

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 25:31-46

Holy Communion at all services. Nursery available Sundays.

More Than Money Matters will be presented by Thrivent and our Stewardship Committee today - Thursday, November 17th at 6 p.m. Topics covered will be how to make and manage a budget, understanding "net worth" and using it to measure your financial health and how to establish a recordkeeping system. Join us in the large classroom for this award-winning workshop!

Spend "Thanksgiving Eve" with us. On Wednesday, November 23rd at 6:30 p.m. SOH members, friends and guests will present their "thanks" in a special way. Participants will be asked to write on cardboard sheets, what God has done in their lives. To see what this will look like, "google" the term "Cardboard Testimonies". All participants with signs are asked to meet at the church at 6 p.m. Contact Pastor Glen, 480-396-8300 or Dar Stucke, 480-380-7782 to be sure you're included or if you have questions. If you don't want to do a testimony, come anyway and share this unique experience with us. Everyone is asked to bring a non-perishable food item for their offering.

The **Confirmation** group will be taking a field trip this Saturday morning, November 19th to the Monastery in Florence. Meet at SOH at 9:30 a.m. No Confirmation next Wednesday, November 23rd.

Looking at Your Shadow will be our **Adult Forum** topic this Sunday at 10 a.m. in the large classroom. Pastor Glen will share some observations by *Dr. Carl Jung* concerning the *dark side* that lives in each of us. This is an extremely interesting topic and you won't want to miss it!

New Member Orientation is this Sunday, November 20th at 11 a.m. in the large classroom. **New Member Weekend** will follow on December 3rd & 4th.

New 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.

Scrapbooking meets next Tuesday, November 22nd at 6:30 p.m. Contact Michelle Scavo for more details - mscavo@cox.net.

SOH office closed next Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th in honor of the holiday. *Happy Thanksgiving!*

Mark your Calendars - Spirit of Hope's Family Advent Craft Night is coming Saturday, December 3rd following the "Lift" service (5 p.m.) and Monthly Potluck (6 p.m.) All are invited to bring a dish to share and spend some quality family time preparing for Advent by making decorations/gifts for family and friends (or even yourselves!)

Consider Serving - Have you thought about being a candidate for a *Spirit of Hope* leadership position? Now is the time to throw your name into the ring. Open positions include: Chairpeople for some of our ministry teams, people to serve on Church Council, people to serve on the audit team and people to represent us at Synod Assembly. These positions will be filled by the congregation at our **Annual Congregational Meeting** on January 29, 2012. See our website, newsletter or future updates for more details. Contact Dorothy Hansen, 480-292-9033 or jerrydorothy@cox.net and she will forward your interest to the Nominating Committee.

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.

Sex, Love & Rockin' Marriage our Marriage study group that meets 6:30-8 p.m. at the Heinle's House, (2903 S. Canfield, Mesa 85212) will not meet next Wednesday, November 23rd. Contact Mike or Danielle Heinle at 480-228-7295 or daniellerheinle@gmail.com for more details.

Christmas Spirit? Let's Hear It! Mark your calendars - this year's Children's Christmas Program will begin practice Sunday, December 4th at 10 a.m. Practice continues on Sunday, December 11th, 10 a.m. and Saturday, December 17th, 9 a.m. The program itself will be presented on Sunday, December 18th at 10 a.m.