



## MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, September 3, 2019

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**SENIOR PASTOR DAVE FISHER IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES THIS COMING SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, AT 303-941-0668.**

### **THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE – SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS MISSION COMMISSIONING!**

This coming Sunday, September 8, is the first Sunday of our intergenerational Sunday School (see article below)! Before that, we will begin with fellowship at 9:00 am in the fellowship hall and worship at 9:30 am in the sanctuary. This Sunday we conclude our sermon series: Gather, Grow, Serve, Go!" This week's topic is "Going Together." Jesus calls all of us to be His witnesses in word and deed, at home and abroad. Pastor Dave will preach on the famous Great Commission verses of Matthew 28:19-20. At the conclusion of worship, we will commission Tiffany Poch as she is going to Africa on a return mission trip with Marion Medical Mission. Everything starts this Sunday at OUR NEW FACILITY 7060 Ponderosa Drive, Parker, CO 80138. Fellowship officially begins at 9:00 am. Worship begins at 9:30 am. Intergenerational Sunday School begins in the fellowship area at 11:00 am. Also, remember to bring your donations of tomato products for SECOR and reading glasses, small action toys and Christian coloring books for Mean Street Ministry!

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES BEGINS THIS SUNDAY!**

This Sunday we begin our new intergenerational Sunday School program. Our text is Genesis 2:4-24 and Mark 10:6-8. You are also welcome to read Genesis 1 prior to class, if you desire (please note that no advanced prep is actually required and there will never be

homework!). Our lesson is one of the earliest stories in Scripture, describing how God created the first human beings. It shows how man and woman were created by God to go together as a matching pair, and how we, as human beings, need to depend upon one another in our daily lives. Please bring a favorite Bible with you (it doesn't have to be the one that you use the most). We will share with one another why each Bible brought is special to us. During this first week of class we will also discuss what our intergenerational Sunday School program will look like each week as we learn about the Scriptures from Genesis to Revelation and as we discover that God's story is our story. Sunday School will begin at 11 am in the Fellowship Hall.

## **BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE**

**By Senior Pastor Dave Fisher**

The items to complete within the next 60 days to convert our temporary C.O. into a permanent one have been completed and submitted to Douglas County. We passed our parking lot lighting test last Thursday and also received our Site Plan modification allowing us to continue with our parking lot as built. The planning department at the county is awaiting the final signatures on our as built drainage drawings as well as the certificate of acceptance for our detention pond. I am currently in contact with the county asking for these last two items to be expedited.

The final installment of our Lasko grant was received last week and has been deposited in the bank. The final bill from the contractor for overruns that have occurred this summer due to various close out requirements from the county and fire department is yet to be received. The church board is addressing this and we will be communicating that information in the next few weeks. Thank you to ALL of you for your prayers and patience over the years! Please continue to pray that we receive our permanent C.O. in the next day or so. Also, please pray that we will accomplish and completely close out this project this month. Praise be to God for bringing us to a new chapter in our history!

## **DEDICATION AND GRAND OPENING DATES SET**

The scheduling of our upcoming formal dedication service to the glory of God for the new building and our "Grand Opening/Open House" for the Parker community has been set. A variety of

challenges complicated the process over the last two weeks, but on Sunday the challenges were resolved as the church board voted to set the following schedule:

**BUILDING DEDICATION – SUNDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 22**  
**GRAND OPENING/OPEN HOUSE – SUNDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 3**

The exact time of the dedication is being determined and will be published later this week along with some more details. Thank you for your patience.

### **SERMON SERIES “Gather, Grow, Serve, and Go!”**

Our congregation is entering into some new and wonderful ministry opportunities. We continue to settle into our new church facility, we are setting up a new volunteer structure that will help us to create a strong foundation for both present and future ministries, we will be joining together as we study God’s Word together through a new inter-generational Sunday School program, and we will be deploying three short-term missionaries to Africa this fall.

As such, Pastor Dave and Pastor Wendy have preached three of the four sermons for the new sermon series called “Gather, Grow, Serve, and Go!”. During this sermon series, we are focusing on who God called us to be as a congregation, why God has called us to worship together, why God calls us to grow in His Word together, why God designed us to do important kingdom work together, and why we are called to missions and discipleship together.

The new preaching series has been as follows: August 18th:

“Gathering Together” August 25th: “Growing Together” September 1st: “Serving Together” September 8th: “Going Together”

**THIS SUNDAY THE SERIES CONCLUDES WITH GOING TOGETHER!”**

Pastor Dave and Pastor Wendy are working on another sermon series to follow this one. We will return to the Gospel of Luke at a later date.

### **SERVANT PROFILES**

Servant Profiles have been delivered to your inbox (see the additional attachment to this newsletter). Please print out the Servant Profile, fill it out, and return it to Kandy Parsons (or place it in the basket in the Narthex as you enter the front doors of the church) by September 15th. Thank you to everyone who has turned them in already!

## **HOPEFUL SPIRITS NEWS**

The **NEXT** meeting of the Hopeful Spirits service, study and fellowship group will be September 18, 1:30 - 3:30 pm at the church.

## **SUMMER ADULT EDUCATION CONCLUDES THIS WEEK!**

Mid-week summer Bible study on the subject of intentional generosity concludes **TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**. The class which is taught by Wayne Schultz will be held from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the fellowship hall of the new church.

## **CHOIR REHEARSAL IS THIS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 7-8:30 PM**

## **THE FIRST FALL MIDWEEK ADULT BIBLE STUDY ON THE CATECHISMS BEGINS, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 7:00 – 8:30 PM**

**Prayer Requests - If you have a prayer request for the prayer team please contact Pastor Dave Fisher at 303-941-0668 or [pastordave@spiritofhopelcmc.org](mailto: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 thanksgiving for the birth of a new grandson to DeDe and Jim Elliott. Jordan Michael Easter II was born to Carol Eve Easter around midnight, September 3. Mother and son are doing well

For healing for Sheri Giles who is dealing with fluid buildup since her back surgery of earlier this year. Please pray for the condition to dissipate

Thanksgiving to God for the completion of the building project

For healing for Cathy Morano's friend in Chicago, Traci, who is in an area hospital being treated for breast cancer and also, for Traci's father who continues to deal with foot and stress issues

Thanksgiving for Sara and Steve Gutknecht for Sara finishing chemotherapy and Steve finishing from radiation treatments for cancer. Please pray that future scans show complete healing

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 Spirit of Hope mission partners: Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ, Southeast Community Outreach, Mean Street Ministry, 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**

August income = **\$14,273**

August expenses = **\$14,122**

September income (to date) = **\$6,728**

September expenses (to date) = **\$1,050**

Checking = **\$23,259**

Money Market = **\$29,181 (Reserves = \$10,400 Dedicated = \$18,781)**

Building Fund = **\$149,719\***

Building Loan Interest Escrow\*\* = **\$2,534**

**\*Reflects reception of final installment of John C. Lasko Foundation Grant**

**\*\*New account to reserve funds for member loan repayments**