

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 9:2-9

Holy Communion at all services. Nursery available Sundays.

God's Peace to the family of **Pamela Joyce Smith**, mother of Penny DeChant who passed away Monday, February 13th and will be memorialized tomorrow, Friday, February 17th, at 11 a.m. at Spirit of Hope.

Welcome to the first Bishop of the ELCA, the **Rev. Herb Chilstrom** and his wife **Corinne** who will be leading all services this weekend, February 18th and 19th. The couple, who are both ordained ELCA pastors, will share stories of their incredible life and ministry. Adult Forum at 10 a.m. will feature Corinne, who will talk about "Experiencing the Gospel in Grief". A potluck at noon will include sales of the Chilstrom book, "A Journey of Grace" which can be personally signed by Herb. Come and honor this special couple who have molded and shaped the ELCA through much change and transition.

Office closed - This Monday, February 20th in honor of President's Day.

Underwear Collection ends this Sunday, February 19th, We are collecting 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 and we will distribute them to these women in need.

Ash Wednesday is next **Wednesday, February 22nd**. Join us as we begin our journey into Lent with a reflective service at 6:45 p.m.

Church Council meets next Tuesday, February 21st, at 6:30 p.m. Members will elect a new **Executive Committee**. Stay tuned to your weekly update and your March newsletter to hear the results.

Wednesdays in Lent - Soup Suppers begin Wednesday, February 29th, at 5:30 p.m. and will continue every Wednesday through Wednesday, March 28th. Each Supper will be followed by a **Lenten Service** at 6:45 p.m. Be sure to sign-up in the narthex to bring soup and plan to spend a meaningful evening at *Spirit of Hope*.

New Member Weekend is coming March 3rd and 4th. Please take some time to introduce yourself and make these new people feel welcome.

We need YOU to sponsor a New Member. SOH is asking for your help to guide a potential new member through the often bewildering process of becoming a member and feeling a part of our church. For each new member, we are hoping to have someone who can serve as friend, mentor and guide, to ease any discomfort and answer questions for a period of 3 months. If you are interested, contact coordinator Judy Banta, 480-890-5674 or jabanta@aol.com or simply check the appropriate box on your Communication Card. Thanks in advance for your great generosity of spirit and willingness to help!

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.

The great "outdoors" - In this beautiful weather, working outside can be uplifting. If you would like to help maintain our church grounds, please contact Scott Gibson, 480-248-0135 or sgibson99@cox.net.

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.