniversaries

9/10 Steve & Nancy Howland
9/13 Bill & Carol Byers
9/30 Julie & Lee Case

October Anniversaries

10/4 Rodney & Peggy Pobar
10/7 Ramie & Kasja Larson



QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE

September Income (to date) = \$14,890

General Fund Offerings = \$11,945

Debt Reduction Offerings = \$2,500

Dedicated Offerings = \$412

Other Income = \$133

September Expenses = \$13,893

Checking Accounts Balance = \$29,572

Debt Reduction Account Balance = \$33,839

Money Market Account Balance = \$105,376