

Spirit of Hope Update



Saturday:

5 p.m. "the Lift"
Saturday Night Alive following communion

Sunday:

8:45 a.m. Blended Service
11 a.m. Contemporary Worship
No Jump Start or Adult Forum

Sermon Text: Luke 2:22-40

Holy Communion at all services. Nursery available Sundays.

Happy New Year to you and all of your loved ones. *May 2012 bring you many blessings!*

SOH Office is Closed on Monday, January 2nd in celebration of the New Year.

Chill Out at Chili's - Come to Chili's Restaurant at 1951 S. Signal Butte Rd. between noon and 9 p.m. next Tuesday, January 3rd. Chili's will donate 10% of your bill to our Spirit of Hope Youth Group **TAG** (Teen Attack Group.) Either pick up a voucher in the narthex or mention that you are with Spirit of Hope and want to participate in this project. Feed your family, enjoy great food and support TAG at the same time!

Leadership Retreat sign-up deadline - The deadline to sign-up for our January 20th-21st Leadership Retreat (at Our Savior's in Gold Canyon) is Friday, January 6th. Call the office, 480-396-8300 to have your name added to the list. The Retreat is at *6:30 p.m. on Friday, January 20th and 8:30 a.m.- 4 p.m. Saturday, January 21st.* Join us as we come together as a team to discuss our future.

SOH Stitches "Scarf Drive" - The Wednesday morning "Stitches" group is collecting warm scarves to wear - either handmade or store bought - for the homeless at Grace Lutheran Church in Phoenix. Bring your scarves to church anytime up until January 15th, 2012. Questions? Contact Sylvia Humleker, 480-982-6712.

No Adult Forum this Sunday, January 1st. Adult Forum will reconvene Sunday, January 8th at 10 a.m. when we will plan another exciting year of forums. Come and share your ideas.

Confirmation will meet again Wednesday, January 4th after the holiday break.

Women's Bible Study begins the new year on Thursday, January 5th, at 1 p.m. Join this special group of ladies as they continue to delve into the Gospel of Mark. Contact Ruthie Piasecki, 480-664-1746, if you have questions.

Provide some warmth - Blanket Weekend is coming January 21-22, 2012. Bring a blanket for someone who has no relief from the cold. Needed are your new or gently-used blankets, sleeping bags, quilts and afghans. Each church service that weekend will have a special offering time to place donations at the altar. Talk to Meri Weiler (701) 680-7065, for more details.

Special Coffee to help **victims of violence** - An exclusive blend of coffee beans that will benefit LWR's East African producer partners is now available. This smooth, balanced blend of African whole beans will help the mothers, sisters, and daughters who have been affected by the ongoing sexual violence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Ask for **Congo Coffee Project** (whole bean only) which is only \$8.25 per 1 lb. bag. Equal Exchange will donate \$1 per bag, selling it to the Panzi Foundation through our wholesale program. *See the LWR display in the narthex for more information.*

Woodcarvers and **Men's Bible Study** kick off the New Year on **Monday, January 2nd**. Woodcarvers meet at 9 a.m. and Men's Bible Study is at 7 p.m. at the Davis house, 7740 E. Nopal. Contact Curt Davis, 480-373-6935, for more information.

Make a difference. With so much changing, many are asking themselves what they can *do*. If you are, consider joining the small but faithful group of members and friends who clean our church. Just 2 hours a month devoted to varied tasks from light housekeeping to floor waxing and rug shampooing can enable you to *really make a difference* to all who worship here. Besides the many physical benefits, this ministry can bring you the absolute joy of being part of an extremely important task force. The need is great - *but the rewards are greater*. If you can help, contact Jerry Hansen at 480-292-9033.