

# Spirit of Hope Update



## February 19th & 20th Worship Services:

### Saturday:

5 p.m. "the Lift"  
*Jump Start* following communion

### Sunday:

8:45 a.m. Blended Service  
11 a.m. Contemporary Worship  
10 a.m. *Jump Start*  
10 a.m. *Adult Forum* -  
Rev. Richard Kraiger "Jesus & the Man Born Blind" - John 9:1-41

**Text: Matthew 5:38-48**

*Holy Communion at all services. Nursery available Sundays.*

**Consecration Weekend led by Pastor Glen - Consecration Weekend** is here. We have been building up to this weekend and now you will be asked to make a financial commitment to the General Fund of *Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church*. Our leadership has chosen to do this in a low-key fashion where "pledge cards" will be handed out during the announcements and gathered after the sermon as people are encouraged to *Walk to the Altar*. For those who choose not to Walk to the Altar... pledge cards can be placed in the offering plate. People are asked to prayerfully consider what they would like to pledge **before** this weekend. A percentage chart created and used by Terry Williams during his Temple Talk is at the end of this Update to assist you. Please allow the Holy Spirit to guide you in your decision.

**Adult Forum Continues with Pastor Richard Kraiger** – This Sunday, February 20th at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Kraiger will continue with the theme: "Looking at the Gospel of John in a New Way." This Sunday's narrative passage will be John 9:1-41 (Jesus and the Man Born Blind). Join us!

**Stitches Field Trip** - Our knitting/crochet/creative stitchery group will be going on a Field Trip to a knit shop next Wednesday, February 23rd. Participants are asked to meet at the church at 10:00 a.m. Contact Linda Swanson for details - 480-381-9888.

**Thursday Women's Bible Study February theme** - "The People of God: Race and Culture" will be this month's focus for our Thursday group. Bring your bible and join us - Thursdays, 1-2:30 p.m. in the large classroom.

**Jump Start Bounce Night** is a week from Friday, February 25th, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. This event will be held at the Bounz House, 8743 East Pecos Road, Suite 104, Mesa. Join us for a night of fun and laughter!

**Spirit of Hope Rummage Sale** is coming the first week in March. Collection starts on Wednesday, March 2nd and continues on Thursday and Friday from 9:00 - 3:00 p.m. The Rummage Sale will be Saturday, March 5th, 6:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the church. The proceeds will benefit Vacation Bible School, T.A.G. and our Scouting Program.

**Ash Wednesday** is March 9th. Our Lenten Season will be begin on March 9th at 6:45 p.m. as we spend some reflective time together listening and discussing the spiritual disciplines of being followers of Jesus Christ. (Please note that the Soup Suppers will not start until the following Wednesday night.)

**Soup Supper Sign-Up** - Every Lenten Service (except Ash Wednesday) will be preceded by a Soup Supper. The Suppers will begin on March 16th at 5:30-6:30 p.m. Please help us by bringing your favorite soup and crackers or bread. The sign-up forms will be in the Narthex, starting the weekend of Feb. 26th and 27th.

**Lutheran World Relief Coffee Update:** More and new coffee is available this week. This includes Sister's Blend in both drip and whole bean (our most popular coffee to date), breakfast blend and decaf breakfast blend both drip grind and both new to us. These coffees are organic and in one pound bags. See Mike Johnson between worship services and help us serve justice, one cup at a time.

**Wild Horse Rescue Ranch** could use your help! This non-profit animal rescue has been saving equines from abandonment, neglect & slaughter for over 15 years. New financial challenges have threatened the survival of this rescue effort. Any help you can give would be greatly appreciated. If you or anyone you know has land/property that they are willing to provide/donate/rent, we are more than willing to move the rescue in order to continue saving these beautiful creatures of God! Please call Leigh Ham at (480) 354-6876 if you can help in any way. You can also find information @ [www.mudpony.com](http://www.mudpony.com) or [www.wildhorserescue.com](http://www.wildhorserescue.com).

**Blanket Weekend Is Coming** - Our Outreach Ministry Team is exploring dates to gather blankets. Were you aware that hundreds, if not thousands of people sleep every night exposed to the outside elements every night in the greater Phoenix area? We will be collecting gently used or new blankets for the homeless in the coming months. Please watch in future Updates for a particular date.

**Adult Forum Primer:** Lunch with theologian/author Kelly Fryer - Does anyone want to join Pastor Sondra and myself (Pastor Glen) for an informal conversation with this noted scholar? She is the author of two best-selling books in the Lutheran Voices series: Reclaiming the "L" Word: Renewing the Church from its Lutheran Core and Reclaiming the "C" Word: Daring to be the Church Again. We will be studying one of Kelly's books later this Spring during Adult Forum. The lunch is Tuesday, February 22nd starting at 10:00 a.m. and ending at 1:00 p.m. Space is limited! Contact the church office if you are interested.

WEEKLY INCOME	BEYOND A TITHE		TITHE	UPPER RANGE GIVING			MIDDLE RANGE GIVING			LOWER RANGE GIVING		
	15%	12%		10%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%
\$200	\$30	\$24	\$20	\$18	\$16	\$14	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$6	\$4	\$2
\$300	\$45	\$36	\$30	\$27	\$24	\$21	\$18	\$15	\$12	\$9	\$6	\$3
\$400	\$60	\$48	\$40	\$36	\$32	\$28	\$24	\$20	\$16	\$12	\$8	\$4
\$500	\$75	\$60	\$50	\$45	\$40	\$35	\$30	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$10	\$5
\$600	\$90	\$72	\$60	\$54	\$48	\$42	\$36	\$30	\$24	\$18	\$12	\$6
\$700	\$105	\$84	\$70	\$63	\$56	\$49	\$42	\$35	\$28	\$21	\$14	\$7
\$800	\$120	\$96	\$80	\$72	\$64	\$56	\$48	\$40	\$32	\$24	\$16	\$8
\$900	\$135	\$108	\$90	\$81	\$72	\$63	\$54	\$45	\$36	\$27	\$18	\$9
\$1,000	\$150	\$120	\$100	\$90	\$80	\$70	\$60	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$20	\$10
\$1,100	\$165	\$132	\$110	\$99	\$88	\$77	\$66	\$55	\$44	\$33	\$22	\$11
\$2,000	\$300	\$240	\$200	\$180	\$160	\$140	\$120	\$100	\$80	\$60	\$40	\$20
\$3,000	\$450	\$360	\$300	\$270	\$240	\$210	\$180	\$150	\$120	\$90	\$60	\$30

1. Find where YOU are in the chart (your weekly income / giving).
2. Move one block to the left to determine what GROW ONE % would be for you.