



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
 2605 S. Signal Butte Rd., Mesa, AZ 85209
 October 2009

LETTER OF HOPE



From Pastor Glen

It's been a difficult month. The passage of the ELCA Human Sexuality statement at the National Church-wide Assembly has caused some *stress*. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has been discussing sexuality for the past 20 years. I have to admit that I had become *numb* to the issue because it's always been "there" and got voted down. This time around, on August 21, 2009 the 1,045 delegates representing the 10,000+ ELCA congregations surprised the world by voting "yes."

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

What happens now? Bishop Mark Hanson, in his closing remarks at the assembly said, "We finally meet one another not in our agreements or disagreements, but at the foot of the cross, where God is faithful, where Christ is present with us, and where, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we are one in Christ." Those words spoke to me then, and continue to speak to me today. It was God who gave birth to *Spirit of Hope*. It wasn't a theology. It wasn't a particular interpretation of scripture. It wasn't a fancy evangelism program. I believe that God breathed life into the souls of those people who gathered together in that old gymnasium back in the spring of 1999. I believe that it is God, and in God alone, that we have reason to *hope*. I have felt pretty inadequate this month. Some of you have come to me for answers, and some of you have not. I wonder if I have confused more people than I have helped? I am not an expert on sexuality. I only know that members have come to me filled with shame and guilt because their son or daughter, or grandchild came "out of the closet", and they wondered what they did wrong. Homosexuality has, and perhaps will always be, a mystery for me. I don't pretend to understand it, but I thank God that as a church we have not

“ ...in God alone we have reason to hope...”

turned our backs on these people who are looking for answers. Do we have the corner on all sexual truth? No... but I admire our courage to walk this walk.

So today I sit at the foot of the cross. It is here where I bring my limitations, my sin, and my lack of understanding. It is here where I find comfort, knowing that Christ is present, and that God is faithful, and through the power of the Holy Spirit crazy things can happen. I would like to invite you to join me at this place. For me, this is the best seat in the house.

Peace & love,
 Pastor glen

Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church

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Weekly Schedule

- Sunday Choir Practice, 8:10 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.

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

Were You Aware That You Can Designate Your Weekly Offering?

All you need to do is mark the "memo" section on your check, and your gift will be deposited accordingly. Here are the available options:

- a. **General Fund** - 90% goes to SOH, 10% to synod
- b. **General Fund Only** - 100% goes to SOH
- c. **Building Fund** - 100% goes to SOH

Mood Management for Hard Times

W.O.W. (*Women of Wisdom Bible Study*) will meet the 1st and 4th Tuesday of the month, at *Spirit of Hope*, 7 - 8:15 p.m. Our study is from the *Women of Faith* series, "Managing Your Moods", by Mary Graham. As hard as it is today, to keep it together with so much going on around us, remember - *You Are Not Alone!* Come, relax, find solace with others, and be enfolded by the one who is *always* there for you. For more information, contact Debbie Zimmerman: email - debbyzim@cox.net or call 480-636-7487.

"The Mysteries of Revelation" Highlight October Adult Forums

We have begun a seven-week series, "*Is This The Time? Interpreting the Mystery of Revelation.*" The schedule is as follows:

- October 4th Revelation 5 - 7
October 11th Revelation 8 - 11
October 18th Revelation 12 - 13
October 25th Revelation 17 - 18
November 1st Revelation 19 - 22

This DVD series, by Craig Koester, is filled with images, as well as actual presentations.

We encourage you to read the portions of Revelation, as noted, prior to our Adult Forums on Sunday. We will make this journey through Revelation together and see what surprises God has in store for us.

If you don't have a Bible you are comfortable with, check out our Bookstore. We have a good supply of the new *Lutheran Study Bibles* on hand, plus other versions.

Come join us. *There's always room for one more!*

Celebrate the Thrift Shop

The *East Valley Lutheran Thrift Shop* invites you to be a part of our *10th Anniversary celebration* on Saturday, Nov. 7th, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Everything in the store will be 50% off, all day. In addition, every adult will be gifted with a reusable cloth bag. Kids will get balloons.

Door Prize Drawings will be held at 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. \$100 Visa gift cards and \$20 Store gift certificates will be given away at each drawing. Cookies, coffee and punch will be served all day.

If you have never been to the store, now is a great time to start. If you know our store, you know this will be a day you do *not* want to miss. Our address is 4501 E. Main Street (next to the 99 Cent Store), Mesa, AZ 85205. Our phone number is 480-218-1425.

The Social Concerns Committee Needs Your Help

Fall is here and Thanksgiving is fast approaching. Once again our committee will be putting together baskets of food for a few families in need of our help.

We are asking the congregation to please help us with donations of the following food items: turkeys, stuffing mix, 5-lb. bags of potatoes, jars of gravy, cans of green beans and corn, canned sweet potatoes, bags of marshmallows, pie shells, pie filling, aluminum (throw away) turkey pans, rolls of aluminum foil, packages of tortillas, 1 lb. bags of pinto beans and rice. All items must be at the church by Sunday November 22.

We will have sign up sheets in the narthax closer to the holiday and reminders in the Sunday bulletins.



One of our "Stitchers", Sylvia Mills works on a project.

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.



New Baptismal Banner

Darlene Jasperson continues to share her incredible talent with her latest creation: "a baptismal banner." This banner will be used at every baptismal service at *Spirit of Hope*. What makes the banner unique is that the name of the "baptized" will be attached to the banner during the service. *Thank you Darlene for sharing this gift and your talents.*

Dear Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church:

Thank you for your gift on July 25, 2009 of \$323.52 to ELCA World Hunger.

In homes where children go to sleep hungry... your gift is providing healthy meals. In communities where farmers struggle to produce enough food... your gift is providing livestock, seeds and irrigation. In villages where women must journey hours to find clean water... your gift is building wells. In schools where students dream about a brighter future... your gift is providing teachers and scholarship. In countries that struggle with pandemic diseases... your gift is saving lives.

To neighbors near and far who struggle with hunger... your gift offers hope. Thank you for responding faithfully to the crisis of hunger. Your gift brings us another step closer to ending hunger in our world.

*In Christ's service,
The Rev. Daniel Rift, Director
ELCA World Hunger & Disaster Appeal*

Dear Members of Spirit of Hope Church,

Thank you so much for the school supplies you donated to Brinton Elementary. We had a request for supplies within five minutes of their arrival. Thank you for thinking about our students! Your donations to our school have been a wonderful blessing in our student's lives.

*Sincerely,
Brinton Health Office*

Thank You Notes...



New Table Built for Sanctuary

Scripture tells us that Jesus grew up in the home of a carpenter, and probably built a thing or two himself. I wonder if Jesus ever built something for the local synogogue in Nazareth? We will never know that, but what we do know is that **Joe Tedrow** has placed his mark upon *Spirit of Hope* in many ways, but one in particular is his gift of carpentry. Joe's newest contribution can be found at the back of the sanctuary. It is an oak table that will probably be used for a variety of things including offering plates and a place to hold the elements of Holy Communion. *Spirit of Hope* is filled with talented members and we thank God that Joe calls this place home.

Thanks for Your "Scentsitivity"

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.*



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Dates to Remember

Sunday, Oct. 4th	New Member Orientation
Saturday, Oct. 10th	Silent Auction sponsored
Thru Sunday, Oct. 25	by our Fellowship Team
Sunday, Oct. 11th	1st Communion Class
Wednesday, Oct. 14th	NO Confirmation
Sat/Sun, Oct. 17/18th	New Members received
Saturday, Oct. 24	Usher Training

Sat/Sun, Oct. 24/ 25th	Usher Installation
Saturday, Nov. 7	Lutheran Thrift Store
	10th Anniversary...
	Congratulations!
Saturday, Nov. 14.....	Spirit of Hope
	Women's Retreat,
	8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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*



Fundraiser / Silent Auction Coming Very Soon

The Fellowship Committee will be holding a fundraiser the weekends of October 10th-24th.

This fundraiser will be a silent auction with proceeds of this and most of our fundraisers this year going to the purchase of a new coffee system for the kitchen.

We are looking for approximately 20 items to be used for this event. Those who have something they think they would like to donate, please contact Carole Needham at 480-882-1415 or 480-703-0286.

The type of items we are looking for are items that you have around the house - new or gently used items that would be of some value to someone else but don't necessarily fit into your household or routine.

Items that also would be wonderful for donation are things that are handmade. Maybe you make quilts or do woodwork. Gift certificates for restaurants and tickets for local events are also good items for donation.

Please watch for more information on this and many other events in upcoming newsletters!



The Wonderful World of Scouting

Our Pack 302 Cub Scouts would like to invite any and all first graders to come and join in the fun and fellowship of scouting.

First grade is the best age to become involved in the cub scout program. The Scouting program is a great way for us as parents to help our kids advance themselves in many ways. The Pack 302 scouting families are putting together a great season for our scouts. So parents of first graders please contact Lance Beach, the Pack 302 Tiger Cub Leader for details at 602-451-4320 or email him at beachfamilyaz@hotmail.com

As always, all scout age boys are welcome to join in the fun as well. All interested can also contact Sean Eichelis at 480-236-7743 or email seaneichelis@msn.com for more information.

Food Bank Donations Needed

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!

Spirit of Hope

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Spirit of Hope Financial Report

January - August 2009

Revenue

	Actual	Budget
General & Loose Offerings	\$235,271	\$223,450
Land/Building Appeal	\$27,041	\$40,000
Miscellaneous Revenue (interest, etc)	\$2,105	\$25,560
Transfer from Bldg Fund (budgeted)	\$47,010	\$49,500
Subtotal - Budgeted Revenue	\$311,427	\$338,510
Average per Month	\$38,928	\$43,314
Transfer from Bldg Fund (unbudgeted)	\$10,180	\$-
Transfer from Designated (unbudgeted)	\$22,267	\$-
Total Revenue	\$343,874	\$338,510

Expense

Mission & Ministry Expenses	\$211,591	\$240,889
Synod & Churchwide Benevolence	\$24,745	\$22,345
Mortgage	\$84,232	\$84,232
Subtotal - Budgeted Expenses	\$320,568	\$347,466
Average per Month	\$40,071	\$43,433
Building Const Expenses (unbudgeted)	\$10,180	\$-
Misc. Ministry Expenses (unbudgeted)	\$14,694	\$-
Total All Expense	\$345,443	\$347,466
Net Income	(\$1,568)	(\$8,956)

Total Revenue Needed Each Month to Achieve the Approved Budget = \$43,750

Average Offerings Needed Each Week to Achieve the Approved Budget = \$10,096

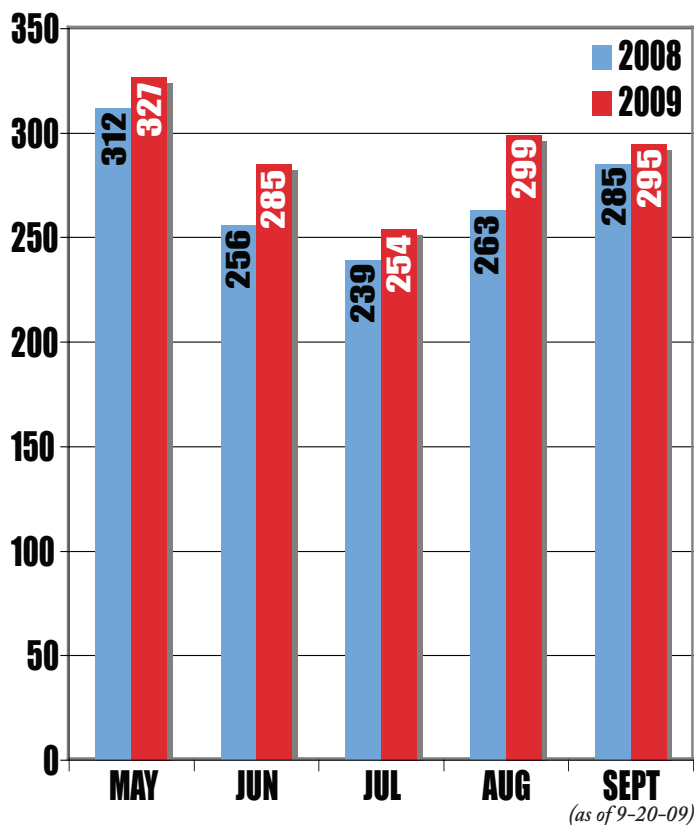
Monthly Mortgage Payment = \$10,529

Remaining Balance on Mortgage = \$1,422,409

Fund Balances

General Fund	\$27,539
Building Fund	\$76,820
SOH Youth	\$32,500
SOH Women	\$2,677
SOH Men	\$986
Miscellaneous	\$2,700
Designated Funds	\$24,662
Non-Designated Funds	\$11,428
TOTAL - ALL FUNDS:	\$176,612

Attendance



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.

For Safety's Sake

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.

EVANGELISM



According to Pastor Miguel, pastor of our mission-partner congregation, *Misión Luterana de San Pedro*, 90 percent of the children that show up at St. Peter's after school-tutoring program (Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3-4:30 p.m.) are Hispanic. If anyone is interested in this as an ongoing partnering opportunity, you may contact Pastor Miguel at 480-297-3341.

COORINERS



Pastor Miguel Gomez-Acosta

Coming Soon to Phoenix:

Lutheran Bible Translators Annual Fall Luncheon

November 10

Watch for more information!

Gift Cards Help Our Church Family and 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.*



Usher Training Coming

On Saturday, October 24th at 9 a.m. an Usher Training Class will be held for all serving the church in this way. Usher Installation will follow at the 5 p.m. service, Saturday and at the 8:45 and 11 a.m. services Sunday, October 25th. For more information, call Phil Troiano, 480-288-7684.

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Miguel's Rincón

It is interesting living in a post-Churchwide Assembly time. It is no surprise that we are still talking about the decisions that were made at that historic meeting, and whether we agreed or not, the truth of the matter is, that we will likely not see the full effect of the decisions made for another year and maybe more. But regardless of what side you or I were on about the Sexuality Statement and the recommendations that followed, there were other decisions made that were over-shadowed by that one issue.

One of those decisions that were made during our Churchwide Assembly this year that seemed to be overlooked was the affirmation of the full communion agreement with the United Methodist Church. Similar to the ones that were made with the Monrovia Church, the Episcopal Church, and the Presbyterian Church (USA), this agreement opens the possibility for us as fellow Protestants to be able to share, among other things, clergy and mission efforts. I am in support of this affirmation because the UMC has had a long history of outreach in the Latino community. The first Protestant Latino church in the United States was UMC in New Mexico under the leadership of Rev. Bendigo Cardenas in 1853. As a mission developer for a Latino congregation I can learn so much from our Methodist brothers and sisters, and I intend to do just that.

Other major decisions that were made include a commitment to raise an additional \$10 million dollars for the ELCA HIV/AIDS Strategy, to support the Lutheran Malaria Initiative, and approval of the recommendation for there to be a Social Statement on Justice for Women by 2015. These also were very important decisions that our Church made at our last Assembly. As we continue the conversation on the Sexuality Statement, and try to discern our own bound conscience, may we look at the whole picture and not limit it to one issue. Gracias y que Dios los bendiga.

Pastor Miguel

Spirit of Hope Spirit Groups - October 2009

We are grateful to those who were "on call" and in the September 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 October 2009 is Group 8. Their names are listed below. Thank You in advance for any services you give to our church during October. Please call Carole Needham (480) 882-1415 if you have comments or questions about this service opportunity.

Wayne & Michelle Beasinger	Doug & Karen Blilie
Beverly Boerner	Mike Boerner
Robin & Kathy Bottjen	Ben & Monique Brandau
Steve & Laura Carini	Elenora Crisp-Tomes
Mel & Jean Eichhorst	Glenn & Sande Hamberg
Rhonda Hill	Mark & Lynda Kessler
Richard & Naomi Kraiger	Michael J. & Betty McCahan
Chad & Angela Omtvedt	Ryan & Jennifer Revolt
Mindy Stadler	Ollie Staloch
Phil & Gayle Troiano	Robert & Myrtle Woods

Room Reservation Forms...

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.*



Trunk-or-Treat

Friday October 30th, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. join us for food, fun and games. ALL *Spirit of Hope* members & friends are invited to bring decorated cars and trucks to the church parking lot

and pass out candy to all the kids!!!!

The festivities include hot dogs for dinner, a costume contest, games and Trick-or-Treating. So come on out, decorate your vehicle and have some fun. You might even win a prize!!

All proceeds from this event will benefit The Pastor's Discretionary Fund/Scouts and SOH Youth.

If you have questions, please contact: Wendy Bell (480) 688-1153 or Terry Hilgendorf (602) 370-2689.

Have You Lost Something?

Lost & Found items can be found in the church office. If you've lost something, please call the church (480-396-8300) between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. Found items will only be kept for 30 days.

Clergy Renewal (Sabbatical) Program

In Matthew 21:22, Jesus encourages His disciples by saying, "*If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.*"

October has finally come! This month we will hear if we are funded for Pastor Glen's sabbatical!

Spirit of Hope's grant proposal was sent to the Lilly Endowment Corporation on May 5, 2009. In a few weeks, congregations (like ours) across the country will find out if they are selected to receive grants (funding) from the Lilly Corp. for their pastors. Week after week we have prayed, that if it is God's time for Pastor Glen to take a sabbatical, we will be funded.

Remember, if we are successful, the funding would not be awarded until December 2009 and Pastor Glen's renewal/sabbatical period would probably be in spring/summer of 2010. If funded, Pastor Glen would be gone for about 3 months. He would return to us in early August 2010 and resume his duties as Pastor. Besides funding the Pastor's expenses while he is away, the grant would also provide funding for our congregation to carry out any activities described in our grant proposal and Pastor Sondra would have the assistance of both a Supply Pastor (funded by the grant) and this congregation while Pastor Glen was gone.

Watch for information in next month's newsletter to see if we were selected for funding and in the meantime...

Please continue to hold this in prayer:

Father, we ask for the blessing of all that we seek. Please give Pastor Glen this much-needed time of rest and renewal. We also pray that when it is your time for Pastor Glen's renewal period, you will bless Pastor Sondra and this congregation with opportunities to expand our gifts for leadership and ministry. Amen.



GriefShare at Spirit of Hope

Our *GriefShare* group will begin its Fall 13-week study in October. Those who attended our Spring group had only praise for the content and the time of caring during the class.

Our trained facilitators are *Donna Gerek* and *Jean & Jerry Borstad*. They are committed to this program and have been holding the sessions and those God sends our way in prayer. Having experienced the loss of loved ones, they understand what you are going through and are here to walk with you on this journey. You'll gain access to valuable *GriefShare* resources that will help as you recover from your loss.

Spirit of Hope's Grief Share Group will meet on Mondays, from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Classroom 101. You are invited to join the group at any time. Registration fee is \$15 and we ask that you pre-register to assure we have materials prepared for you.

Questions or concerns? Talk with Pastor Sondra. The beginning date is yet to be announced.



Senior High Youth Ministry

It's taken a while to launch the Spirit of Hope Senior High Youth Ministry Plan... but it is coming together. The youth (10th-12th grade) are asked to gather at Pastor Glen's home on the first & third Wednesday evening of each month for study. The first Study Night will be October 7th at 6:30 p.m. Pastor Glen's home address is: 8458 E. Portobollo Ave, Mesa. The second component of ministry will be service projects. We will attempt to perform a service project once a month. Most service projects will invite the younger youth to participate. Our first project will be at a local nursing home on Saturday October 17th, with everyone meeting at the church at 2:30 p.m. Watch the bulletin for upcoming details. The Youth Committee welcomes two new members: Kim Wiese & Patti Burke. If you have some interest in supporting the youth ministry of *Spirit of Hope* contact Kim Wiese at 480-358-1809.



First Communion Class at Spirit of Hope

A **First Communion Class** will be held for all First Graders, and above, and their parents on Sunday, October 11th. Registration for the class is required and registration forms can be found in the Narthex. Completed Registration Forms should be left in the Narthex no later than Sunday, October 4th. Children taking the class should already have been baptized.

The Class will run from Noon (following the 11 a.m. service) to approximately 2 p.m. and will be held in our large classroom. Lunch will be provided and, if needed, child care will be arranged. A donation of \$5/person or a maximum of \$10/family is being suggested for the lunch.

Questions??? Speak with either of our Pastors.

Spirit Of Hope's Nursery

Have you stopped by to see the fun and safe furnishings we have in our Nursery? If not, please do so today. Our Nursery is staffed with two paid adult attendants who are not only qualified to care for your children, but *LOVE children*, as well. Because of limited space in our Nursery, we accept children between the ages of six weeks through three years old.

Confirmation Begins for 7th, 8th & 9th Graders

September 9th marked the beginning *Confirmation* for our 7th, 8th & 9th Grade students. If you (parent/grandparent) have not yet registered your student, please do so. Registration Forms can be found on the bulletin board in the Education Hallway. The Registration Fee of \$30/student should accompany the Registration Form. Please e-mail Pastor Sondra (pastorsondra@spiritofhopelutheran.com) if you have questions or comments. We are looking forward to a great year.



Thursday Women's Bible Study Shares the Gift of Personal Spiritual Growth

Our *Thursday Women's Bible Study* spent our Thursdays this summer coming to a better understanding and appreciation of Mary, the mother of our Lord. September will find us moving to Paul's letter to the Romans. We meet at 1 p.m. to share prayer concerns, have a cup of coffee and see what God will reveal to us. Growing deeper in your faith and closer to Jesus through the study of scripture is a gift you can give yourself. Bring your Bible and join us! We've saved a spot just for you. Talk to Pastor Sondra or Carol Petersen (480-357-4359) if you have questions.

October Is Domestic Violence Awareness Month...

What are the four basic types of domestic violence?

Physical Assault: includes shoving, pushing, restraining, hitting, or kicking. Physical assaults may occur frequently or infrequently, but in many cases they tend to escalate in severity and frequency over time.

Sexual Assault: Any time one partner forces sexual acts which are unwanted or declined by the other partner.

Psychological Assault: Includes insolation from family and friends, forced financial dependence, verbal and emotional abuse, threats, intimidation, and control over where the partner can go and what the partner can do.

Attacks Against Property and Pets: Destruction of property which may include household objects or treasured objects belonging to the victim, hitting the walls, or abusing or killing beloved pets.

Am I Being Abused?

How is your relationship?

Does your partner:

Embarrass you with put-downs?

Look at you or act in ways that scare you?

Control what you do, who you see or talk to or where you go?

Stop you from seeing your friends or family members?

Take your money or Social Security check, make you ask for money or refuse to give you money?

Make all of the decisions?

Tell you that you're a bad parent or threaten to take away or hurt your children?

Prevent you from working or attending school?

Act like the abuse is no big deal, it's your fault, or even deny doing it?

Destroy your property or threaten to kill your pets?

Intimidate you with guns, knives or other weapons?

Shove you, slap you, choke you, or hit you?

Force you to try and drop charges?

Threaten to commit suicide?

Threaten to kill you?

If you answered 'yes' to even one of these questions, you may be in an abusive relationship.

For support and more information please call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) or at TTY 1-800-787-3224.

Dating violence is a pattern of controlling behaviors that one partner uses to get power over the other, and it includes:

- Any kind of physical violence or threat of physical violence to get control
- Emotional or mental abuse, such as playing mind games, making you feel crazy, or constantly putting you down or criticizing you
- Sexual abuse, including making you do anything you don't want to, refusing to have safe sex or making you feel badly about yourself sexually

Does Your Boyfriend/Girlfriend:

Have a history of bad relationships or past violence; always blames his/her problems on other people; or blames you for "making" him/her treat you badly?

Try to use drugs or alcohol to coerce you or get you alone when you don't want to be?

Try to control you by being bossy, not taking your opinion seriously or making all of the decisions about who you see, what you wear, what you do, etc.?

Talk negatively about people in sexual ways or talk about sex like it's a game or contest?

Do You:

Feel less confident about yourself when you're with him/her?

Feel scared or worried about doing or saying "the wrong thing?"

Find yourself changing your behavior out of fear or to avoid a fight?

Dating Violence Is More Than Just Arguing Or Fighting.

Teens who abuse their girlfriends or boyfriends do the same things that adults who abuse their partners do. Teen dating violence is just as serious as adult domestic violence.

Teens are seriously at risk for dating violence. Research shows that physical or sexual abuse is a part of 1 in 3 high school relationships.

In 95% of abusive relationships, men abuse women. However, young women can be violent, and young men can also be victims. Gay, lesbian, bisexual and trans-gendered teens are just as at risk for abuse in their relationships as anyone else.

Abusive relationships have good times and bad times. Part of what makes dating violence so confusing and painful is that there is love mixed with the abuse. This can make it hard to tell if you are really being abused.

Unfortunately, without help, the violence will only get worse. If you think you may be in an abusive relationship, please call the National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline, 1-866-331-9474, to talk with someone about it. You can also call the Helpline for more information about dating violence or other resources for teens.

Resources & Statistics

Were you aware that there are resources online concerning domestic violence at: www.elca.org/justiceforwomen.

Did you know?

- One in four women and one in nine men in the United States are victims of domestic violence at some point in their lives (Center for Disease Control, 2005).

- At least three women are murdered by their husbands or boyfriends each day (Bureau of Justice Statistics Crime Data, 2003).

- Females age 20-24 are at the greatest risk of nonfatal intimate partner violence (Bureau of Justice Statistics, 2006).

- Domestic violence crosses ethnic and cultural boundaries.

- We are all called to denounce and combat domestic violence and encourage greater awareness in our congregations and communities (ELCA Social Policy Action, "Violence Against Women," 1995).

October Worship Assistants

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

	October 4	October 11	October 18	October 25
Ushers, 8:45 a.m.	Carl McCoy, Carl Scott, Jim Fiedler, Wendy Peterson	Joe & Annette Tedrow, Mel & Jean Eichhorst	Mike & Betty McCahan, Charles & Phyllis Schmidt	Steve Carini, Bob Gee, Jon & Sharon Kayser, Becky Johnson
Ushers, 11:00 a.m.	Mike Calmes, Jim Atkins, Ashley Petersen	Pam Richards, Wendy Sontag, Alesia Willis, Carol Petersen	Jim Howe, Chuck Strawn, Skylar Strawn, Eric & Kelli Shifley	Michelle Beasinger, Logan Meeker, Mike Johnson & Darlene Jasperson
Communion Servers, 8:45 a.m.	Whitey & Eileen Meier, Terry & Marilyn Williams	Ron & Gerri Wachtmann, Mary Dicks, Doris Saggau	Vern & Linda Swanson, Curt Davis, Connie Whitmire	Phil & Gayle Troiano, Paul & Lona Christoffers
Altar Assistants, 8:45 a.m.	Mary Dicks, Marilyn Farrar	Marion Bergstrom, Cooki Pedersen	Lee Stadler, Carl & Peggy Thorne	Eileen Meier, Linda Swanson
Communion Servers, 11:00 a.m.	Darlene Jasperson & Mike Johnson, Michelle Beasinger	Ray & Sandy Odmark, Mike Calmes, Donna Dennis	Debbie Traynor, Lisa Traynor-Tomnitz, Monica Zabel	Frank & Donna Gerek, Wendy Sontag, Pam Richards
Greeters, 8:45 a.m.	Kerm & Barb Gaughran	Ed & LeahRae Duea	Dar Stucke, Dottie Palen	Mel & Jean Eichhorst
Greeters, 11:00 a.m.	Sean & Linda Eichelis	Gib & Arlette Hamann	Wendy Sontag	Frank & Donna Gerek
Welcome Table, 8:45 a.m.	Vern & Linda Swanson	Carol & Evelyn Petersen	Mel & Jean Eichhorst	Ollie Staloch
Welcome Table, 11:00 a.m.	Wendy Sontag, Pam Richards	Lyndon & Mary Greimann	Liz Howe	Carole Needham
Reader, 8:45 a.m.	Doris Saggau	Naomi Kraiger	Wendy Peterson	Gerry Davis
Acolytes, 8:45 a.m.				Nick Ryan
Acolytes, 11 a.m.	Miranda Newell, Logan Meeker	Miranda Newell	Nick Ryan, Austin Ransom	C-J Eichelis, Jimmy Therre

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