

Spirit of Hope Update



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*

Sermon Text: John 20:19-31

Holy Communion at all services. Nursery available Sundays.

Remember in your prayers:

The family of Russell Hamann, who passed away April 20th and will be remembered by friends and family this Saturday, April 30th, 10 a.m. at Spirit of Hope.

The family of Ed Lorts, husband of Lois Lorts, who passed away April 26th. A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, May 3rd at 1 p.m. at Spirit of Hope.

May God comfort all those who grieve.

Confirmation resumes next Wednesday, May 4th. There will be no Confirmation Wednesday, May 11th. The **Rite of Confirmation** will take place Sunday, May 15th at the 11 a.m. Service.

Chili's Fundraiser is next Tuesday, May 3rd. Go to the Chili's Restaurant at 1951 S. Signal Butte here in Mesa, between 12 p.m. and 9 p.m. Present a voucher (available in the Narthex) or mention that you're with Spirit of Hope and Chili's will donate 10% of your bill to **TAG** (Teens About God) our youth group. *So enjoy some great food and support our teens at the same time!*

Hope Chest Funds to Benefit Juvenile Diabetes Research - We will now be using funds raised in our Spirit of Hope "Hope Chest", collected on Sunday mornings during our Children's Sermon, to support **Juvenile Diabetes Research**. Previously, \$515.46 was raised through the Hope Chest for **Diamond Blackfan Anemia Research**. Congratulations to our kids! Watch our Updates and Newsletters for further information.

The “Lift” and a wedding, too - In a week from Saturday, (Saturday, May 7th) at the 5 p.m. “Lift” Service, **Terry Hilgendorf and Bill Pope** will exchange wedding vows. Our Monthly Potluck will follow the service at approximately 6 p.m. Come and celebrate the union of this special couple.

Vacation Bible School Needs You! - *Spirit of Hope* is gathering leaders who can assist in our Vacation Bible School program this summer on the week of June 6th-10th from 5:30-8:00 p.m. each day. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex where you can indicate your willingness to help. If you have questions contact Terry Hilgendorf at 602-370-2689.

New Member Class is coming May 22nd at 11:00 a.m. Have you been considering becoming a formal member of Spirit of Hope? Remember that we have two forms of membership: **Associate Members** who retain their membership in their home congregation (perfect for winter residents) and **Full Membership** which allows people to hold office and vote. This class will be on Sunday morning May 22nd at 11 p.m. with lunch being provided. This will probably be our last class until the fall of 2011. You need to RSVP - If you would like to sign up for this class please contact Pastor Sondra at 480-396-8300 before May 17th.

Vacation Bible School Leaders encourage you to go out to a Musical – **Broadway Palms Dinner Theater** is presenting a musical called “*Smoke on the Mountain*” a story about a gospel singing group. They get invited to sing at Mount Pleasant Church and it gets crazy. This is a VBS fundraising event – When you call (480-325-6700) or go online www.BroadwayPalmWest.com say the code words “**Hallelujah Spirit of Hope**” and you will qualify for the special discounted rate of \$39 a ticket (play & dinner) with \$10 of that ticket being returned to *Spirit of Hope* for our VBS program. The musical starts April 14th and continues through May 14th. There are three show times – 11:45 a.m. lunch, with a 1:15 p.m. show, 5:30 p.m. dinner with a 7 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. show. This could be a fun way to support our educational program.

Volunteers are needed to cook and serve pancakes at Grace Lutheran Church in Phoenix on July 31st. If you can help, contact Mike Johnson at 520-509-1560 or globalmission@cox.net. Donations are also needed to cover the cost of the event. Thanks in advance for helping us help the less fortunate.