

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: 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Holy Communion at all services. Nursery available Sundays.

The first Bishop of the ELCA, the **Rev. Herb Chilstrom** will be our guest preacher at all services the weekend of February 18-19th. Bishop Chilstrom has had an incredible life and he'll share stories at noon during a potluck dinner (please sign up in the narthex). His latest book, "A Journey of Grace" will be on sale and can be personally signed by Herb. The Adult Forum at 10 a.m. will feature Corinne (his wife who is also an ordained ELCA pastor) who will talk about "Experiencing the Gospel in Grief". This family will always hold a significant place in the history of the ELCA... and it's a joy to be able share this time with them.

Happy Valentine's Day! The Outreach, Fellowship and Worship Ministry Teams will be handing out heart-shaped cookies this weekend to remind you that *God loves you* and wants to live in your hearts.

Father/Son Baptism - God's blessings to *Joseff Nicholas Perrault-Spauling* and his father, *William Harvey Spauling*, who will be baptized Sunday, Feb. 12th at the 11 a.m. service. Joseff is the son of Nicole Jessen and William Spauling. His sponsors are Laura Lentz and Jeremy Hanlon. William's sponsor is Nicole Jessen. May God bless and support this family on this special day and throughout their lives.

Adult Forum - discover some new things about the *Holy Spirit* at Sunday's Adult Forum, "*The Gifts of the Holy Spirit*" led by Sylvia Humleker. This thought-provoking series began last week with "*The Names of the Holy Spirit*" and will continue on February 26th with "*The Fruits of the Holy Spirit*". Join us at 10 a.m. in the large classroom.

Underwear Collection starts - This weekend, starting February 11th and continuing through February 19th, we will collect women's underwear (new) sizes small to extra

large for the increasing numbers of homeless women coming to Grace Lutheran Church in Phoenix. Please bring your donations to Spirit of Hope on these “Undie Weekends” or any time through February 19th. Thanks in advance for your response to these women in need.

New Member Orientation will be happening next Sunday, February 12th at 11 a.m. in the large classroom. New Member Weekend will be March 3rd and 4th. Please take some time to make these new people feel welcome.

All Ministry Teams meet **Valentine’s Day**, Tuesday, February 14th at 6:30 p.m. Join us in “heartfelt” service to our church!

This month’s **Third Thursday Potluck** is next Thursday, February 16th, beginning at 11:30 a.m. This potluck will feature breakfast foods. Though sponsored by Seniors Rock, you need not be a “senior” to come. Just bring a favorite breakfast food and join the fun!

Wednesdays in Lent - Ash Wednesday, February 22nd begins our journey into Lent with a worship service at 6:45 p.m. The following week, Wednesday, February 29th, the first of our **Soup Suppers** begins at 5:30 p.m. with a **Lenten Service** following at 6:45 p.m. We will follow this schedule every Wednesday through March 28th. Sign-up in the narthex to bring soup and plan to join us as we journey through the holy season of Lent.

A clean break - Take a couple of hours to help your church present a clean and orderly appearance. Join the small but faithful group who graciously volunteer their time to sweep, dust and take care of some light housekeeping in the church building. If you can help in any way, contact Don Bethke at 320-266-7489.

Rummage Sale coming in March - On Saturday, March 10th, 6 a.m.-2 p.m. Spirit of Hope will hold its annual Rummage Sale. Start collecting your gently used treasures, clothing, shoes, household items, etc. and plan to bring them to SOH beginning March 7th. Contact Terry Hilgendorf-Pope or Wendy Bell with your questions.