

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

Sermon Text: Matthew 16:21-28

Holy Communion at all services. Nursery available Sundays.

Rally Weekend is coming! Spirit of Hope's Children's Education Programs are kicking off on the weekend of September 10th and 11th.

Starting on Saturday, September 10th **Saturday Night Alive** launches with a new name and an exciting new year planned. Children attend the 5 p.m. "Lift" worship service and after communion, meet up with a leader who will take them to a classroom for kid-friendly study of the life of Jesus.

Sunday morning, September 11th **JumpStart** begins another exciting year at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Children will be directed from there to classrooms where they will experience Jesus' life as a child.

Both programs are open to children from age 3 (if potty-trained) through 6th grade and both will be using the curriculum "Hometown Nazareth". Register online at spiritofhopelutheran.com or fill out a form in the Narthex. Teachers and volunteers are still needed. Contact Michelle Scavo, mscavo@cox.net re: JumpStart or Danielle Heinle, daniellerheinle@gmail.com re: Saturday Night Alive. *We're looking forward to a great year!*

Saturday Night Alive is having a planning meeting this Saturday at 9 a.m. in the small classroom. Contact Danielle Heinle (see email address above) if you have questions.

Many Thanks - Our "**Sack Lunch Packing**" has come to an end. Thanks to all who participated so enthusiastically! This program, sponsored by the Thursday Group, **Seniors Rock**, has provided a total of 1,350 sack lunches for the homeless and hungry at *Grace Lutheran Church* in Phoenix as part of their summer "heat respite" program. Our **Hunger Jar** met it's goal for this project hitting \$1,477.70 last weekend. *We are grateful for all who gave of themselves so unselfishly.*

Give Blood - donate that most life-saving of gifts, your *blood* at *Spirit of Hope's Blood Drive* on Wednesday, September 7th. The Bloodmobile will be parked in the SOH

parking lot on this day beginning at 3 p.m. and will leave at around 8 p.m. Talk to Twila Edwards if you have questions, 480-251-9063 or visit www.BloodHero.com (sponsor code: HopeLutheran).

Make a Joyful Noise - Beginning Sunday, September 11th, our **Sunday choir** will begin again and continue every Sunday at 8 a.m. for practice and 8:45 a.m. worship. We need singers - no experience necessary. If you like to sing - you're invited. Come meet our wonderful teacher and director, Robert Mills. If you have questions, call Choir Recruiter Gerry Davis at 480-373-6935.

Catch the "Spirit" - Join *Spirit of Hope*. Our next **New Member Class** is Sunday, September 18th at 11 a.m. in the large classroom. Sign-up deadline is Tuesday, September 13th. See either pastor for more information or to add your name.

The Reason for God - Summer is nearing an end and **Adult Forums** are beginning again with the DVD series called "**The Reason for God, Conversations on Faith and Life.**" The series will start on Sunday, September 18th at 10 a.m. and continue throughout October. The first DVD is "*Isn't the Bible a Myth? Hasn't Science Disproved Christianity?*" Join us in the large classroom for this thought-provoking series. See Pastor Sondra if you have questions.

Looking Ahead - **Confirmation** will begin again Wednesday, September 21st at 6:30 p.m. See Pastor Sondra with your questions. **Children's Choir** starts Wednesday, October 5th at 6:30 p.m. in the small classroom. Contact Michelle Scavo 480-615-7488 for more details. Check out the *September Newsletter* and future *Spirit Updates* for more details.