

Spirit of Hope Update



March 26th & 27th 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*

Text: John 4:5-42

Holy Communion at all services. Nursery available Sundays.

E-Cycle Is In Progress NOW. You have an opportunity to recycle your old electronic equipment and benefit Spirit of Hope. But you must act SOON! You can bring your equipment in through Friday, March 25th. Please put your items in the designated bins in the narthex. Three cents per pound will be deposited in our SOH mortgage fund.

Spirit of Hope Talent Show & Dinner will be Friday, April 8th at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are available after worship services. All proceeds will benefit the youth attending the *ELCA Youth Gathering* in California. For questions contact Becki Heitkamp at 480-694-0812 or rheitkamp@ymail.com.

God's Blessings to **Joseph and Carmen Castaneda**, children of Juan and Kristina Castaneda, who will be baptized this Saturday evening at 5 p.m. Please welcome these newest members to God's family.

Adult Forum - Join us at 10 a.m. Sunday in the large classroom, as we continue in our series: **Health Care Decisions: Spiritual and Palliative Care**. This week's focus will be on **Ethical principals** and **health care decisions**. The discussion will be led by Jonn Bergstrom and Pastor Sondra. See you there!

A big Thank-You to **Pastor Richard Kraiger** for leading us in worship last weekend. His help was greatly appreciated.

Wednesday Lenten Service Schedule - Begin your Wednesday evenings during Lent with a Soup Supper, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Spend some quiet time reflecting in the Sanctuary, 6:30-6:45 p.m. Cap the evening off with our Lenten Service at 6:45 p.m. This year we will *“Walk with God in the Desert.”* This DVD series, filmed in the desert of the Holy Land, will challenge you to ask questions about your own *“desert journey”*.

Thank You for Cleaning - We had a great cleaning crew that showed up last Saturday. Please tip your hat to these amazing people who worked both inside and outside our building.

Bingo Night Is This Friday! Join us Friday, evening, March 25th, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at *Spirit of Hope* for games, snacks and fun at **Jump Start’s March Family Fun Night**. Be prepared to have a really good time.

Calling your old Cell Phones... SOH is *calling* your old cell phones, (plus all the attachments) “back to service”. Just drop them off in the box in the Narthex and benefit **CAAF**A (Community Alliance Against Family Abuse) women leaving abusive relationships. All personal information on your phone will be cleared before anyone uses it.

Lost and Found - *Are you missing something?* - We have been gathering odds & ends for months. Please check the basket in the Narthex. All unclaimed items will be donated on April 1.

Thank You for your gifts to the Pacific Earthquake & Tsunami Disaster - \$1,841.84 was gathered in the Hunger Jars and has been sent to the *ELCA Disaster Response* to help in the recovery efforts in Japan. Rev. Daniel Rift, Director for the *ELCA World Hunger & Disaster Appeal* has promised that 100% of these designated gifts will be used for disaster relief.

First Communion Class is coming on **Sunday, April 3rd**. The class will be 12:15 p.m. until about 2 p.m. in the large classroom, with lunch provided. Registration is required - forms are in the Narthex. **Deadline is Wednesday, March 30th**. See *Pastor Sondra* for more information.

Parish Visitor Program - Do you have time to visit one of our shut-in’s for an hour in the morning or afternoon? It’s been discovered that we have a need for people to visit members who are homebound. We are at the beginning stages of developing a new ministry that would involve visiting people in their homes. If you think you would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact the church office @ 480-396-8300.

Thank you for the Underwear - Over 600 articles of underwear were gathered last weekend. The garments for the children and women will be given to a local domestic violence shelter and the men's briefs will be shared with Grace Lutheran Church in downtown Phoenix for their homeless ministry. We thank the Women's Thursday Bible Study group for organizing this important ministry.

Sock It To Me Weekend - Saturday, April 2nd and Sunday, April 3rd, SOH will be collecting **NEW** men's, women's and children's socks to be given to the homeless men at visiting Pastor Sarah Stadler-Ammon's church, *Grace Lutheran* in downtown Phoenix. All sizes, shapes and colors are welcome, but must be **new**.

Wanted: Medium-sized plastic Easter Eggs for the *Jump Start Easter Celebration* and enough Jelly Beans to fill them. Our goal is 1,000 eggs. See Pastor Sondra for details.

Feed My Starving Children: 14 slots are still open for this packing event in Tempe. Saturday, April 16th is the date. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. is the time. See Mike Johnson between worship services to sign-up or email him at globalmission@cox.net.