

Spirit of Hope Update



Saturday:

5 p.m. "the Lift"

Saturday Night Alive following communion

Sunday:

8:45 a.m. Blended Service

10 a.m. Adult Forum

10 a.m. Jump Start

11 a.m. Contemporary Worship

Sermon Text: Mark 1:4-11

Holy Communion at all services. Nursery available Sundays.

Leadership Retreat sign-up deadline is tomorrow! 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.

Join us for our Monthly Potluck - this Saturday, January 7th, at around 6 p.m. following the 5 p.m. "Lift" service. *Bring a dish to pass and plan to share food, fun and fellowship!*

A **2012 Planning Meeting** is **this Sunday**, January 8th at 10 a.m. as **Adult Forum** returns. We will discuss what topics to explore in the coming months as we look forward to another exciting year of forums. *Please come and share your ideas!* Jonn Bergstrom is our leader. Contact him at 480-354-0566 if you have questions.

"Scarf-up" your warmest accessories! 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.

February Newsletter Deadline is Friday, January 13th. Send photos, articles, etc. to Cheryl, cheryl@spiritofhopelutheran.com.

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.

Mark your calendars - the **Spirit of Hope 9th Annual Meeting** is Sunday, January 29th at 10 a.m. Among other things, we'll have the election of Church Council Members and the appointment of Ministry Team Chairs, Audit Team members and Synod Assembly representatives. Also to be discussed are the 2012 budget and the proposed amended Constitution. Check out the candidates and the constitution online at www.spiritofhopelutheran.com. Plan to come to the **Annual Meeting** and take an active role in your church.

Our next **New Member Orientation** is Sunday, February 12th. The deadline to sign-up is Tuesday, February 7th. The class is held in the large classroom, and includes lunch. Contact Pastor Glen, prglen@spiritofhopelutheran.com to have your name added to the list.

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.