



Mission News from SPIRIT OF HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH Wednesday, September 8, 2021

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THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

This Sunday we are beginning a brand-new journey through the Scriptures as we start the Narrative Lectionary. Pastor Wendy will be preaching on Genesis 1:1-2:4 which is the creation narrative. There are many things happening in this text. But the most important of all is that the God of creation and redemption chose to reveal himself to his people!



After worship we will enjoy a time of fellowship. Then at approximately 11:00 we will begin a new Sunday School year. Elementary-aged students will meet in the new classroom alongside the sanctuary. This class, geared for kids in kindergarten through 4th grade (but all ages are welcome) will be learning about the sermon text of the day from Pastor Wendy and Pat Schmidt. **We are looking for a few more kid-sized bean bag chairs that are red, blue, brown, black, or gray. If you have one you are willing to donate to our Sunday School room, please contact Pastor Wendy or Pat Schmidt.**

The adult Sunday School class will begin the year by watching The Chosen, reading the associated texts and then discussing the texts and the presentation. This 8-week series will be led by Lee Case.

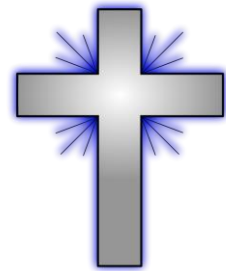
COMING UP AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

Wednesday, September 8th

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

Saturday, September 11th
Memorial Service for Cherri Lusk @ 1:00 pm

Sunday, September 12th
Worship @ 9:30 am
Sunday School @ 11:00 am



Tuesday, September 14th
Digging Deeper Bible Study with Pastor Wendy @ 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Wednesday, September 15th
Men's Prayer Breakfast @ 7:00 am, Village Inn
Bible Study @ 7:00 pm: Christ in the Old Testament

Saturday, September 18th
Confirmation 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Sunday, September 19th
Worship at 9:30 am
Sunday School



OFFICE HOURS

Tuesdays: 8:30 am – 10:30 am @ Fika Coffee House on Mainstreet

Tuesdays: 11:30 am – 2:00 pm @ Spirit of Hope

Wednesday - Friday: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm @ Spirit of Hope

SOUND & TECH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of people who can spend an hour or two once a month (more if you're interested) at the church creating slides for worship. No experience necessary. Complete training will be provided. We are also looking for people who are willing to sit in the tech booth during worship and help advance the slides one Sunday a month. Again, no experience needed. If you're willing to help, please contact Dave Giles or Pastor Wendy.

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 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! We are even in the process of creating our own channel where you will have easy access to recorded worship services and more!

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.

NAME TAGS

As we are now receiving more and more visitors at Spirit of Hope, Pastor Wendy would like for us to start wearing our name tags again.

This is really helpful for visitors and even to help each of us to get to know one another better. Please check the name tag board in the narthex prior to entering the sanctuary. If you need a new name tag, please let Pastor Wendy know.

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!





STARTING TONIGHT! CHRIST IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Starting this evening at 7:00 pm, our Wednesday evening Bible study will be focused on

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".



COMING SOON: DIGGING DEEPER WITH PASTOR WENDY LUNCH TIME BIBLE STUDY

Starting Tuesday, September 14th, Pastor Wendy will be leading a day-time Bible study that will dig deeper into the text from Sunday, explore the daily Bible readings, and will also dig 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

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 (BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 12th)

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

TUESDAYS BEGINNING 9/14 From 12:00 – 1:00 PM:

Digging Deeper with Pastor Wendy



**FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD
(The Lutheran Confessions):**

THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT

“You shall not steal.”

(Exodus 20:15; Deuteronomy 5:19).

FROM THE SMALL CATECHISM

“We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor’s money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.”

FROM THE LARGE CATECHISM

“This is, in short, the way of the world: whoever can steal and rob openly goes free and secure, unmolested by anyone, and even demands that he be honored. Meanwhile, the little burglars, who have once trespassed, must bear the shame and punishment to make the former thieves appear godly and honorable. But let such open thieves know that in God’s sight they are the greatest thieves. He will punish them as they are worthy and deserve.

“Now, since this commandment is so far-reaching, as just indicated, it is necessary to teach it well and to explain it to the common people. Do not let them go on in their greed and security. But always place before their eyes God’s wrath, and instill the same... Therefore, let everyone know his duty, at the risk of God’s displeasure: he must do not harm to his neighbor nor deprive him of profit nor commit any act of unfaithfulness or hatred in any bargain or trade. But he must also faithfully preserve his property for him, secure and promote his advantage. This is especially true when one accepts money, wages, and one’s livelihood for such service.” [LC I 231-33]



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**

Loving God, help us to lives our lives knowing that we are no longer our own, but yours. Give us eyes and hearts that see things as you see them. Let us not be fearful of helping nor of whatever suffering you may call us to. Fill our lives with a passion for you and your kingdom work. Bless us by time spent in your presence. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Please include the following people and situations in your prayers:

Please pray for...

Wayne's brother-in-law Larry, who has lung cancer, and Larry's wife, Helen. Both Larry and Helen are fighting COVID.

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 begins a new chemotherapy treatment plan.

Janie S. who has been diagnosed with a mass on her pancreas.

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 all those being affected by the intensity of recent heat waves and fires across the western states and into Canada.

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
9/11 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
9/30 Lee Case

September Anniversaries



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

QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE

September Income (to date) = \$9,260

General Fund Offerings = \$7,480

Debt Reduction Offerings = \$1,600

Dedicated Offerings = \$180

Other Income = \$0

September Expenses = \$5,269

Checking Accounts Balance = \$32,288

Debt Reduction Account Balance = \$33,839

Money Market Account Balance = \$105,636