



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, September 5, 2017

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PASTORAL INTERN WENDY POCH IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES FOR THIS COMING SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, AT 303-514-5266.

THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE – MISSIONS SUNDAY

This Sunday, September 10, Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church will have a special Missions Sunday! Both local and international mission partners will be lifted up. DeDe Elliott will share about her recent short-term mission trip to Estonia with East European Missions Network. Also, founder and leader, Chaplain James Fry of our newest mission partner Mean Street Ministry will be with us along with members of the ministry's board and staff. The Mean Street Ministry team will share about their mission to share God's love in Jesus with homeless families in the Denver area. Right after worship there will be a question and answer session with the Mean Street Ministry team. The theme for this Sunday will come from Acts 1:1-8 where Jesus gives his disciples a strategy for mission work: local, national and international.

Fellowship officially begins at 9:00 am in the gym at Pine Lane Elementary North. Worship will begin at 9:30 am (SEE ARTICLE BELOW).

STARTING ON TIME

By Pastor Dave

During last the two Sunday Mission Moments I have spoken about how our upcoming move into a permanent facility will necessitate some changes in habit for our congregation. We expect that there will be a number of visitors and guests who will come to see who we are

and what we are about. In order to be hospitable and welcoming one of the things we will need to do is start our worship services at the time we publish. This serves to make guests more at ease by taking away an unnecessary surprise (they didn't start on time).

IN ORDER TO SET A NEW HABIT SUNDAY WORSHIP WILL BEGIN AT OUR PUBLISHED TIME OF 9:30 AM. It will probably take a bit of time to get used to this, but in the long run will serve our congregation well. Thank you in advanced for your patience in this.

RALLY SUNDAY COMING SEPTEMBER 17!

On Sunday, September 17, Rally Day will happen at Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church. After prayer time that Sunday we will rally together and visit the rooms at Pine Lane Elementary North where classes will begin on September 24. This will also be an opportunity to learn the topic for each class. Currently there are four classes that are being planned for Sunday School this fall:

Kid's class – studying the Gospel of John and taught by Victoria Fisher and Andrea Hoyt

High School youth class on Gospel of Luke taught by Intern Wendy and Pastor Dave

Women's Study facilitated by Wendy West will cover sections of the gospel of Luke using a resource by Christian author, Max Lucado

General Adult Study led by a variety of teachers. The first class will be facilitated by Tim Lehnerz and Brad Hoyt finishing last Spring's video series on "Why I Believe: Finding Answers to Life's Most Difficult Questions."

IMPORTANT YOUTH GROUP NEWS

This fall we are making some changes to our youth group leadership and structure. These changes are being made because of Intern Wendy's increased ministry load in other areas, including chaplaincy work at Parker Adventist Hospital, and also in response to input from parents regarding the scheduling that is best for their families.

Therefore, this fall Pastor Dave and Wendy will be sharing the leadership for youth group in both planning and implementation. We will also be meeting at a new time! Beginning September 17th, youth group will be meeting after church on youth group Sundays. We will enjoy lunch, games, service projects and other youth group activities. A letter with more information has been sent to all youth group

families via email. Please keep watch in the newsletter and on our youth group Facebook page for more details.

YOUTH NEWS!

Upcoming Youth Events

9/17/17 Youth Group: Cherry Creek State Park 11:30 - 2 pm

10/1/17 Youth Group: Pine Lane North: 12-2pm

10/22/17 Youth Group: Pine Lane North: 12-2pm

11/12/17 Youth Group: TBD

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!

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE HOPEFUL SPIRITS WILL BE ONE WEEK FROM TODAY, SEPTEMBER 12th FROM 2 TO 4 PM AT THE HOME OF SARA GUTKNECHT

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

Framers were on site today (Tuesday, September 5) to start finishing some interior framing work. HVAC (Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning) workers are due to arrive tomorrow to begin their work. IREA has installed the necessary equipment for permanent power. Meanwhile our weed mitigation crew led by Carl Winkelman plan to mow and weed tomorrow. Please continue to pray for safety for all working and progress to continue with our building project. Thank you!

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 Spencers, 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. 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 continued protection and future recovery for all the victims of Hurricane Harvey

For continued recovery for Glenn Poch from his hernia repair surgery of last week

For comfort and relief for Carol Palin's 95-year-old aunt Hazel in Minnesota as she has been placed in hospice with a malignant mass on her left lung

For healing for Kandy Parson's mother, Hazel, whose infection returned last week

For healing for Beth Potthoff's friend in Missouri, Shelly, to recover from a recent single mastectomy and beginning reconstruction surgery

For students, teachers and staff as they begin a new school year this month.

For healing for James Kallas the father of Cathy Morano's friend in Chicago, Traci, from an angiogram and angioplasty procedures he had last week

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

August income = **\$17,586**

August expenses = **\$7,721**

September income (to date) = **\$2,880**

September expenses (to date) = **\$1,566**

Checking = **\$25,037**

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

Building Fund = **\$575,047**