



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
 2605 S. Signal Butte Rd., Mesa, AZ 85209
 January 2010

LETTER OF HOPE



From Pastor Glen

The gift of community

"Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common." -Acts 4:32

I discovered something last month. You don't have to agree with somebody to love them. The Spirit of Hope Church Council decided to hold "table talks" for people to share their thoughts/opinions/feelings about the vote taken at the ELCA National Assembly on Human Sexuality. These talks were not designed to solve any problems or debate the issue of Biblical interpretation. The talks were designed for the worshippers of Spirit of Hope to listen to each other. And listen, they did. Stories were told. Research was shared. Honesty filled the room. I sat there as a proud parent of this community knowing that it wasn't easy for people to express themselves. "We are so diverse," my thoughts kept telling me. Our journeys have been so different. Some of us have come to this place with family members who are gay or lesbian. I heard stories of struggle. I heard tales of hurt. I sensed fear, and at times, confusion about what God thought of all of this. Crazy as it might seem, I also felt the presence of the Holy Spirit moving, breathing and holding us as we moved from person-to-person uttering words spoken from their heart. I didn't come away with any answers, but I'm convinced that we need each other. I'm convinced that this journey of faith is not a flat, straight road without obstacles, but rather it bends and twists and carries mystery. This discipleship, this following Jesus, is scary stuff. It doesn't always seem to make sense, but journeying to a cross, to a place of death, never has.

“...being “right” doesn't mean much, if it builds walls instead of bridges...”

I have also discovered that being “right” doesn't mean much, if it builds walls instead of bridges. Human sexuality will be, more than likely, one of those issues where common ground will be hard to find. I pray that God will lead us. I pray that our hearts will be open to being led. I pray that clarity will come as we

continue in this journey with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
 Wow 2010 - A new year... a new beginning... a new opportunity to be the church. Allow God to create something new in you, as you give yourself away to the community, into God's service.

Peace & love,
 Pastor glen

Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church

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- Spirit of Hope Core Values:*
- We welcome and love all people
 - We value the diversity in the body of Christ
 - We strive to grow in Christ through worship, study and action
 - We hunger to serve and respond to those in need

*Spirit Of Hope
 Annual Meeting*

12 Noon
 Sunday, January 31, 2010
 Sanctuary

Saturday Worship, 5 p.m.; Sunday Worship: 8:45 & 11 a.m. at 2605 S. Signal Butte Road

Thank You Notes...

Thank you, people of *Spirit of Hope*, for your generosity in bringing groceries for both Thanksgiving and Christmas so those whose cupboards were bare could celebrate the holidays and feed their families. We fed nearly 40 families for Thanksgiving and Christmas. The “Christmas Bears” seemed to walk away as fast as we put them on the tree. You are the best.

– *Social Concerns Ministry Team*

Spirit of Hope thanks ALL our talented musicians. The Cantata, “*Child of Wonder*” was well attended and much appreciated.

Spirit of Hope thanks ALL involved with our Children’s Christmas Program, “*Photo Album*”. The Children were great and we know there were many adults helping behind the scenes. Thank you so much.

What a JOY it’s been to have a Children’s Choir this past year. We adults marvel at how the children can not only memorize the words to their songs, but also the hand motions AND manage to stay on key. Thank you Nancy, Scott and Krystine for your dedication.

Dear Mary & members of *Spirit of Hope* Church,

Thank you so much for the donated turkeys and food. The families were excited and grateful to receive the dinners. Several parents told us they were wondering what they were going to do for their holiday meal. It warms the heart to see so many individuals reach out to one another – especially to those that are in need.

Thank you for the love & kindness you have given.

Sincerely, Brinton Health Office, Ann & Kathy

Dear SOH Women’s Bible Study,

On Behalf of the Community Alliance Against Family Abuse (CAFA), we sincerely, thank you for the donation of \$150 plus the clothing and toiletries. The women were completely delighted. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and means more than you will ever know, to the women and the children we service. Individuals and groups who donate to CAFA each year are so crucial in helping us to continue our work to serve and empower women and children affected by domestic violence. Our efforts would not be possible without caring, generous individuals like you!

Thank you again for your support!

Sincerely, Brenda Nichols, Associate Director

Weekly Schedule

Sunday Choir Practice, 8 a.m.

Worship times, Saturdays, 5 p.m.

Sundays, 8:45 & 11 a.m.

Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.

Adult Forum, 10:00 a.m.

Women’s Bible Study,
every Thursday, 1 p.m.



Blood Drive – February 3rd

Spirit of Hope is hosting it’s **2nd Blood Drive** on Wednesday, February 3rd. The Bloodmobile will be in our parking lot from 3:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on that day. We are hoping to have sign-up sheets in the Narthex mid-January. Watch our bulletins for specific details. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Senior Teen Journey North to Winter Fest



All high school Teens (grades 10-12) are invited to join us as we journey north to Flagstaff to attend *Winter Fest 2010* which is sponsored by *Lutheran Campus Ministry*. This event will be January 22nd-24th and we will be leaving *Spirit of Hope* at 3:30 p.m. on Friday. The cost of this event is \$60 per student.

The weekend will involve interactive games, fun with other high school students from around the valley, worship, eye-opening Bible studies led by LCM students, and some time to play in the snow.

Students... be aware that there is a pre-registration, so contact Pastor Glen if you would like to join our group, 480-396-8300.

Where does “the cross” fit into your life?

The *Spirit of Hope Worship Ministry Team* is entertaining a Lenten theme centered upon “the cross.” Where does the cross fit into your life? Do you notice crosses on church buildings, hospitals, or bumper stickers? How different would your life be if you openly wore a cross at work, school, or during a social engagement? Are you comfortable praying over a meal at a restaurant? Have you ever thought about “crossing” yourself before or after you pray? Do you ever hold a cross in your hands while you pray? Do you ever pray reflecting upon Jesus hanging on the cross for your sins?

The *Worship Ministry Team* will be looking for people who would be willing to share their journey to the cross. They are looking for people who discovered hope in the midst of their sinfulness. They are looking for people who saw the grace of God at their darkest moments, and found strength because Jesus died on the cross for them. If you are one of those people and are willing to tell your brief story, please contact Pastor Glen.

Education Ministry Team Looking for Volunteers

Do you love children? Is one of your skills organization? We are looking for assistance with our Education Ministry Team. *Angela Omtvedt* has faithfully and remarkably served in this position for several years and is ready to let someone else have a turn. We are looking for many hands to make this ministry a lighter load and to fill Angela's shoes. Interested or just curious, talk to Pastor Sondra.

Nursery Help Needed

We are looking for another attendant for our Nursery, specifically for Saturday evenings and occasionally as a fill-in on Sunday mornings. If you are interested, please submit a *Spirit of Hope* application, found on our website, being certain to share your experience, training and qualifications. If you have questions, please talk to Pastor Sondra.

Food Bank Needs Your Support

Remember to support the *Lutheran Food Bank* by bringing your donation to the designated wooden bin in the Narthex at *SOH*. Most needed right now are tuna, crackers, soup, cereal, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, canned vegetables and canned beans. *Thanks for your help!*

SOH Facility Committee Needs a Leader

We are looking for an energetic "can do" kind of person who can say "yes" to the call to chair *Spirit of Hope's Facility Committee*. Jerry Hansen will be stepping down from that position effective January 1st. As you have heard Jerry say many times, "This is one of the largest ministry groups in our church, because everyone is a member!" But, we do need someone to coordinate the variety of both routine and unexpected facility needs. Jerry will be happy to describe the responsibilities of this very important calling if you are interested. He will also be available to assist in the transition as you step up to this call for facility-related leadership. Please call Jerry Hansen (480-292-9033) if you are interested.

Share Your Gifts

As we begin our New Year, please pray about where God would have you serve at *Spirit of Hope*. You have been given a set of unique gifts and we'd be honored to have you share them with us. Look through our Newsletters and Bulletins to see where help is needed or talk to one of our Pastors with your ideas. We Need You! We Appreciate You! *Happy New Year!*



Wanted: Ushers, Communion Servers & Worship Set-Up People

A big part of what allows our worship services to "flow" is an adequate amount of help for each service. Our Saturday Night *the Lift* Service is looking for volunteers who could come at least a half hour early to help set up the service, including Holy Communion, set-

ting out candles, the cross, flowers and sectioning off part of the sanctuary for worship.

The Sunday morning services also need help - people willing to usher and serve communion. These tasks are not difficult, but without having people in place, our worship services cannot be the most they can be. The *Worship Ministry Team* would like to ask each of you to consider being an usher, communion server, or Saturday Night set up person. If you would like to assist in ushering on Sunday morning contact Phil Troiano, 480-288-7664. For those who can assist with Holy Communion at the 8:45 a.m. service, contact Marion Bergstrom, 480-386-0566 or Ethel Bloedorn, 480-380-6141. If you worship at 11:00 a.m. and would be willing to assist with Holy Communion, contact Lee Stadler 480-218-1641. If you would be willing to setup the service on Saturday Night, contact Carl Thorne 653-293-1079.

Calling All "People" Persons

We are looking for volunteers to sit at the desk in our Narthex to answer the phone and welcome guests as they arrive.

Hours are from 9 a.m. to noon and noon to 3 p.m. Right now we have Tuesday mornings, Thursday afternoons and all day Friday open.

If you are available any of those times, or could fill in on occasion, please talk with Pastor Sondra. All the ways you serve at *Spirit of Hope* are appreciated.

Keep Bringing Soup Labels

Spirit of Hope continues to collect Campbell's Soup labels which benefit the *Navajo Mission* on the Navajo Indian Reservation in Rockpoint, Arizona. This program has enabled the Mission to buy vans and school supplies. Bring your labels to the Narthex at *Spirit of Hope* and don't forget to include the bar code. If you need information about this program, call Ethel Bloedorn, 480-268-9157.



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Dates to Remember

Jan. 5th Confirmation Resumes
Jan. 10th Sunday School Resumes
Jan. 10th & 17th.... New Member Orientation
Jan. 22nd-24th Youth Winter Fest

Jan. 30th/31st..... New Members Join
Jan. 31st..... Spirit of Hope
Annual Meeting
Feb. 3rd Blood Drive

Our mission:

*“As a diverse family of God’s children,
Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church
provides a safe refuge for all by teaching,
sharing and celebrating the Love of Christ.”*

*Glen J. Stadler, Pastor
Sondra R. Krogstad, Pastor*



Women's January Bible Study

Theme: "Trust... Nothing Can Separate Us"

Thursday Women's Bible Study continues their study of Romans. Our January theme will be, "Trust... Nothing Can Separate Us" with our theme verse being Romans 8:26. We invite you to join us for our as we continue our journey through Romans. We gather at 1 p.m. (in the large classroom) to share prayer concerns, have a cup of coffee and see what God has in store for us.



We are blessed to welcome new sisters in

Christ each week and look forward to meeting you, if you haven't already done so. Bring your Bible and join us! You won't be disappointed! Talk to Pastor Sondra or Carol Petersen (480-357-4359) if you have questions.

January Adult Forums

In January we will begin a series we are calling "Lutheranism 101". For the first six weeks in the New Year, we will be viewing and discussing the DVD series, "Down and Out: Where Grace Takes You". As a way of introduction... "God's people are rediscovering what Martin Luther uncovered five centuries ago. And those two simple ideas, Justification and Vocation, so evident throughout Scripture, are the foundation of the Christian life. In our congregations, in our communities, in our families and in our work lives, grace takes us out into God's world, confident in God's promises. We are sent out of our churches, to love and obey, to co-create with God on behalf of others, for the sake of the world."

Join us in the Sanctuary at 10 a.m. for this thought-provoking, permission-giving series. We especially encourage those who did not grow up in the Lutheran tradition to attend this series, along with those of us who grew up in the Lutheran church. You won't be disappointed.

WOW Invites All to Tuesday Bible Studies



W.O.W. (*Women of Wisdom Bible Study*) is inviting all men and women to join them beginning in January for a 12-consecutive-week study - "Book of Faith - The different ways Jesus Sowed Seeds" led by Pam Rowedder. Bring your Bibles and explore this concept. WOW will meet every Tuesday during January, at *Spirit of Hope*, 7 - 8:15 p.m. For more information, contact Debbie Zimmerman: email - debbyzim@cox.net or call 480-636-7487.

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Miguel's Rincón

I never thought I would ever say this, but thank God 2009 is over. Economically it was not a stellar year to say the least. By the grace of God, we made it through the year with limb and life, but it was hard. The New Year is now here and we are hopeful that we will not repeat the same mistakes we made last year and look forward to something new. But before we let go of 2009, in the spirit of the White House inspired Christmas theme this year, let us *reflect, rejoice* and *renew*.



Pastor Miguel Gomez-Acosta

Reflect on the good and bad things of 2009. For me, 2009 will forever be the year of my ordination which marked an end of a ten-year journey. But 2009 was also the year of mourning for our church since the decisions made at the CWA have caused some congregations to separate from our fellowship; whether you affirmed or disapproved of the decisions it is still hard to say goodbye.

Rejoice in the blessings that we received last year. One of those great blessings that San Pedro rejoices for is the addition of *La Primera*, our second site of ministry in Mesa. It has been a lot of work, but San Pedro has been willing to make sacrifices knowing that this move would expand our outreach ministry to another part of town.

Renew our hope in what this next year will bring. It has been a hard year, whether we like or not, but as people of faith, we are called to always look forward. Though this might be a little scary since we do not know what tomorrow will bring, we continue to be hopeful because we know that Christ will be with us, through thick and thin. I am hopeful for 2010. This year will mark the 3rd Anniversary of San Pedro (which will be celebrated on February 12th, look forward to more information), and therefore a Lutheran Latino presence in the East Valley. I pray that you will all be blessed this 2010.

Gracias y que Dios los bendiga.

- Pastor Miguel

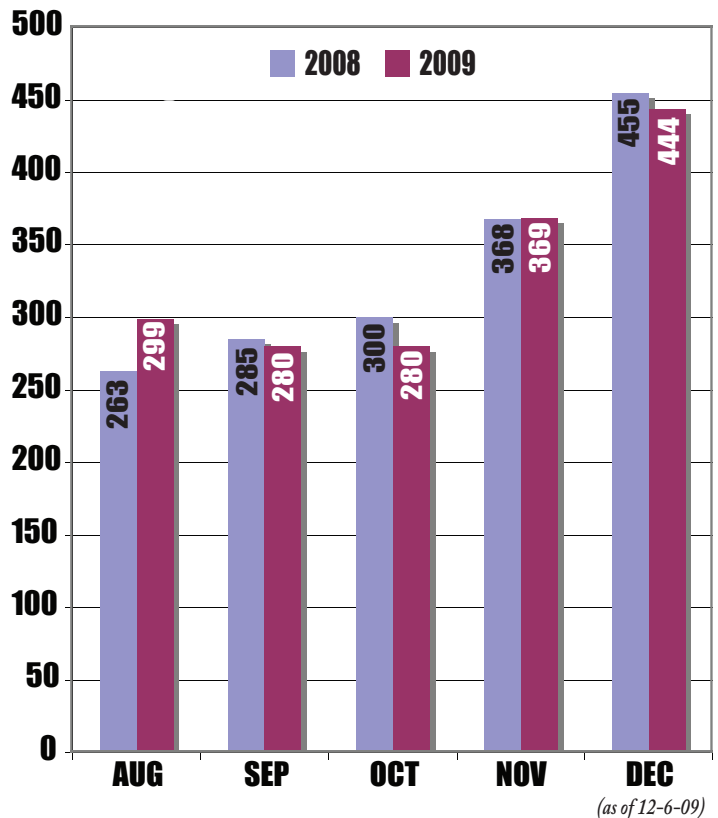
Annual Meeting Coming at the end of January

Mark Your Calendar! *Spirit of Hope's Annual Meeting* will be held at 12 noon (yes, a different time) on Sunday, January 31, 2010. Join us in the Sanctuary, as we review and approve our Budget for 2010, elect two members to Church Council and two delegates to Synod Assembly.



Watch for the 2009 Annual Reports in our Narthex. We hope to have them available a week prior to the Annual Meeting for your review.

Attendance



Gift Cards - Your Generosity At Work, Blessing Others

Your generosity has been a blessing to others! Several of you have purchased *Gift Cards* to be shared with others. We continue to offer you the opportunity to pick up Gift Cards, at grocery stores, Wal-Mart, Target, gas stations etc. in amounts not to exceed \$25 for any one gift card. These will be shared, confidentially, first with members of our church family. Pastor Sondra will be coordinating this new Ministry. Please give your *Gift Cards* to her. *We thank you in advance for your generosity.*

Magnetic name tags

Members who have pacemakers should NOT wear our magnetic name tags. Please talk to Karen Scott if you have questions, or email her at Kasniche@aol.com.

Spirit of Hope Folding Crew

Every Thursday morning over a dozen faithful souls show up to fold the bulletins, newsletters, re-pack the pew chairs, and share great theological truths with one another over coffee. Wendy Sontag is their general, orchestrating this weekly event. The attached picture was taken at a recent potluck dinner following a folding event. It's an excellent time of service, but also provides wonderful fellowship. Our thanks go out to these saints who serve God and God's church in this meaningful way.



Comfort and Peace Offered at GriefShare



Our *GriefShare* groups have begun but you may join any time during the 13-week program.

GriefShare is a Christ-centered, Bible-based program designed to help people through the grieving process. The session begins with a DVD featuring experts on grief and lay people from prior *GriefShare* groups.

Spirit of Hope has two *GriefShare* sessions. Our Monday group is facilitated by Jean and Jerry Borstad (520-868-9411) and meets from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Our Thursday evening group, meeting from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. is facilitated by Donna Gerek (480-474-2197) and Donna Weisenborn (480-983-1492).

GriefShare is open to all. There is a \$15/fee to cover the cost of the workbook.

Advanced registration is requested. You may find our Registration Form on-line at www.spiritofhopelutheran.com or call the church office.

Spirit of Hope is pleased to offer this program for you, your family and friends. Pastor Sondra is also available to answer questions.

Stitches – knit, crochet, have fun

Stitches— our knit / crochet group meets Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to noon. Laugh, share, enjoy and *stitch* with us. Beginners welcome, training can be provided. Call Linda Swanson, 480-248-7812, for more information or to donate yarn.

Protect Our Children

We request that an adult accompany children who leave the Sanctuary during worship services. We have had no problems to date but realize we do not see all who enter our facility. Thank you for helping us assure that all God's children remain safe.

Subscribe to “The Lutheran”

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New Year to Bring New Members to Spirit of Hope

New member orientation sessions are scheduled for January 10th & 17th at 11:00 a.m. for those who would like to join *Spirit of Hope*. These classes include a meal and run from 2-3 hours in length. *Spirit of Hope* offers two different kinds of memberships. The first is called “Member,” meaning that your membership is transferred



from your previous congregation. Members can vote, serve on the church council, and share in all the rights and privileges of the congregation. The second form of membership is “Associate Member.” Associate Members leave their membership in their home congregation, but can participate fully in the congregational life with the exception of voting privileges, and holding an office on church council. *New Member Weekend* will be January 30th/31st at all services. If you would like to join *Spirit of Hope* at that time please contact Pastor Sondra at 480-396-8300 or email pastorsondra@spiritofhopelutheran.com.

Spirit of Hope Spirit Groups - January 2010



We are grateful to those who were "on call" and in the December 2009 Spirit Groups.

As you may recall from previous articles in this newsletter, our church membership has been randomly organized into *Spirit Groups* to provide "on call" service. Each group serves for one month each year and has a call list of about 20 households. Some service opportunities will be appropriate for the whole family and others will require only one or two of you. There is a mix of full-year and part-year members in each group.

The group listing is a way to quickly call members to serve (as able) for special as well as routine events. Appropriate staff or church leaders will be notified if there are service needs during the month by chairpersons of committees or by church office personnel. At that time you might be called. If you are called upon, please tell the caller if this assigned month does not work for you and you can be transferred to a different group.

Here are some examples of ways your group might be called to serve:

- Setting up/Cleaning up before/after special or routine events.
- Cooking or shopping for special events.
- Providing refreshments for and/or cleaning up after fellowship on Sundays.
- Cooking and/or serving for funerals.
- Deep cleaning the kitchen at the end of the month prior to next groups service.
- Supporting a church committee's special needs for the month.

The Spirit Group for January 2010 is Group 11. Their names are listed below. Thank You in advance for any services you give to our church during January. Please call Carole Needham (480) 882-1415 if you have comments or questions about this service opportunity.

Greg & Kathy Abild
Steve & Joy Burgess
Dave & Heidi Ellefsen
Bob Germadnik
Roger Hanson
Arnold Jentz
Bob & Sandy Lawson
Rosie Paulson
Lupe Ridenour
Tom & Marian Strand
Ronald & Gerri Wachtmann

Jonn & Marion Bergstrom
Dennis & Kevaleen DeBolt
Roynell & Gloria Erickson
Bette Gubrud
Jim & Liz Howe
Gloria Keeling
Steve & Martha Majeski
Bill & Kate Pruyne
Leonard & Opal Sellheim
Carl & Peggy Thorne
Bill & Opal Wondercheck

EVANGELISM



Our SOH website has various functions. One is to keep us as members informed. Another is to help visitors become acquainted with us before setting foot in our church. The evangelism committee has developed a new component of our website entitled "Looking for Hope?" We are using the name of our congregation, Spirit of Hope, as a lead-in to direct people towards our Source of Hope: our Savior Jesus Christ. Thanks to our webmaster for turning our vision into reality! Let's pray that through this initiative people will come to the Lord!

CORNER

Are Children's Bibles Only For Children?

Children's illustrated Bibles or Bible story books have a lot to offer, even for adults, particularly for adults who are not very familiar with the Bible. The Bible as a whole is the ongoing story of God's relationship with us as human beings, and it is important to have the overall picture as our framework for reading individual parts of the Bible. There are many people and themes from the Old Testament that are referred to in the New Testament, such as Abraham, Moses, and David; the law, God's covenant with His people, and His promise to send them a savior, the Messiah.

Reading a book such as *The Children's Bible in 365 Stories* (available at our SOH booktable) is a good way to get an overall view of the Bible. It presents the main events of the Bible without all the detailed and complicated information that might initially just distract or confuse us. It also includes lots of illustrations that help us to visualize what we read about in the Bible.

Recycling Christmas Cards

Are you wondering what to do with your Christmas cards, particularly those with beautiful Biblically-based Christmas scenes? Al and Cheryl Jensen like to use these pictures to decorate Scripture portions that they print out and distribute to the Wayampi people in Brazil. If you have any appropriate cards to pass on, contact the Jensens (480-986-7533) or bring them to the church office (in an envelope or packet labeled for the Jensens).



Poinsettia Donations - December 2009



We thank the following for purchasing Poinsettia's, to brighten our Sanctuary and Narthex, In Memory and In Honor of loved ones. Please accept our apologies for any misspelled names and/or omissions.

Given by:

Ruth Anderson	In Memory of <i>Rudee Anderson</i>
Anonymous	In Honor of <i>Christ's birth</i>
Amy Bailey	In Honor of <i>my Family</i>
Judy Banta	In Honor of <i>Kim & Tony Hakes and family</i>
Jerry & Ardy Bergstrom	In Memory of <i>Sylvia Bergstrom</i>
Web & Ethel Bloedorn	In Honor of <i>our Children</i>
Jerry & Jean Borstad	In Memory of <i>their sons, Bill and Charlie</i>
Allen Braak	In Memory of <i>Joyce Braak</i>
Pat Coffey	In Memory of <i>her husband, Ralph Coffey</i>
Catherine Sue Davis	In Memory of <i>Arthur Harrison Davis</i>
Sharon & Moine Gates	In Honor of <i>Spirit of Hope Pastors and Staff</i>
Peg Goetz	In Memory of <i>Bill Goetz</i>
Frank & Pat Gursky	In Memory of <i>loved ones</i>
Mark, Leigh & Alex Ham	In Memory of <i>lost loved ones</i>
Tom & Joan Hemmingson	In Memory of <i>our Parents</i>
Sue Herrera	In Honor of <i>all Volunteers</i>
Terry Hilgendorf	In Honor of <i>Stephen Hilgendorf</i>
Terry Hilgendorf	In Memory of <i>Rich Hilgendorf</i>
Rhonda Hill	In Memory of <i>Dennis Hill</i>
Eric & Amy Honzay	In Memory of <i>Lyla Mitchell</i>
Eric & Amy Honzay	In Memory of <i>Carroll & Elizabeth Peterson and Everett & Helen Mitchell</i>
Eric & Amy Honzay	In Honor of <i>our Family</i>
Eric & Amy Honzay	In Memory of <i>Glenn Gabm and George Honzay, Sr.</i>
Mike Johnson & Darlene Jaspersen	In Memory of <i>Clara Jaspersen</i>
Jim & Norma Leifheit	In Memory of <i>our Parents</i>
The Lorts Family	In Memory of <i>Leslie Ann Lorts</i>
Frank & Joyce Massey	In Memory of <i>Theodora Massey, Susan Massey, Sybil & Harry Gordon</i>
Mike & Betty McCahan	In Memory of <i>our Parents</i>
Bill & Barb Muth	In Memory of <i>Patricia Sego, sister</i>
Jerry & Arlyce Nelsen	In Memory of <i>our Parents</i>
Sandy Odmark	In Memory of <i>Ray Odmark</i>
Karl & Madeline Overlie	In Memory of <i>Duane Cook</i>
Karl & Madeline Overlie	In Honor of <i>Thelma Bernston and Lee Donnolly</i>
Evelyn & Carol Petersen	In Memory of <i>Kathryn Petersen Rogers</i>
Evelyn & Carol Petersen	In Memory of <i>Carl Petersen</i>
Ruthie Piasecki	In Memory of <i>her father, Cliff Lidberg and her aunt, Irene Raitz</i>
Curt & Barb Peterson	In Memory of <i>our Parents</i>
Erich Rendant	In Memory of <i>my soul mate, Lenore Rendant</i>
Dianne Sanford	In Memory of <i>her daughter, Marci Seybold</i>
Jerry & Denise Schmallen	In Memory of <i>our Parents</i>
Ralph & Diana Smith	In Memory of <i>Ralph and Lillian Smith & Ed and Harriet Kurtz</i>
Michael & Susan Tucker	In Memory of <i>Charles & Rilla Cantrell</i>
Donna Weissenborn	In Memory of <i>Bill Weissenborn</i>
Connie Whitmire	In Memory of <i>Jack Whitmire, beloved husband, devoted father and best pal</i>



Pastor Glen introducing Pastor Jasmal from the Arabic Baptist Church in Phoenix as he shared his story of being an Arabic Christian in the United States at the Saturday Night "Lift" worship service.

God First... a lifestyle change

This Fall's Stewardship Appeal kicks off right after the New Year's celebrations. For 2010, the Team is proceeding with an "Every Family" Visitation program that will bring our messages for the future of *Spirit of Hope* to everyone. The visits will be between January 3rd and January 16th. Pledges for 2010 giving will be received at all services on January 16th/17th.

For more information – contact the church office or any Stewardship Team member: Phil Troiano, Ralph Smith, Pastor Sondra, Mary Leach or Tom Pielach.

Room Reservations

Most evenings, *Spirit of Hope* is "host" to a variety of ministry events and, at times, community events. It's even more important that if you, or your group, would like to have a meeting or an event at our church, please fill out a *Room Reservation Form*. We in the office will do our best to have a response to you in three days, to let you know if there is space available and which room you might be using. *Room Reservation Forms* are available in the office. *Thank you for your consideration and understanding.*

Allergies and Common "Scents"

Asthma and allergies affect many and stem from a variety of causes, but neither is helped by strong scents we put on unknowingly before we leave home. Please be mindful of others who are sensitive to these scents and go lightly when applying perfumes, scented lotions and aftershave. *Thanks in advance for your consideration.*

Please Park Considerately

Those of you who are able: please park in our back parking lot and leave spaces toward the front of our parking lot for those who have a challenge walking any distance. Thank you for your consideration.

Missions Focus

Missions are not all alike. Each has its specific focus and ministry. Here are some examples with websites of highly reputable ministries. Perhaps the Lord will touch your heart and prompt you to support one of them through your prayers and gifts.

BIBLE TRANSLATION

We have so many translations of the Bible in English that we almost take them for granted. There are still many people groups who don't have even one translation of God's Word. Check out the work of Lutheran Bible Translators (www.lbt.org).

PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

As Christians we still have a great deal of freedom in our country, though our freedoms are gradually being curtailed. Yet in parts of the world Christians suffer persecution and many are being martyred. In some places people make decisions to follow the Lord knowing full well the possible consequences of taking this step. Two organizations that act as a voice for persecuted Christians and who focus on supporting them are Voice of the Martyrs (www.persecution.com) and Open Doors (www.opendoorusa.org).

CHILDREN AT RISK

Children in many parts of the world are at risk due to poverty, war, and disease. Child sponsorship programs link churches or families with individual children as they provide financially to meet some of the basic needs of that child. Some families with young children find that child sponsorship is a good way to connect their children with the needs of children elsewhere and give them a heart for others. In considering sponsorship programs, one good question to ask is whether the Christian message gets passed on along with the donations. One organization that has a good reputation in this respect is Compassion International (www.compassion.com).

For a different vacation - How About Building A Church in Brazil?

Several teams are coming together to build churches in Brazil in June 2010. The first, June 3-12 is located in Apui, Amazonas. The second, June 10-19 is located in Governador Jorge Teixeira, Rondônia. Both of these cities are in Northwest Brazil, Southwest of Manaus.

The cost for participating in building one church, 11 days, is \$2,250, which covers airfare, lodging, transportation and most meals. The cost for two churches is \$2,800 for 11 days covering the above items.

We will fly from Springfield, MO to Manaus, Brazil and then to Porto Velho, Rondônia.

Both building locations will require a bus ride from Porto Velho. If you are interested, contact Al Jensen (al-cheryl_jensen@sil.org)

January 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					New Year's Day 1	4 PM Band Practice 2
					7-8:30 PM Boy Scout Troop 302 Mtg. Narthex	5 PM Worship Service 6 PM Monthly Potluck
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8:00 AM Choir Practice 3 8:45 AM Worship Svc. 10 AM Adult Forum 10 AM Sunday School 11 AM Worship Svc.	9 AM Woodcarvers 4 (at Davis' Garage) 10 AM Open AA Women's Step and Traditions 1:30-3 PM GriefShare 7-8 PM Cub Scout Den Mtg. 7-9 PM PIGS	10:00 AM Pastor's 5 Meeting 7 PM WOW Bible Study, Rm. 101 7-8:30 PM Boy Scout Troop Comm. Mtg. (adults)	9:15 AM Staff Meeting 6 10 AM Stitches, Rm. 101 5:30-6:30 PM Phil's Group 6:30 PM Confirmation 6:30-7:15 PM Children's Choir	9:00 AM Fold Bulletins 7 1:00 PM Women's Bible Study 3:30 PM Church Cleaning 6:30-8 PM GriefShare 7 PM Band Practice 7-8 PM Youth Gov. Mtg., Rm. 102 & 103	7-8:30 PM Boy Scout 8 Troop 302 Mtg. Narthex	9 AM MLA at Spirit in the Desert 9 4 PM Band Practice 5 PM Worship Service
8:00 AM Choir Practice 10 8:45 AM Worship Svc. 10 AM Adult Forum 10 AM Sunday School 11 AM Worship Svc. <i>11 AM New Member Orientation</i>	9 AM Woodcarvers 11 (at Davis' Garage) 10 AM Open AA Women's Step and Traditions 1:30-3 PM GriefShare 7-8 PM Cub Scout Den Mtg. 7-9 PM PIGS	10:00 AM Pastor's 12 Meeting 6:30 PM All Ministry Team Meetings 7 PM WOW Bible Study, Rm. 101	9:15 AM Staff Meeting 13 10 AM Stitches, Rm. 101 5:30-6:30 PM Phil's Group 6:30 PM Confirmation 6:30 PM Senior High 6:30-7:15 PM Children's Choir	9:00 AM Fold Bulletins 14 1:00 PM Women's Bible Study 3:30 PM Church Cleaning 6:30-8 PM GriefShare 7 PM Band Practice	7-8:30 PM Boy Scout 15 Troop 302 Mtg. Narthex	9 AM - 3 PM MLA Workshop at SOH 16 4 PM Band Practice 5 PM Worship Service
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8:00 AM Choir Practice 24 8:45 AM Worship Svc. 10 AM Adult Forum 10 AM Sunday School 11 AM Worship Svc.	9 AM Woodcarvers 25 (at Davis' Garage) 10 AM Open AA Women's Step and Traditions 1:30-3 PM GriefShare 7-8 PM Cub Scout Pack Mtg. 7-9 PM PIGS <i>Timesheet Deadline</i>	10:00 AM Pastor's 26 Meeting 6:30 PM Scrapbooking 7 PM WOW, Rm. 101 7-8:30 PM Cub Scout Pack Comm. Mtg. (adults)	9:15 AM Staff Meeting 27 10 AM Stitches Rm. 101 <i>Newsletter Prints</i>	9:00 AM Fold Bulletins & Newsletters 28 1:00 PM Women's Bible Study 3:30 PM Church Cleaning 7 PM Band Practice	7-8:30 PM Boy Scout 29 Troop 302 Mtg. Narthex	4 PM Band Practice 30 5 PM Worship Service <i>New Member Weekend</i>
8:00 AM Choir Practice 31 8:45 AM Worship Svc. 10 AM Adult Forum 10 AM Sunday School 11 AM Worship Svc. <i>12 PM Annual Mtg.</i> New Member Weekend						

January Worship Assistants

Thank you to all who participate and make our ministry possible.

	January 3	January 10	January 17	January 24	January 31
Ushers, 8:45 a.m.	Mel & Jean Eichhorst, Fran & Mahlon Shell	Mike & Betty McCahan, Josie Perez, Connie Whitmire	Steve Carini, Bob Gee, Jon & Sharon Kayser, Becky Johnson	Terry Williams, Jonn & Marion Bergstrom, Mike & Sue Tucker	Bob Lawson, Whitey Meier, Delbert Ellner, Bob Egner
Ushers, 11:00 a.m.	Pam Richards, Wendy Sontag, Alesia Willis	Jim Howe, Eric & Kelli Shifley, Joe Watskey	Michelle Beasinger, Logan Meeker, Michael Johnson, Darlene Jaspersen	Mike Calmes, Jim Atkins, Ashley Petersen	Pam Richards, Wendy Sontag, Alesia Willis
Communion Servers, Basket Holders and Altar Assistants, 8:45 a.m.	Mary Dicks, Doris Saggau, Michael & Susan Tucker, Bud & Dee Houtman, Eileen Meier, Marilyn Boyland, Ethel Bloedorn, Virginia Wilcox	Noel & Bonnie Gunderson, Carl & Peggy Thorne, Bruce & Marge Stofferan, Cooki Pedersen, Marion Bergstrom, Terry & Marilynn Williams	Jim & Kay Kahler, Whitey & Eileen Meier, Robert & Elaine Brynasaas, Doris Saggau, Judy Banta, Jonn and Marion Bergstrom	Ralph and Joane Hanson, Paul & Lona Christoffers, Mel & Jean Eichhorst, Madeline Overlie, Dottie Palen, Ethel Bloedorn, Marilyn Boyland	Terry & Marilyn Williams, Tom & Marion Strand, Ron & Gerri Wachtmann, Eileen Meier, Virginia Wilcox, Marion Bergstrom, Connie Whitmire
Communion Servers, 11:00 a.m.	Darlene Jaspersen, Mike Johnson, Michelle Beasinger	Sandy Odmark, Mike Calmes, Ruthie Piasecki	Debbie Traynor, Lisa Traynor-Tomnitz, Monica Zabel	Frank & Donna Gerek, Wendy Sontag, Pam Richards	Debbie Traynor, Lisa Traynor-Tomnitz, Monica Zabel
Greeters, 8:45 a.m.	Connie Whitmire, Dottie Palen	Floyd & LaVonne Anderson	Mel & Jean Eichhorst	LaVern & Darlene Kieffer	Jim & Kay Kahler
Greeters, 11:00 a.m.	Karl & Madeline Overlie	Liz Howe	Lyndon & Mary Greimann	Frank & Donna Gerek	Larry & Cindy Newell
Welcome Table, 8:45 a.m.	Cooki Pedersen	Mike & Bev Boerner	Warren & Darlene Holzapfel	Ollie Staloch, Vern & Linda Swanson	Mel & Jean Eichhorst
Welcome Table, 11:00 a.m.	Wendy Sontag	Carole Needham	Wendy Sontag	Carole Needham	Matt Parmenter, Mary Perez
Reader, 8:45 a.m.					
Acolytes, 8:45 a.m.					Nick Ryan
Acolytes, 11 a.m.	Miranda Newell, Austin Ransom	Nick Ryan, Lily Eichelis	Logan Meeker, Miranda Newell	Austin Ransom, Logan Meeker	CJ Eichelis, Lily Eichelis