

Spirit of Hope Update



Saturday:

5 p.m. "the Lift"

Saturday Night Alive following communion

Sunday:

8:45 a.m. Blended Service

10 a.m. Jump Start

11 a.m. Contemporary Worship

Sermon Text: Matthew 22:15-22

Holy Communion at all services. Nursery available Sundays.

Adult Forum this Sunday - "*Why Does God Allow Suffering? Why is There So Much Evil in the World?*" Come to the large classroom at 10 a.m. and participate in this, our next installment in the series: *The Reason for God, Conversations on Faith and Life*. All are welcome.

Four-legged Visitors - Come to **Jump Start's Sunday Funday** this Sunday at 10 a.m. and experience live sheep similar to the ones Jesus was around as a kid. See you there!

Kitchen Assistants are needed. We are looking for people who feel called to the ministry of serving coffee during our worship services. Some people would say what happens in the narthex is equally important to what happens in the sanctuary. A kind word or comment in this social setting creates a sense of family and support for many people. If you would like to share your time and talent in this unique and very important way, please contact Pastor Glen at 480-396-8300.

Help Take Care of Our Church... We have many in our church who are asking, "What can I do? So much is changing and I can't stop it. I feel so helpless..." There is a small and faithful group of members and friends who invite you to join them in an important ministry. It will give you time for meditation and a feeling of great accomplishment. It helps **everyone** in our church. This ministry will remind you that the work of many hands makes "light work" and because it is physical it is a great stress reducer! Please consider saying, "Yes!" to the call to **CLEAN OUR CHURCH**. You will find immediate joy in knowing you can do something very important. This is a serious ministry. Without the support of this group, you would *not* want to worship in our building. The windows and doors would cloud over, the floors would stick, the bathrooms would be unbearable and trash would take over... This is God's house, we are the stewards... Please help. Call Jerry Hansen (480-292-9033) to hear how you can help by volunteering to clean **just 2 hours a month** on a rotating basis. The work requirements are varied... from light housekeeping to floor waxing and rug shampooing. Your abilities and time will be matched to the tasks. It could even be a family project. God bless you for considering *this call to all* at Spirit of Hope!

The **November Newsletter deadline** is tomorrow, October 14th. Please send your photos, articles, etc. to Cheryl, cheryl@spiritofhopelutheran.com.

Update on Sue Vogel-Herrera medical needs – Sue is still hospitalized at the Mayo Clinic Hospital and we are still in need of drivers after she returns home. Drivers are needed to transport her to the Mayo Clinic Hospital from her parent's home every day for approximately 70 days. If you could assist with transportation, please contact Gayle Troiano 480-288-7684. Her appointment is at 7:30 a.m. Drivers need to be aware that her appointment could be as short as 2 hours or as long as all day.

Church Council meets next Tuesday, October 18th at 6:30 p.m.

Seniors Rock Thursdays! Plan to attend next week's **Third Thursday Potluck** beginning at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, October 20th at SOH and enjoy food, fellowship and lots of fun with our "rockin'" Thursday group. Bring a dish and join us! The following week, Thursday, October 27th, **the Mesa Fire Department** will talk about safety issues at 10 a.m. All are invited to this informative session. *We hope to see you there!*

Blessing of the Animals is a little over a week away! This special service will be held Saturday, October 22nd at 3 p.m. in the SOH parking lot. All "under control" pets (leashed, crated, caged, haltered) are welcome to this brief service to honor our beloved friends. Deceased pets can also be remembered. Contact Marcia Johnson for more details, marcia4soh@cox.net or 520-509-1560.

"Pop in" and **support our Cub Scouts! Cub Scout Pack 302** will be selling a taste treat - popcorn before and after worship services next weekend, October 22nd and 23rd. Cash or checks are accepted. Ask about buying popcorn to send to the troops overseas. Contact Carl Thorne, 623-293-1079 for more information.

Shoebox Gifts - Both children's education groups, **Saturday Night ALIVE** and **Jump Start** will be putting together shoeboxes filled with small gifts for less fortunate children on the weekend of November 5th and 6th. Look at the flyers in the Narthex and future updates for more information on how you can get involved.

October Family Fun Night - Friday, October 28th is **Jump Start's Family Fun Night** which will feature a trip to Vertuccio Farms (4011 S. Power Rd., Mesa) for a night of fall magic - pumpkins, corn mazes, train rides and much more! Sign up in the narthex and meet us at 5:30 p.m. at the farm. All are invited.

3rd Annual Trunk or Treat - Fun is in your future on the evening of Saturday, October 29th, 6:30-8 p.m. Vehicles will be decorated and children can come and "trunk or treat" at each one. Games, a costume contest and tasty food will also be a part of the fun! All are welcome - join us. Sign up your vehicle in the Narthex. Talk to Terry Hilgendorf-Pope or Wendy Bell if you have questions.

Sex, Love & Rockin' Marriage - A new small group is forming this month at SOH to deal with that thing called "marriage". No matter whether you're single and looking to be married in the future, have been married a long time or a short time, are young or old, we'd like to hear from you! Contact Mike and Danielle Heinle, daniellerheinle@gmail.com and indicate which evening would work best for you. Childcare will be provided.

"Tune in" to Reformation Day and *sing* with seven other local churches on Sunday, October 30th, 4 p.m. at *Our Savior's Lutheran Church*. You need not be part of the SOH choir, but will need to participate in some rehearsals prior to the performance. the combined church choirs will have a final rehearsal at 2 p.m. that day and will be accompanied by the organ and a brass quintet for the performance. Contact Gerry Davis at 480-373-6935 if you can help praise God on this special day.