

Spirit of Hope Update

March 5th & 6th 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* - Health Care Decisions

Facilitator: Jonn Bergstrom

Text: Matthew 17:1-9

Holy Communion at all services. Nursery available Sundays.

Spirit of Hope Rummage Sale is **THIS SATURDAY** March 5th starting at 6:00 a.m. The Narthex is already filling up. We will be receiving items today, Thursday, until 7 p.m. and Friday until 7 p.m. The proceeds will benefit Vacation Bible School, TAG, and our Scouting Program.

Saturday Potluck - Our Monthly Potluck is this Saturday, March 5th after the 5 p.m. "Lift" service (around 6 p.m.) Bring a dish to share and join the fun!

New Member Weekend is here - we will be receiving new members at each of our services this weekend. Please keep these people in your prayers as God unfolds their gifts in our congregation:

Christie & John A. Brandau

Juan, Kristina, Joe & Carmen Castenada

Michael Peterson & Gale Ann Dietz

Sara Lotz & Luke Pugh

Sue & Edward George Tramer

Ken & Linda E. Vandenberg

Meri Weiler

Adult Forum - This Sunday's Adult Forum will feature Jonn Bergstrom in the first of a series based around the theme: **Health Care Decisions: Spiritual and Palliative Care**. Sunday's Forum will focus on domains, models and disciplines of health care. No Adult Forum on Sunday, March 13th due to the Congregational Meeting but the series will continue the following Sunday, March 20th.

Ash Wednesday is March 9th. Our Lenten Season will 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.)**

Congregational Meeting - Please remember that a week from Sunday, March 13th, we will have a **Special Congregational Budget Meeting**. Join us in the Sanctuary at 10 a.m.

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

Undie Weekend March 19-20 - The Women's Bible Study is sponsoring our first, "Undie" Saturday and Sunday. We have discovered a huge need for underwear for women & children who come in haste to a domestic violence shelter. We are also aware of a need for mens briefs for the homeless population that participate with Grace Lutheran Church in downtown Phoenix. We will be accepting NEW undies for men, women, and children at all services. All size and shapes will be accepted but the items must be **NEW**.

Blood Drive March 23 - Spirit of Hope is hosting another Blood Drive on Wednesday March 23rd at 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. Did you know that every 2 seconds someone needs a blood transfusion? Arizona does not have enough donors to meet their needs - so they import blood from other states. You can sign up in the narthex, make an appointment online or contact Twila Edwards (twilak@cox.net or 480-357-3146). Help us help the community.

Spirit of Hope Recycling Event March 23-25 - Have you ever wondered with to do with your old computers, telephones, stereo receivers? Why not recycle them? Bring your old electronic equipment to the church and put in the recycling bins. This will only be a three day event.

Calling all old Cell Phones - We are "receiving " your old cell phones, plus all the attachments which we are collecting to benefit CAAFA (Community Alliance Against Family Abuse) women leaving abusive relationships. Drop them off in the box in the narthex. All personal information on your phone will be cleared before any one uses it.

Lutheran World Relief Coffee Update: A mere \$8 per bag for premium coffee provides funds for farmers to provide food, shelter, and an education for children in a Third World Country. Please reflect upon where the products you consume come from the next time you sit down to eat. *Lutheran World Relief* Coffee and Chocolate allow you to empower people to receive a fair price for their product and labor. See Mike Johnson between worship services and help us serve *justice*, one cup at a time.