

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 14:22-33

Holy Communion at all services. Nursery available Sundays.

Food, fun, fellowship... SOH Monthly Potluck is this Saturday, August 6th following the 5 p.m. "lift" service (at around 6 p.m.) *Bring a dish and join us!*

Blessing of the Backpacks - this weekend, Saturday, August 6th and Sunday, August 7th, children are invited to bring their backpacks for a blessing and as a constant reminder that God is with them everywhere... even in school. Pastor Sondra invites all children, even those who don't have/or use backpacks, to come forward to begin their school year with a prayer for God's continued *guidance*.

Good to the last drop - Support **Lutheran World Relief** - buy coffee this Sunday. For a taste treat, try the new Breakfast Blend. Just see the "coffee guy" Mike Johnson between services. You can also ask him for any special coffee you'd like him to get for you. For more information, contact Mike Johnson, globalmission@cox.net or 520-509-1560.

Thanks to all who shared so richly of themselves, last weekend. Thank-you to those who cooked and served the **Pancake Breakfast** last Sunday at *Grace Lutheran Church*. You answered the call to service and gave of yourselves. Thanks to SOH members and friends who shared the essentials in their "**blue bags**" and those who brought in **school supplies** stacked behind the "yellow bus" and at Women's Bible Study. *God has blessed so many with your generosity!*

Our **Ministry Teams** meet next **Tuesday, August 9th** at 6:30 p.m. If you are a part of one of *Spirit of Hope's* Ministry Teams or want to be - plan to attend. If you can't make it, let your ministry team leader know. Thanks.

Filling the jar... Our **Hunger Jar** goal these past few weeks has been to collect approximately \$1,000 to buy non-perishable supplies for the *Seniors Rock* sponsored **Heat Respite Project**, packing sack lunches for the homeless with an additional \$350 for the **Pancake Breakfast** that took place on Sunday, July 31st. We are inching ever closer to our goal! Our total so far is \$1,151.07. *Thanks for your continued willingness to share your blessings.*

September Newsletter Deadline is Friday, August 12th. Send your photos, articles, worship assistants, etc. to Cheryl, cheryl@spiritofhopelutheran.com.

Water for everyone... The need for water increases among the homeless as the temperatures go up here in Arizona. *Spirit of Hope* is collecting bottled water to be distributed to our homeless brothers and sisters. Just bring your donations to the church and we will see that they are delivered.

We need to hear from you - Adult Forums resume again September 18th and we're requesting *your* help. Let us know what topics you'd like to learn more about. Maybe you've heard an interesting speaker or a thought-provoking discussion. E-mail Pastor Sondra or call any of the following people: Marie Eisele (480-358-0851), Dorothy Hansen (480-292-9033) or Jonn Bergstrom (480-354-0566). And do plan to join us Sundays, 10 a.m. in the large classroom. Last year's response to our Adult Forums was *great* and with your help this coming year *will be even better!*

Cub Scouts meet Monday evenings, 6:30-8:30 p.m. The last Monday of the month, all will gather in the Sanctuary for a Pack Meeting. For further information, contact Carl Thorne, 623-293-1079 or carl2@pngusa.net.

We've got a spot for you. With weekly and monthly meetings filling up our calendar once again, we ask that you let Cheryl in our office know, so we can include you on our schedule and send you room reservation forms, if need be. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.