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. Jump Start
11 a.m. Contemporary Worship

Sermon Text: Matthew 21:33-46

Holy Communion at all services. Nursery available Sundays.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of **James Gowan**, father of our own *Jim Gowan,* on his unexpected passing this past week. *May God comfort all who are mourning and give them peace.*

Farewell Reception/Potluck for Pastor Sondra - Sunday, Oct. 2nd, 12 p.m. Please come with your good wishes for Pastor Sondra and her faithful service to *Spirit of Hope!* Someone will be in the kitchen throughout the morning on Sunday, so you can bring your dishes in between services. Contact Dorothy Hansen if you have questions, 480-292-9033. *(The Saturday Night Monthly Potluck will join with this one, so there will be no Saturday Night Potluck this month.)*

Please take some time to welcome the **new members** joining this weekend, Oct. 1st and 2nd: *Cindy Demeny, Irene Jeter, Michael John, Kenneth R. & Diana Johnson, Kim, Cheyenne and Hailey Weaver, Cheryl Marth, Karen Mitchell, Judi Ofelt, Frances Spataro-Smiles and Carolyn Whitney.*

No Adult Forum this week.

Baptisms this Sunday, Oct. 2nd - At 8:45 a.m. on Sunday, **Austin David Edwards,** son of Twila and Aaron Edwards; **Benjamin Lee and Bradley Wayne Smith**, sons of Barry and Toni Smith will receive the sacrament of Holy Baptism. *God’s blessings to the children, parents and sponsors*.

Groups back from *Summer break* - **Woodcarvers** return next Monday, October 3rd at 9 a.m. at the Davis Residence. **Men’s Bible Study** begins the same day at 7 p.m. also at the Davis Residence, 7740 E. Nopal Ave. Contact Curt Davis for more information, 480-373-6935.

Chili’s helps TAG - Come to Chili’s Restaurant at 1951 S. Signal Butte Rd. between 12 and 9 p.m. next Tuesday, October 4th and you can put some money in TAG’s coffers! Either pick up a voucher in the narthex or mention that you are with *Spirit of Hope* and want to participate in this project. Chili’s will donate 10% of your bill to our youth group TAG (Teen Attack Group).

No Building Orientation for Committee Chairs and Members Thursday or Saturday, as previously planned. Stay tuned to your update or talk to Jerry Hansen for a rescheduled date.

***Drivers Desperately Needed* For Medical Care...** One of our members - Sue Vogel-Herrera is currently hospitalized at the Mayo Clinic Hospital battling leukemia. She is receiving a heavy dose of chemotherapy which will be followed by a bone marrow transplant. Her hospital treatment program will continue for approximately 6 weeks. When she returns home, she will need transportation to and from her home to the Mayo Clinic Hospital for about 100 days (approximately 90 miles). We are attempting to line up drivers. Her appointment would be at 7:30 a.m. each morning. The appointment could be as short as 2 hours or as long as all day. If you can help contact: Gayle Troiano 480-288-7684. We are hoping to recruit 10 or more drivers.

Sing with us - Celebrate Reformation Day with 7 other local churches on Sunday, October 30th, 4 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. You need not be part of the SOH choir, but will need to participate in some rehearsals prior to the performance. the combined church choirs will have a final rehearsal at 2 p.m. that day and will be accompanied by the organ and a brass quintet for the performance. Contact Gerry Davis at 480-373-6935 if you can help praise God on this special day.

Confirmation has begun Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. with a new and wonderful group of kids embarking on an exciting year of discovering the power of God in their lives. Talk to Pastor Glen for more information.

Blessing of the Animals is coming in October! Mark your calendars for this special service to be held Saturday, October 22nd at 3 p.m. in the SOH parking lot. All "under control" pets (leashed, crated, caged, haltered) are welcome to this brief service to honor our beloved friends. Deceased pets can also be remembered. Contact Marcia Johnson for more details, marcia4soh@cox.net or 520-509-1560.

3rd Annual Trunk or Treat - Come and join in the fun festivities of our annual celebration on Saturday, October 29th, 2011, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Infants and kids up to 6th grade can compete in a Costume Contest and we will have games for all ages. A hot dog meal and popcorn will be available for a nominal fee. We are asking for people to participate in decorating their vehicles. A sign-up sheet will be available in the narthex. The best-decorated vehicle will be chosen. Any questions, please contact Terry Hilgendorf-Pope or Wendy Bell at 480-396-8300.

Remember the Food Bank - Bring your non-perishable items and put them in our wooden bin. They will be picked up and taken to a local food bank to help feed the hungry. *Thanks in advance!*