



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

LETTER OF HOPE



From Pastor Glen

There is a difference between living *with* fear versus living *in* fear. I'm writing this while sitting in a coffee shop in Woodbury, Minnesota. It was only a few hours ago that I was surrounded by my sister-in-law Claudia and my nieces in the surgery waiting room in Hennepin County Hospital in downtown Minneapolis. My sister flew in from Seattle to donate "a kidney" to my brother Buzz. My brother is a long term diabetic and his disease has weakened his kidneys to the point that he has been forced to connect with a dialysis machine three times a week.

Two days ago when I flew in from Phoenix, I drove right to the dialysis unit assuming that's where I would find my brother. Sure enough, he was hooked up to the familiar chest-high square box next to his bed with tubes and digital displays. As I approached his bed (he was one of perhaps 20 other patients in this large room) he grunted his earthy greeting, "aaahhh." We started to chat in our brotherly way, volleying comments back and forth about how ugly each of us looked. It wasn't until later that I asked if he was scared about the upcoming surgery, given the fact that his health was slightly better than most 100-year-olds. He told me that he was more afraid of living *in* fear than living *with* fear. The surgery was risky. The doctors weren't making any guarantees. But even though he felt fear, he wouldn't allow the fear to dictate the rest of his life.

It was about noon yesterday when the surgeon gathered us in the conference room. The surgery took longer than we had expected, and all of us were trying to read the face of the doctor. Finally, we sat... and he smiled and said the surgery went better than he expected. He explained the details of the procedure to my nurse-trained nieces and said that barring any unexpected problems, things looked good.

“...it's okay to live *with* fear as long as we don't live *in* fear...”

Less than a mile away in the Minneapolis Convention Center, 1,045 voting members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America were making history in voting upon the most controversial issue in the history of this young church, human sexuality. I've only seen Lee (my spouse who happens to be a voting member) once... I could tell by the look on her face that the Assembly was taking a toll on her. She told me that the debates were taxing. Emotions were running high. She felt exhausted. She too talked about *fear*. At the point of this writing, it remains to be seen which direction the National Assembly will go on the ordination of gay-lesbian clergy.

If the last two days have taught me anything, it's that it's okay to live with fear as long as we don't live *in* fear. I believe that God was present at my brother's surgery. I believe that God is present at the National Church-wide Assembly. I believe that God is present at Spirit of Hope. I believe that God calls us to live in *trust*, in spite of our fear. There will be challenges. There will be times of uncertainty. There will be times when it will feel like everything is falling apart. But isn't that the story of the early church? Our hope has never been in our reason, logic or comfort. Our hope has always been in the one who died for us. Our hope is in Jesus Christ, and because of Christ, the world can scare us with disease, controversy, and confusion... But the world can't take away the one gift that God promises for you and me... *the gift of life eternal.*

*Peace & love,
 Pastor Glen*

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 Lutheran Church

Office Hours are: Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Our phone number is (480) 396-8300, and our fax number is (480) 830-6911. Our website: www.spiritofhopelutheran.com

Email: spiritofhope@spiritofhopelutheran.com
 Glen J. Stadler, Pastor; Sondra R. Krogstad, Pastor

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. (Beginning Sept. 13th)
- 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

Thank You Notes...

*THANK YOU, Spirit of Hope members and guests, for your generosity during our **Back to School drive**. Brinton and Stevenson Schools were the recipients of your gifts and they were very appreciative. The quantity of items was staggering. Let's just mention a few: 24 backpacks, 38 three-ring notebooks, 123 spiral bound notebooks, 50 packages of notebook paper, 74 folders, 69 packages of pencils, 110 boxes crayons, 43 packages of glue sticks, 23 pair scissors, 22 markers and many other miscellaneous items. Plus, you provided a new pair of shoes for 11 children.*

*THANK YOU... Spirit of Hope,
Thank you so much for your generous donation of school supplies to Stevenson Elementary. Our students and staff appreciate so much all the donations. We put it to use right away and it saves our teachers from having to go out and buy supplies with their own funds.*

*Thank you so much for thinking of Stevenson Elementary School.
The Stevenson Staff*

(This thank you goes to our Stitches, who provided little knit hats for wee babies at NICU.)

*To the Thoughtful Souls at Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church:
Thank You for the hats you brought us. They are beautiful! We appreciate all the time, effort and love that went into making these hats.*

*Sincerely, Margo Roberts, RN
NICU, Cardon Children's Medical Center*



A few of our "Stitches" enjoying their projects and each other.

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.



A portion of the school supplies donated during Spirit of Hope's Back-To-School Drive in August.

"Must-See" Adult Forums Coming this Fall

Our August Adult Forum series, "*How Lutherans Interpret the Bible*" was VERY well received. There's a very good possibility that we will watch this again some time in the Spring. As noted in our August newsletter, we are just beginning a seven-week series, "*Is This The Time? Interpreting the Mystery of Revelation*." The schedule is as follows:

- | | |
|-----------------------|--|
| September 6th | Popular Ideas of the End Times |
| September 13th | Revelation 1 – 4 |
| September 20th | "What Does Hope Look Like" presentation |
| September 27th | Revelation 5 – 7 |
| October 4th | Revelation 8 – 11 |
| October 11th | Revelation 12 – 13 |
| October 18th | Revelation 17 – 18 (no this isn't a mistake) |
| October 25th | 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!*

Congregation-wide Project!

“What does hope look like?”

If you were to ask the average American churchgoer who the participants are and who the *audience* is in their worship services, they would likely say that the pastors (and maybe the musicians) are the *participants* and those in the pews are the *audience*. They would be wrong! In theory, *we are ALL the participants* and *GOD is the audience*.

So, how do you feel more like a participant and less like an audience? In celebration of our 10 years as a community and two years in our building, we will answer the question *“What does hope look like?”* We aren't asking what *Spirit of Hope Church* looks like; just “hope” in general, to each of us.

How will we respond to this question? However you'd like! Regardless of age or perceived talents, we would like everyone to answer this question in their own artistic way. That could mean writing a poem, painting a picture, a cross-stitching project, taking a photo, writing a song, choreographing a dance, making a short movie – who knows! Those are just a few suggestions.

Exact details on dates and how we will collect these things will be coming soon, but we wanted to get everyone started so that we can get everything together before Labor Day! Good luck and get started!

Fellowship Committee Hosts Fundraiser / Silent Auction

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

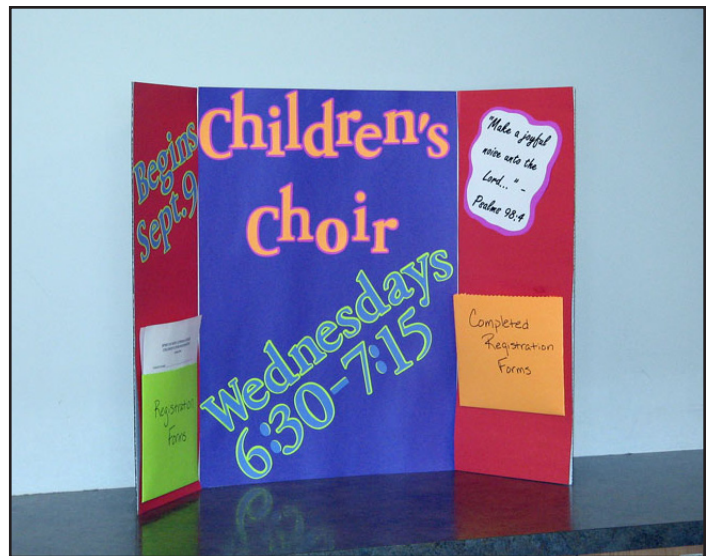
This fundraiser will be a silent auction with proceeds of this and most of our fundraisers this year going to the purchase of a new coffee system for the kitchen.

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!



Children Form Choir

Spirit of Hope is starting its first-ever **Children's Choir** for grades K-6! If your child is interested, please fill out a registration form which can be found in the Narthex. We will rehearse each Wednesday night from 6:30-7:15 and we will perform one Sunday a month beginning Sept. 9th. *Come join the fun!*



Pianist needed

We need a pianist for the Children's Choir. Rehearsals are every Wednesday evening from 6:30-7:15 p.m. with one Sunday performance per month. Please contact Nancy at 480-984-5060 or Pastor Sondra. *Thanks!*

Ordinary People of the Bible

The *Queen Creek Bible Study* is now studying *Great Characters of the Bible* by A. Stringfellow. Come join us as we discover how God uses ordinary people to do extraordinary work. We meet on Thursdays at 7:15 p.m. Contact Nancy at 480-984-5060 or nb_smith@cox.net

Sunday School to Begin

Sunday School begins Sept. 13th. Please have your child registered before then. There are forms on-line as well as in the education hallway. Substitutes and co-teachers are still needed, please contact Angela O'Neal-Omtvedt at 520-723-1811 or email oneal.angela@gmail.com.





2605 S. Signal Butte Rd.
Mesa, Arizona 85209

NONPROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
MESA, AZ
PERMIT NO. 778

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED EIN: 41-1568278

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Dates to Remember

| | |
|---------------------------|--|
| Tuesday, Sept. 8th..... | Ministry Teams meet |
| Wednesday, Sept. 9th..... | Childrens Choir begins |
| Wednesday, Sept. 9th..... | Confirmation begins |
| Sunday, Sept. 13..... | Sunday School Begins |
| Tuesday, Sept. 15th..... | Church Council |
| Sunday, Sept. 20th..... | <i>"What Does Hope Look Like"</i> Sunday |
| Sunday, Sept. 27th..... | New Member Orientation |

| | |
|----------------------------|--|
| Friday & Saturday, | Women of Faith Oct. 2 & 3 |
| Sunday, Oct. 4th..... | New Member Orientation |
| Sunday, Oct. 11th..... | 1st Communion Class |
| Sat/Sun, Oct. 17/18th | New Members received |
| 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*



Women of Spirit of Hope invited to attend Women of Faith Weekend

The Women of *Spirit of Hope* are invited to attend the 2009 remarkable *Women of Faith Weekend*.. a two-day event where you will laugh... cry... and realize that you're not alone. Heartfelt, hilarious messages, gripping drama and amazing music will inspire you with an experience like no other.

A *Grand-New Day Event* is at US Airways Center, and is \$79 (with 10 or more people) for both days. The price includes a boxed lunch each day. The event will feature Sandi Patti, Lisa Whelchel, Marilyn Meberg, Patsy Clairmont, Luci Swindoll, and many more.

The scheduled event takes place:

Friday, October 2nd 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
and 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Saturday October 3rd 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Go to www.womenoffaith.com for more information. If interested in attending, please sign the sheet in the Narthex or contact Lona at lchristoffers@cox.net or at 480-358-1791.



PIGs (Pretty Interesting Guy Stuff)

PIGs (*Pretty Interesting Guy Stuff*) is meeting on Monday, September 21st at 7 p.m. at *Spirit of Hope*, Room 101. At this meeting, a time and night will be decided upon for future meetings. If you have questions, please contact Curt Davis, 480-373-6935 or curtngerry@cox.net.

W.O.W Begins Fall Session

W.O.W. (*Women of Wisdom*) starts Tuesday September 1st at 7 p.m. at *Spirit of Hope*. The study will be based on the book "*Managing Your Moods*" by Mary Graham, a Women of Faith series bible study. Cost is \$7.99. Please contact Debbie Zimmerman and RSVP - debbyzim@cox.net or 480-636-7487 (home), 602-696-8248 (cell).

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

Church Council & Office Staff

| | | |
|----------------------------|---|--------------|
| President | Paul Christoffers pchristoffers@cox.net | 480-358-1792 |
| Vice President | Dorothy Hansen jerrydorothy@cox.net | 480-292-9033 |
| Secretary | Kevalleen DeBolt kevalleen@gmail.com | 480-986-2268 |
| Financial Secretary | Gerri Wachtmann grannygw@cox.net | 480-218-4043 |
| Treasurer | John Powell JMPOWELLfamily@gmail.com | 480-586-6360 |
| Member | Chad Barta cbarta@cox.net | 480-357-3598 |
| Member | Jonn Bergstrom jmberg86@cox.net | 480-354-0566 |
| Member | Sean Eichelis Veichelis2@msn.com | 480-633-6304 |
| Member | Barbara Mykleseth bsm116@cox.net | 480-924-3987 |

| | |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Pastor | Glen Stadler prglen@spiritofhopelutheran.com |
| Pastor | Sondra Krogstad pastorsondra@spiritofhopelutheran.com |
| Administrative Asst. | Cheryl Gibson newsletter submissions: cheryl@spiritofhopelutheran.com or cgibson99@cox.net |
| Prayer Concern Volunteer | Joyce Massey masseyfj5@msn.com |

CORNER

Some everyday evangelism tools:



SOH Pens – How often do you look at a pen you’re using and wonder where you picked it up? Pens are something that we frequently pass on, and that is we’ve ordered pens with our church’s name and address on them. Take a pen; then remember it’s not for you, it’s for someone else!

Mapquest – If you have a computer, you’ve probably discovered what a useful tool *Mapquest* is. One of our church members discovered the value of using it as an evangelism tool. Along with the invitation to visit our church, he gave a *Mapquest* print-out showing directions to our church!



Pastor Miguel Gomez-Acosta

Fiestas!

As members of the Grand Canyon Synod of the ELCA, we are partners with the *Mission Luterana San Pedro*, located at *St. Peter’s Lutheran Church*. (See *Miguel’s Rincón*.) Pastor Miguel is using creative means to reach out to the Latino community in the area and create evangelistic opportunities. One of these means is through fiestas around the time of significant cultural holidays. We are welcome to attend these fiestas, and they include a bilingual church service. There will be one at the end of October and another shortly before Christmas. Watch for more information.

Miguel’s Rincón

I still cannot believe it! Who would have ever guessed it? Certainly not me that is for sure. On the 15th of this month I will be celebrating three years in the Valley of the Sun. That’s right, three long years, which also means three hot summers, from which, only the grace of God, did I survive. It’s hard to believe it has been three years considering I almost did not come back from Washington on one of my visits to my family when we were still separated due to my son’s unfinished adoption. But I came back, somehow trusting in the back of my mind that God was still calling me to this place to lead God’s people. And I am glad I did, for if I had not come back I would not have been a witness to the wonderful work that God is doing in our midst.



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.*

Some of the wonderful work that I have witnessed includes our summer youth program this summer, which I highlighted last month. I have witnessed the rising of lay leadership within *San Pedro*, as three of them accompanied me this summer to Mission Developer Training and have returned enthusiastic about what the future holds for that community. I have witnessed the miracle of my own ordination last February which was celebrated with many *San Pedro* friends and supporters. I have witnessed the miracle of two very different communities come together to become one community under the love of Christ. I am glad I stayed because together with you I will be able to witness many more miracles.

Order The Lutheran

The Lutheran - the official publication of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, can be ordered by you. Click on their website www.thelutheran.org to subscribe.

One the newer journeys that *San Pedro* will be beginning this month will be the start of a second Spanish Lutheran worship service in Mesa. *La Primera Mision Evangelica Luterana* (the Spanish speaking community at *First Evangelical Lutheran Church*) will have its first service September 13th at 9:30 a.m. *San Pedro* will continue worshipping at 11 a.m. Please keep both communities in your prayers so that we can together be witnesses to what God will do in that place. *Gracias y que Dios los bendiga.*

Pastor Miguel

Clergy Renewal (Sabbatical) Program

"If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."

Matthew 21:22

Next month we will hear if we are funded for Pastor Glen's sabbatical. We believe that if it is God's time for Pastor Glen to take a sabbatical, we **will** be funded.

Spirit of Hope's grant proposal was sent to the Lilly Endowment Corporation on May 5th. Many congregations across the country will compete with us to receive grants (funding) from the Lilly Endowment Corporation for their pastors.

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 carryout 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.



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.

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.*

Moms' Group

Moms' Group coordinator is Danielle Heinle. For up-to-date details on playdates or other events, please email Danielle at danielleheinle@yahoo.com. The Moms' Group blog is at the link: <http://sohmomsgroup.blogspot.com/>.



Spirit of Hope Spirit Groups - September 2009

We are grateful to those who were "on call" and in the August 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 August 2009 is Group 7. Their names are listed below. Thank You in advance for any services you give to our church during August. Please call Carole Needham (480) 882-1415 if you have comments or questions about this service opportunity.

| | |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| William & Kay Basner | Brian & MaryBeth Bracken |
| Paul & Lona Christoffers | Kevin & Brandy Currie |
| Ellen David | Kevin & Halstead, Kym DeBolt |
| Mike & Cyndi Duea | Sean & Virginia Eichelis |
| Vince & Kim Fiorucci | Brian Gaustad |
| Gib & Arlette Hamann | Terry Hilgendorf |
| Tyler & Claire Matney | Shaun & Kristi Moritz |
| Ray & Sandy Odmark | Karl Rendant |
| Scott & Michelle Scavo | Glen & Lee Stadler |
| Matt & Lisa Tomnitz | |

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.

Calling All Potential New Members - New Orientation is Coming in September

Our next **New Member Orientation** will be held Sunday, September 27th and Sunday, October 4th. Each session will be approximately three hours in length, beginning at 11 a.m. and ending by 2 p.m. A light lunch will be provided and, if needed, child care. Please let us know, no later than September 21st, that you'll be joining us plus the ages of your children if applicable. Pre-registration is required. If you would like to join us, please contact Pastor Sondra at the church office (480-396-8300) or by e-mail: pastor-sondra@spiritofhopelutheran.com. The weekend of October 17th and 18th we will be receiving you into membership. Either of our Pastors would be happy to answer any questions you might have.



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 two weeks and up to four years old.

The Lutheran Thrift Shop Needs Your Help

We need good resaleable donations of furniture, tools, household items, small appliances, clothing, etc.

We also need you to volunteer at least 4 hours per week.

- If you have a strong back, we need help with pick ups and deliveries.
- If you like working with customers, we need cashiers and people to greet customers and work the sales floor.
- If sales is your thing, we could use you in our furniture department.
- Like to tinker, we test all our small appliances before pricing them to sell.
- We also need folks to price clothing and/or household items.

If you are gone part of the summer, that's okay. We can use you until you leave and after you get back.

We are located on the SW Corner of Greenfield/Main Streets next to The 99 Cent Store. Hours: Mon., Wed., Fri. and Sat.: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tues. and Thurs. 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Phone 480-218-1425. *We need you tomorrow!!!!*

First Communion Class at SOH



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.

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.



Don't forget to check out our Website as mentioned above: www.spiritofhopelutheran.com.

A Mouth-Watering Ministry

Back by Popular Demand!!! Cinnamon Roll Sunday!!! Beginning October 4th, the youth of *Spirit of Hope* will be providing Cinnamon Rolls for \$2 between the 8:45 and the 11 a.m. services on the first Sunday of every of the month. Your generosity and support last year helped our youth experience wonderful events such as Campfirmation and the Youth gathering in New Orleans!! Contact Barb Zimmermann at 480-986-6605 for additional information.

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.

Ministry Builder Stamps



If you shop at *Family Christian Stores*, did you know that you could request "Ministry Builder" stamps each time you make a purchase? One stamp for every \$5 you spend can help us fill out a card, which when completed can benefit *Spirit of Hope's* purchases. We are not encouraging you to shop at this store, but want you to be aware of this program. Contact Pastor Sondra for your card or with questions about this unique program.

Spirit of Hope Baseball

Spirit of Hope is organizing a baseball team. We are exploring the rewards of America's game in a meaningful way this month. This team will be made up of members and non-members, will be a competitive team and will be lots of fun. This is an adult team for players 18 and over and we are ready to discuss the development, formation and starting with a league this fall season.

The League being considered is Arizona Amateur Baseball League (AABL) out of Chandler and seems to be a well organized league run by Arizona Sports Officials Association. It is unclear however how many players can be formed as a team prior to a draft. If you are interested in playing, helping with team formation and sponsorship, or wish to take part in any way you are encouraged to contact Sean Eichelis, 480-633-6304 or seaneichelis@msn.com. We will need help in getting this going. *Play Ball!!!!*

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.



Attention: Parents with student(s) in 7th, 8th & 9th Grade



Mark your calendar for September 9th at 6:30 p.m. This is the starting date for *Confirmation* for all 7th, 8th & 9th Grade students. If you (parent/grandparent) have not yet registered your student, please do so prior to our first gathering. Registration Forms can be found on the bulletin board in the Education Hallway. The Registration Fee of \$30/student should accompany the Registration Form. Receiving the Registration Forms prior to our first gathering will assist us in planning. Please e-mail Pastor Sondra (pastorsondra@spiritofhopelutheran.com) if you have questions or comments. We are looking forward to a great year.

September Worship Assistants

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

| | September 6 | September 13 | September 20 | September 27 |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Ushers, 8:45 a.m. | Bob Lawson, Whitey & Eileen Meier, Steve Carini, Delbert Ellner | Terry Williams, Virginia Wilcox, Jonn & Marion Bergstrom, Jim Fiedler | Carl McCoy, Bob Gee, Alda & Mark Ward, Carl Scott | Bob Lawson, Whitey & Eileen Meier, Steve Carini, Delbert Ellner |
| Ushers, 11:00 a.m. | Jim Howe, Chuck Strawn, Skylar Strawn, Jim Atkins, Eric & Kelli Shifley | Michelle Beasinger, Logan Meeker, Mike Johnson & Darlene Jasperson | Mike Calmes, Ray Odmark | John & Ruthie Piasecki, Cindy Newell |
| Communion Servers, 8:45 a.m. | Sue Herrera, Erich Rendant, Tom & Marian Strand | Mary Dicks, Bob & Elaine Brynsaas, Tom & Marian Strand | Vern & Linda Swanson, Phil & Gayle Troiano | Terry & Marilyn Williams, Phil & Gayle Troiano |
| 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-Tornitz, Nicole Zimmermann, Monica Zabel | Frank & Donna Gerek, Wendy Sontag, Pam Richards |
| Greeters, 8:45 a.m. | Kerm & Barb Gaughran | Mike & Marcia Johnson | Carol & Evelyn Petersen | Connie Whitmire, Cooki Pedersen |
| Greeters, 11:00 a.m. | Liz Howe | Jim & Jeanette Chamberlain | Lyndon & Mary Greimann | Frank & Donna Gerek |
| Welcome Table, 8:45 a.m. | Terry & Marilyn Williams | Carl & Peggy Thorne | Vern & Linda Swanson | Mike & Sue Tucker |
| Welcome Table, 11:00 a.m. | Carole Needham | Arlette Hamann | Joel & Barb Mykleseth | Arlette Hamann |
| Reader, 8:45 a.m. | Judy Hershey | Richard Kraiger | Sue Vogel | Gerri Wachtmann |
| Acolytes, 8:45 a.m. | | | Nick Ryan | |
| Acolytes, 11 a.m. | Nick Ryan, Jimmy Therre | Logan Meeker, CJ Eichelis | Austin Ransom, Miranda Newell | CJ Eichelis, Jacob Uffelman |

September 2009

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|---|--|--|--|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|--|--|--|--|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|-------|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| | | 10:30 AM Pastor's Meeting 1 7 PM WOW Narthex 7-8:30 PM Boy Scout Troop Comm. Mtg. (adults) | 9:15 AM Staff Meeting 2 10 AM Stitches Rm. 101 | 9:00 AM Fold Bulletins 3 1:00 PM Women's Bible Study 3:30 PM Church Cleaning 7 PM Band Practice 5:30 PM Sp. Dir. | 7-8:30 PM Boy Scout Troop 302 Mtg. Narthex 4 | 4 PM Band Practice 5 5 PM Worship Service 6 PM Monthly Potluck | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8:00 AM Choir Practice 6 8:45 AM Worship Svc. 10 AM Adult Forum 11 AM Worship Svc. <i>11 AM Baptism of Ian Louis Jensen</i> | Labor Day 7 <i>Office Closed</i> | 10:30 AM Pastor's Meeting 8 6:30 PM All Ministry Team Meetings | 9:15 AM Staff Meeting 9 10 AM Stitches Rm. 101 6:30 PM Confirmation begins 6:30-7:15 PM Children's Choir K-6th Grade | 9:00 AM Fold Bulletins 10 1:00 PM Women's Bible Study 3:30 PM Church Cleaning 7 PM Band Practice 7-8 PM Youth Gov. Mtg., Rm. 101 | 7-8:30 PM Boy Scout Troop 302 Mtg. Narthex 11 | 4 PM Band Practice 12 5 PM Worship Service | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8:00 AM Choir Practice 13 8:45 AM Worship Svc. 10 AM Adult Forum 10 AM Sunday School Resumes 11 AM Worship Svc. | 10 AM Open AA Women's Step and Traditions 14 7-8 PM Cub Scout Den Mtg. | 10:30 AM Pastor's Meeting 15 6:30 PM Church Council Mtg. 6:30 PM Santa Rita Ranch Mtg. | 9:15 AM Staff Meeting 16 10 AM Stitches Rm. 101 6:30 PM Confirmation 6:30-7:15 PM Children's Choir | 9:00 AM Fold Bulletins 17 1:00 PM Women's Bible Study 3:30 PM Church Cleaning 7 PM Band Practice | 7-8:30 PM Boy Scout Troop 302 Mtg. Narthex 18 | SOH 2nd Anniversary Celebration 19 4 PM Band Practice 5 PM Worship Service | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SOH 2nd Anniversary Celebration 20 8:00 AM Choir Practice 8:45 AM Worship Svc. 10 AM Adult Forum 10 AM Sunday School 11 AM Worship Svc. | 10 AM Open AA Women's Step and Traditions 21 7 PM PIGs (<i>Pretty Interesting Guy Stuff</i>) Rm. 101 7-8 PM Cub Scout Den Mtg. Sign-up Deadline for New Member Class | 10:30 AM Pastor's Meeting 22 6:30 PM Scrapbooking 7 PM WOW Rm. 101 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> <i>Fellowship Committee Kitchen Clean-Up</i> | 9:15 AM Staff Meeting 23 10 AM Stitches Rm. 101 6:30 PM Confirmation 6:30-7:15 PM Children's Choir <i>Fellowship Committee Kitchen Clean-Up</i> | 9:00 AM Fold Bulletins & Newsletters 24 1:00 PM Women's Bible Study 3:30 PM Church Cleaning 7 PM Band Practice 7-8 PM Youth Gov. Mtg., Rm. 101 | 7-8:30 PM Boy Scout Troop 302 Mtg. Narthex 25 Timesheet Deadline | 4 PM Band Practice 26 5 PM Worship Service | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8:00 AM Choir Practice 27 8:45 AM Worship Svc. 10 AM Adult Forum 10 AM Sunday School 11 AM Worship Svc. 11 AM-2 PM New Member Class | 10 AM Open AA Women's Step and Traditions 28 7-8 PM Cub Scout Pack Mtg., Narthex | 10:30 AM Pastor's Meeting 29 7-8:30 PM Cub Scout Pack Comm. Mtg. (adults) | 9:15 AM Staff Meeting 30 <i>Newsletter Prints</i> 10 AM Stitches Rm. 101 6:30 PM Confirmation 6:30-7:15 PM Children's Choir | <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>August 2009</p> <table border="1" style="font-size: small;"> <tr><td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>T</td><td>F</td><td>S</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td></tr> <tr><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td></tr> <tr><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td></tr> <tr><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td></tr> <tr><td>30</td><td>31</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>October 2009</p> <table border="1" style="font-size: small;"> <tr><td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>T</td><td>F</td><td>S</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1 2 3</td></tr> <tr><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td></tr> <tr><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td></tr> <tr><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td></tr> <tr><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td>31</td></tr> </table> </div> </div> | | | S | M | T | W | T | F | S | | | | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | | | S | M | T | W | T | F | S | | | | | | | 1 2 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |
| S | M | T | W | T | F | S | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 30 | 31 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| S | M | T | W | T | F | S | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | 1 2 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |