

# That's The Spirit!

New Spirit Lutheran Church

*Our faith is in Jesus.*

*Our hope is in grace.*

*Our strength is in love.*

Rev. Alan Field

November 2011

## Information on the Missional Leadership Academy

The Vision Team of New Spirit voted this past Spring to participate in the Missional Leadership Academy as a follow-up to the Strategic Planning process that we recently completed.



The two are very complimentary in helping us achieve more vibrancy in our ministry, and our membership.

- The Mission of the Leadership Academy is: To help parish leaders rediscover and reclaim the vocation of the congregation as centers for mission, and centers for equipping the baptized for their ministry in the world.
- The Vision of MLA is: Through this project, it is our hope that at least 60% of the congregations of the Grand Canyon Synod will be defined as “Great Commission Congregations”\* by 2014.
- The Objectives of MLA: To help congregations understand the need for adaptive leadership if they are to be vital and thriving centers for missional outreach in the Southwest.
- To equip pastors and lay leaders to be agents of change.
- To transform congregations from an inward focus of maintenance and chaplaincy to an outward focus of mission, outreach, and evangelism.
- To invite congregations to be agents of adaptive leadership and transformation beyond their congregations to both in their community context, and in the Grand Canyon Synod.
- To change and transform the DNA of the Grand Canyon Synod to become a Great Commission\* Synod based on missional principles

New Spirit's MLA Team will begin the 18-month journey at a retreat November 11 & 12. They will participate in two retreats and six one-day workshops. They, with the Vision Team and congregational input will develop a “congregational project” focusing on

missional outreach and adaptive leadership.

The areas of study/learning will be: Vocation, Discernment, Spirituality, Congregation Systems, Transformational and Adaptive Leadership, Web-based Evangelism, Stewardship for Missional Ministry, and understanding our congregation's culture.

New Spirit joins six other congregations for this, the third, MLA class. Upon the completion of the 18-month MLA Journey, New Spirit and our fellow congregations will be recognized at the Grand Canyon Synod Assembly, 2013.

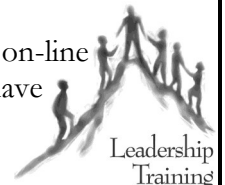
Monthly updates will appear in this newsletter, plus occasional congregational gatherings to gather information and share the learning.

~Pastor Alan & The MLA Team

## Missional Leadership Academy Retreat

New Spirit will be joining other congregations of the Grand Canyon Synod on November 11-12 at Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center in Carefree to begin the 18-month journey called the **Missional Leadership Academy**. The New Spirit MLA Team consists of: **Laurie Bernard, Jenny Kwapich, Brigitte Stuetze, Kathy Vaclavek, and Pastor Alan**. Over the next 18 months members of the congregation will be asked to pray for the MLA team, and our coach as we address a number of areas of the New Spirit ministry. Watch for the MLA article in every monthly newsletter. A key to success in the MLA is that we will be accountable to our assigned coach, as we accomplish developmental steps in the process.

Thanks to all who completed the on-line survey in October. Your responses have helped us identify the state of our “foundation”.



# More Than Enough—The Rest of the Story

Dear Partners on the Journey,

Our stewardship theme for 2012 has been **“More Than Enough”** relating to the 9<sup>th</sup> Chapter of



2 Corinthians. St. Paul relates the ministry of the church to North Dakota farmers sowing winter wheat. Whoever sows sparingly will reap sparingly. Whoever sows generously will reap more than enough.

I encourage you to keep that spirit alive in your homes through the Thanksgiving holiday. God has given us more

than enough. Give thanks intentionally each day for the blessings that you recognize, no matter how small.

Over the years, we have streamlined our Stewardship programs, so now the focus is upon financial support of the ministry of New Spirit. That portion of our program has ended. Thank you for your faithful and sacrificial giving. Quite honestly, over the past number of years this ended our Stewardship emphasis for the year. Quite honestly we have suffered.

The “rest of the story” concerning Stewardship has to do with participating in the ministry of the Body of Christ through offering your time and talents. Indeed a portion of you participate in a whole number of ways from singing in groups, playing music for weekly services, teaching Sunday School, ringing hand-bells, working in the Food Bank, and helping on work-days. I cannot thank you enough for this on-going service. But, we need more.

When New Spirit was formed instead of having standing committees to plan and execute program ministries, we created “chartered ministry teams.” These teams are called to cover a broad spectrum of ministry needs in the church and community. The teams identify projects or programs to offer, and then ask members of the



congregation to complete the task, most often a short-term program or goal.

We have not attended to those Teams. It is time for us to reconstitute the five teams in the New Spirit model.

- **Worship & Music** addresses the needs of two very distinct and different worship settings. This team assists in creating themes for each worship season, looks at various ways to enhance worship in this place, plans and organizes mid-week worship for the Advent and Lenten seasons.

- **Witness & Welcome** addresses the visibility of New Spirit and the hospitality shown to guests and new members. W&W is tasked with “getting the New Spirit story” out. If you are a writer/reporter we need someone to submit information to the Arizona Daily Star newspaper. (Every weekend, St.



Philip’s in the Hills Church has no less than three announcements of what is happening at that church in the Arizona Daily Star.)

- **Spiritual Growth & Faith Formation** addresses the core of this congregation’s existence: developing a relationship with Almighty God, His Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit. SGFF deals with life-long learning from birth to retirement and beyond. SGFF is responsible for the Wednesday Evening Adult Education series as well as Sunday School.
- **Caring in Community** addresses the life of the congregation as a whole by planning and providing opportunities for the members of New Spirit to gather for food, fun, and fellowship. If you like to plan parties, this is the place for you. In addition, the Caring part of their life is to ensure the members of New Spirit are cared for, especially for our at-risk shut-in members. C in C is about caring for Christ’s flock.



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# More Than Enough (*continued*)

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- **Missions & Service** addresses the ministries to those in need. The Food Bank, the Medical Loan Chest and the Tax Preparation site are all issues under the umbrella of Missions and Service. Apart from these walls, the M&S team supports broader programs like the Lutheran World Hunger Appeal, Lutheran World Relief, the Heifer Project and Feed My Starving Children. If you have a heart for the powerless, Missions & Service is a place for you.
- **Operations Team** addresses the broadest scope of ministry here. Op's is responsible for the New Spirit campus, buildings and grounds. (They plan monthly work days.) The finances of the congregation are also their responsibility. Stewardship education and the Stewardship program for each year are the Op's team areas. They also oversee personnel matters, build the Mission Plan (budget) each year, and oversee the Designated Funds accounts.



All of these teams together make New Spirit “go.” Your voice, and your perspective could very well give one of these teams the boost it needs to get important ministry done.

“**More Than Enough!**” is our response when the Lord asks us, “And what time did I, the Lord, give you?” “And what abilities did I, the Lord, give you?” asks the Lord. “More than enough, Lord, sight, hearing, touch, speech, reason, imagination, hope. More than enough, Lord.” “And what treasures did I, the Lord, give you?” “More than enough, Lord, the income from my career, the blessing of friends and family, faith in Your Son, Jesus; the Holy Spirit; grace and mercy in the full. It is more than enough, Lord.” “Now,” says the Lord, “return to me a portion, if you are so thankful for My generosity. Return a fair portion to build up my Church, for I have given you more than enough.”

Thankfully,  
*Pastor Alan*

## From the President ...

Friends at New Spirit –

As your president, I hear about our concerns and I want to share some of them as they are mine also.

The first concern is that Fellowship Hour has Hospitality Ministry become, for some, their “breakfast meal” as they pile their plates high with the goodies. And the pressure is on for each month’s hospitality team to bring more and more. I know it’s difficult not to try everything as many wonderful goodies are provided. But that is not its intention. It is to be a time to be social and have something to nibble on while sipping a cup of coffee or tea. The spread of food has gotten out of hand and, at times, it still does not seem to be enough. Then there are some

of you who leave before the final song at 9:00 just to get a head start on the food line!

Another concern is our Wednesday night dinner. It has come to my attention that the cooks often do not get reimbursed from the donations as some people are eating without donating. The fee is \$4. If you can only afford some of it that night, so be it, but let’s try to be respectful and pay for what we eat.

All of this is something to think about.

In Christ’s love,  
Brigitte



## Youth Nooz ...

**Come and meet Bree!!!** We are happy to welcome Brianne Haynes who will be leading a new youth group opportunity for 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade girls. "Just Us Girls" will meet once a month to begin with. Bree is looking forward to having lots of fun with the girls of New Spirit and your friends.



Bree is an Emergency Room and Trauma Nurse at UMC. Here's the "God story." In 2005, J.R. Clodfelter was attacked and beaten at Broadway and Camino Seco around 4:30 one August morning. His injuries were too severe for him to be brought to St. Joseph's or TMC. They took his beaten body to UMC that day. J.R.'s nurse checked on him frequently that morning. As time got later, Pastor Alan needed to leave. The nurse called out to him as he was leaving the ER and asked "have you ever been to Payson?" "Yes," he responded, "I served there for ten years." And then she said, "I'm Bree!" It had been 14 years since he had seen Brianne ... and here she stood, a grown up, bright,

grounded ER nurse and faithful woman.

Pastor Alan has stayed in touch with Bree, and this past summer when we needed a nurse for SALCA camp, Bree filled the bill. The campers loved her.

She has been asking if she could work with the youth of New Spirit, and we find ourselves in a unique position. We have no High School girls, but we have a growing core group of girls that are 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grades. "Just Us Girls" will be the group's initial name. They will be meeting with Bree, once a month to begin with, to build confidence in one another and to connect as a group.

Come and meet Bree on Sunday November 27<sup>th</sup>. From 5:30 - 7:00 pm in the youth room. Check out how meetings will be run with games, activities, Bible Study, and growth opportunities. Welcome Bree!!!



WITH  
*Gratitude* 

**Thank you...Betty White!!!** For the past 35 years, Betty White has slid onto the organ bench and led the worship services of Spanish Trail Lutheran Church, and New Spirit Lutheran Church. Betty not only played for Sunday worship services, she accompanied the choirs, played for weddings and funerals, played mid-week Advent and Lenten services, and helped with Sunday School children's Christmas pageants. While Betty's last day "on the bench" was September 25<sup>th</sup>, a celebration of her faithful service to Christ's Church was held on October 9<sup>th</sup> where surrounded by her long-time friends and her wildest fans she heard the stories of how she blest so many lives! A celebration of fellowship, food, and sharing capped off our giving thanks to God for the person who is Betty White.

**Dear New Spirit Lutheran Church -**

I'm SSgt Bryan Fleetwood. I believe that my dad, Terry Fleetwood was a member of your congregation before he moved to Washington State (in August). Anyway, I just received a care package from you guys and I wanted to take the time to send you a quick note to thank you for your kind gesture.

You should be pleased to know I appreciated getting the care package and everything in it came to good use, especially the corned beef! ☺ I shared the box with the guys in my platoon and they wanted to thank you all too.

So that's about it, thanks from me and the guys in my platoon for the care package. We all really appreciated it!

## Looking Ahead ...

**The Advent Theme for 2011** will be “**Living in Hope.**” It seems appropriate this year with the difficulties of the economy, political tensions, and the uprising movement of the Occupy Wall Street people calling for economic justice, that we turn our hearts toward the promise of the Advent Season—the coming of Jesus. Midweek Advent Services will begin **Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.**



Each midweek service will include time for prayer, hearing the promises of the Scripture, and a brief reflection on the theme woven into the news of the day. **Hanging of the Greens** will be held on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, as we bring the symbols of the Advent preparation out. We'll need some extra help with the decorating that evening.

**Children's Christmas Program and Holiday Dinner** will be held on **Sunday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.** Rehearsals for the Christmas program



**Christmas Program**

will be announced soon for the children. Assignments of parts are happening during Sunday School classes, at 10:15 in K-Hall.

Watch for the sign-up sheet for the **Holiday Dinner** to be shared after the Children's Program.



This year, Christmas Day falls on a Sunday. **Christmas Eve** is on Saturday and New Spirit will be offering three candle-light communion services at: 3 pm, 5 pm and 8 pm.

On **Christmas Day** there will be **one service of Holy Communion** at **10:00 a.m.** That service will include Christmas Carols, prayer and the celebration of Holy Communion.

**New Year's Day** is on a Sunday, too, and we will hold **one service of Holy Communion** at **10 a.m.** This service will be led by the Praise Team and will include a dedication of the New Year.

## Shout—Outs

- Shout—Out to our new team of acolytes**, Abigail, Caitlyn, Cloe, Emily, Gabby, Jakob and Macaela
- Shout—Out to Dolores Syverson** for the continued care and nurture of Prayer Shawl Ministry.
- Shout—Out to Sharon Dobbs** for sewing over 70 Christmas stockings for the December Food Bank bags.
- Shout—Out to The Cook Team** for providing great food for the Oktoberfest
- Shout—Out to John Lukecart** for his fastidious clean up from the Oktoberfest – it was above and beyond!
- Shout—Out to Ken Dobbs** for working on a hot Saturday hacking at weeds.
- Shout—Out to Tracy Miller** for taking time to coordinate the last minute details to get a necessary mailing out even though she was on vacation.

- Shout—Out to Praise Team** for their unselfish acts and sharing of their music at Oktoberfest; not only on that day, but the extra practices that it took!
- Shout—Out to Don Austin and Steve Lamb** for figuring out a new program and new computer and making our 9 am services more interesting.
- Shout—Out to Terry Mysak** for completing our Mission Plan even though he was on vacation.
- Shout—Out to Marilyn Linderkamp** for taking on the training, scheduling and supervising of our new acolytes.
- Shout—Out to Sarah Drath** for working at the Food Bank even when she is not scheduled and for keeping a look out for the “Bread Lady,” so that the office staff doesn't have to unload bread during office hours!



**Shout - Out  
of Thanks!**

## SOS (Share Our Spirit)

Remember SOS money is available to members of the congregation who have short term unexpected costs such as rent, medicine, car repairs, utilities, etc. if you



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have needs, speak with Pastor Alan or Gloria Burke. Please don't wait until you are behind in payments.

It takes about a week to process a request for approval through the SOS Team, paper work and check writing. Your information is kept confidential by the SOS team.



## In Memory ...

**Velma Klomp** died October 2<sup>nd</sup> following a lengthy illness. Velma and her late husband Mike, joined Spanish Trail Lutheran Church in the late 1970's. Velma sang in the choir and participated in the Women's ministry. Velma's husband, Mike, was the brother of Clayton Klomp, Ruth's late husband. Velma and Ruth were sisters-in-law. Chronic health issues prevented Velma from attending worship quite a few years ago. We lift her family in our prayers asking for comfort and peace.

## Women of the ELCA News

### *Deborah's Gathering:*

Fourteen women gathered for hymns, prayers, Bible Study and fellowship in October. We welcomed Jackie Willcox, Dorothy Aulepp, Gerri Gillette and Marilyn Carter to the group. Any women who would care to join us for this daytime study are very welcome. Thanks to all those who contributed diapers and money for the convention outreach. This month's gathering will be held on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 here at the church. Bible Study Leader: Gloria Burke, Hostesses: Barbara Rebok and Ellen Canterbury.



### *Convention:*

Please pray for the women of New Spirit who are attending the annual convention. It is being held in Tucson November 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>. The women of New Spirit will be participating in many tasks. Thanks to all the women for your assistance to make this a friendly and meaningful gathering. Barbara Rebok will be our delegate, and eleven women will attend from New Spirit.

### *Thank Offering Sunday:*

The annual gathering of thank offerings will be held at both services on November 20. Special thank offering envelopes will be handed out the Sunday before at the doors to the Sanctuary.



### *Prison Cookie Ministry:*

Just a reminder: Prison Cookie time is coming up fast!! Cookies will be accepted November 27<sup>th</sup> – December 13<sup>th</sup>. Please mark the packages as Prison Cookies and leave them in the kitchen. The cookies can be homemade or bakery type – but every cookie counts!! If you need more information, see or call Joyce Dow.



### *Church Women United:*

CWU's World Community Celebration will be held November 11<sup>th</sup> beginning at 2 pm at Pima Meeting Society of Friends at 931 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Ave.

# Annual Congregational Meeting of New Spirit Lutheran

**The Annual Congregational Meeting of New Spirit Lutheran Church** will take place on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The agenda for the meeting will include the following: Approval of the Minutes from the 2009, and 2010 Annual Meetings:

1. Election of Vision Team President;
2. Election of the Vision Team Vice President;
3. Election of Vision Team Secretary;

4. Election of 4 members-at-large to the Vision Team;
5. Election of two Endowment Board Members;
6. Vote on the proposed Mission Plan for 2012;
7. In addition we will need to appoint an Audit Committee.



## Meet Your Vision Team—Tom Bartels

Greetings and blessings to all of you. I am Tom Bartels and currently the vice-president of the Vision Team, having accepted that position when we learned that Joan Fleetwood would be stepping down as vice-president due to relocation. This is my third position held on the church council, having previously served as a member-at-large, a vice-president, and now as vice-president again.

My family includes my wife Donna Bartels, son Michael (32) and son Stephen (26). Michael is married to Takeisha Bartels and they have a daughter, Jasmine (10). Jasmine was baptized at New Spirit. We have been members here since about 1992. We transferred membership to Spanish Trail Lutheran from Streams in the Desert Lutheran after we moved from mid town to our house at 30<sup>th</sup> Street & Harrison. Michael was confirmed at Streams and Stephen was confirmed at Spanish Trail. We moved again in 2004 and now live on Sundew Drive, north of Golf Links Road, and as of April of this year we became empty nesters.

Donna and I moved to Tucson in 1979 from Des Plaines, IL, a Chicago suburb where I had been employed as a science teacher at Maine Township High School North in Des Plaines. Due to declining enrollment and lack of funding, my position was eliminated and the school later closed down in about 1980. We chose Tucson because I had visited here in

the early 70's and loved the desert, mountains, sunshine and lack of snow and ice. I interviewed for a job opening with a local engineering company and began work in April 1979. I worked for the company about 8 years as a surveyor, materials lab manager, inspector and lab technician. In 1986, I interviewed for a job with the City of Tucson, Transportation Department as an Engineering Inspector. I retired from the City of Tucson in 2009, with 24 years of service, as a Transportation Superintendent with the Streets & Traffic Maintenance Division.

My hobbies include gardening & landscaping, reading, computer research, fishing, genealogy, Tai-Chi and swimming. I learned to play guitar a few years back and miss playing with "Healing Soul." I still practice occasionally, but not near as much as I used to.

My interests in the church include ushering, caring ministries and the vision team. I've been the church's website editor since the beginning and am looking forward to participating in the next phase of that presence as hopefully someone will take that over and direct its new growth and new capabilities.



## Thanksgiving Eve Service

**“Come You Thankful People Come”** will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Service of Thanksgiving with Holy Communion will focus upon the abundant blessings of God to us, “more than enough.” Receiving the Eucharist is the best way to mindfully enter the celebration of Thanksgiving Day.



Come, Ye Thankful People ...

## Stewardship Corner

Stewardship is not just raising funds—  
it’s raising Christians.  
Stewardship is not a matter of budgets—  
it’s a matter of faith.  
Stewardship is not just about money—  
it’s using our talents for God’s ministry.  
Stewardship is about love—  
love for God and love for  
each other.



## November Menus:

### November 2<sup>nd</sup>

Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Mixed Veggies, Pumpkin Bread

### November 9<sup>th</sup>

BBQ Chicken, Baked Potatoes,  
Peas or Carrots, Ice Cream



### November 16<sup>th</sup>

Spaghetti Bake, Bread, Salad, Banana Pudding Pies

### November 23<sup>rd</sup>

Pies and Desserts after the Thanksgiving Eve Worship (Congregation, please bring a pie or dessert!)

### November 30<sup>th</sup>

POTLUCK

Dinners are served at 5:30 pm. Please bring your own table setting to conserve on disposable items. Suggested donation to defer the cost of the meal preparation is \$4.

**On Thanksgiving Eve** we will enjoy a Pie & Dessert Social after the 6:30 Worship. Please sign up in the Narthex as soon it’s convenient for you!

## Ring! Ring! Grace Notes Calling

Did you know that the hand bell/chime choir has faithfully provided special music for this church since 1989? Did you know that the “Grace Notes” is the name of the choir?

Through the years, 56 members of this congregation have rung in the choir! Even though we are teased as being the “ding-a-lings,” we are actually members of the Hand Bell Musicians of America (a name change this year from American Guild of English Hand Bell Ringers).



Through the years some of our members have rung at area and state conferences. What a joy to ring with up to 600 other ringers! Not quite such a joy to transport tables, bells, pads, stands, music and covers to Colorado, Wyoming, New Mexico or Flagstaff!!

Want to try ringing? Over half of the choir does not read music. We use a color coded system, so have no fear, give it a try! Call Gloria at 296-7834. More information next month about the Grace Notes choir!

# “He Spoke to Me” - My Miracle by Flo Vohnoutka

Something has happened to me that I want to share with you all – my Christian family. I have been told by others who are not “believers” that I was very lucky, but I know this was not the result of being lucky. What happened is in every sense miraculous! Now before I tell my story, I need to tell you a little about myself. I write poems. I do not even like poems, but when I write, they always “come” to me in the middle of the night and appear to me like I am reading them off a page. On occasion it will be about something I have had on my mind, but usually I have no idea why it came.

Now for my miracle. While we were in NY at the home of a relative, I was going to take a shower. The bathtub mat was loose and as I stepped in, it flew out from under me. I was literally air-born! My feet went up and my head went down and I landed on my head and back. I hit so hard that I laid there dazed for a few seconds! I collected my senses enough to feel my head and check for bleeding. There was none and I thought no one in their 70’s can take this kind of fall without some bad consequences. But I scrambled up and out of the tub and got a towel around me just as Julie came knocking on the door to see what had happened. I assured her I was fine, but wondered to myself if I really was ok. Aside from being in a sort of daze, I felt ok.

The next day I still had no lump on my head, no headache, no bruises, soreness or pain. It was as if it had never happened! I know without a doubt that the Lord was holding me in His arms as I fell! A couple of days later we spent 3 days with my cousin who lives out in the woods, surrounded only by small towns. As I was lying in bed one morning, I was still thinking about the fall and I thought of a lady skier who got hit in the head and thought she was fine and a few days later she died. I started thinking that could happen to me, and started to panic because of where we were. There were no hospitals for at least 50 miles in any direction and maybe there was no ambulance service. I had just about decided to wake Joe and tell him we had to get back to Albany NOW. But just before I

reached over to wake him, I “saw” these words –



“He Spoke to Me”

I lie here trembling, I’m really scared  
I wonder, should these thoughts be shared

I’m feeling strange, I wipe a tear  
I know this feeling, and it’s fear

Shall I ignore the way I feel?  
But what I feel, it’s very real

Should I stay or should I go?  
I really wish that I could know.

Should I awake this man I wed  
And tell him what I feel inside my head?

Listen now, your health is mine!  
Get up my child, you will be fine.

Now when I “saw” the last two lines, a feeling of calm came over me and I was no longer afraid. I did not tell my cousin or Joe about this poem until we were back home. ~ Flo Vohnoutka

## From the Operations Team

**The November Work Day** will be held on Saturday, November 19 . It will be a clean up day beginning at 7 am and ending with breakfast at 9 am.

**A Volunteer or Two Are Needed** to serve on the **Operations Team**. If you have the gift of helps and have some knowledge and/or maintenance skills we sure could use your help! We are the group that is responsible for the maintenance of the building and grounds. We also develop the stewardship program and a preliminary budget each year. If you’re interested call John Lukecart at 885-8182.



# K-Hall Happenings

## Food Bank Report



In September a record number of 241 community Food Bank boxes were issued along with 28 New Spirit supplemental bags. It was a very busy month and we don't expect it to slow down anytime in the near future. The good news is that we have been blessed to receive such generous donations from our own congregation and 5 other churches in the area that do monthly food drives. Every can of food means so much to the clients who can't make ends meet during these tough times.

Gerri Sjoland and I attended the annual Community Food Bank meeting in September. The news wasn't uplifting. The government, in their infinite wisdom for trimming the federal deficit, is drastically cutting the food program dollars to the Community Food Bank, including food boxes for the elderly. Support of feeding those in need will fall more and more to the communities and churches. Your contributions are helping to feed those people that the government is leaving behind.

We are still looking for a few more people to work the computers on Tuesday and Thursday for one or two days a month. Also needed are another few pickup truck drivers to pick up pallets of food at the main food bank. Thank you for those that have already volunteered.

## Christmas is right around the corner!



The Mission and Services Team is doing a Socks & Underwear Christmas Drive for the neediest of our Food Bank Clients – Children aged 2 to 13. A small gently used or new stuffed animal is also needed. So when you are shopping your favorite store – whether it is the Family Dollar, Wal-Mart or some other haunt – please remember the children who rarely get new things. These items will be put in a Christmas stocking along with a children's Bible book and given out during the Christmas Season. Please leave any donations on the Food Pantry cart from now until December 1<sup>st</sup>.



## Holiday Meals for the Hungry



## Holiday Food Bags

There are still plenty of Holiday bags to be filled for Christmas. Take two!! There are many families who have nothing special to celebrate their holidays with, except for this extra bag of traditional holiday food. The Lord has provided us with so much and this is a good time to share our bounty with others.

## Loan Chest Needs

The loan chest is very low on shower benches, tub transfer benches and beside commodes! If you know of one that isn't being used, please consider giving it to the Loan Chest – our clients have the need for it!

Carol Lukecart

## Thanks To All of You!

In this month of giving thanks, it is with great joy and humility that I thank you for your gracious comments at the party for me at El Molinito. Your hugs, smiles, kind words and generosity really touched me. It was a fun evening and a complete surprise. I do not know how so many people can keep a secret, but you all are really good!

It has been my honor to be the organist here for so many years. It will be an honor and a joy for me to get to sit with my dear husband during services. God has richly blessed us to have been in this place. Thanks so much for your cards and good wishes. They will stay with me for a long, long time.

~ Betty White



# Women of Faith

In case you wondered who they are – they are you and me. And it's an organization that goes around the country to put on conferences with the intent of connecting with women of faith as well as those whose faith needs encouragement. Through music and sharing the stories of how God has impacted their lives, they work to inspire us and connect with other believers. It is through them that God sends us the message that we are not alone. They are living proof of how God has provided. They were not always inspirational speakers, but through their trials, they have responded to God in a sacrificial way of giving their time and talents.

Patsy Clairmont suffered from agoraphobia in her early years of marriage; Marilyn Meberg had to deal with infertility issues and becoming a widow at an early age; Sheila Walsh had a very difficult early childhood in Scotland which led to depression; Sandy Patti had to go through a divorce as a famous person and

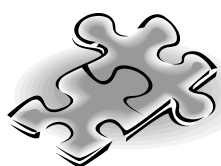
learn to accept the notoriety that came with that. This is just a sample of the speakers intermingled with music from artists like Mandesa, Amy Grant, Natalie Grant, Sandi Patti, and Praise Teams. It is through such an event that my faith is strengthened and perhaps someone else's is born.



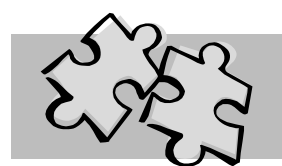
If you are at all interested in knowing more about it, just ask those who went this past September. There were 22 of us from New Spirit and some of us invited friends, so our total was 32!

I have a DVD that anyone is welcome to borrow to get a better insight into what it is all about. Thank you to New Spirit for putting up funds for our hotel stay. It is greatly appreciated by all of us.

~Brigitte Stuetze



## Bits & Pieces— Small Articles of Great Importance



### Grace Notes News—

You will be called when we are going to practice.



### Attention All Thrivent Members—

Voting for the Saguaro Chapter officers for 2012 will be held on November 6 during the fellowship time if the ballots arrive. If not, watch for the election set up another Sunday in November. The prize drawing for voting this year will be Gift Cards instead of cash.



### Prayer Shawl Ministry—

We had five ladies at our meeting on October 15<sup>th</sup>. We enjoyed the fellowship and blessed seven new shawls. We also received eleven baby hats for Project 24. We have 21 shawls to give out, so if you know of someone who could use one please call me at 731-3359 and I will see that they get one. We hope more of you join us in our next meeting on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012. We really do have fun, so join us! ~Dolores Syverson



### Welcome to the Lord's Table—

On Wednesday afternoons during October the following children attended First Communion Classes and on October 30<sup>th</sup> these children received the Holy Communion for the first time: Altaira & Nikki Garibay, Hayden Harriger, Katie & Allison Uidenich.



### Eucharistic Ministry Training—

**Are You Willing to Visit Shut-Ins** to take them Holy Communion? Training for **Lay Eucharistic Ministers** will be held on Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5:45 – 6:45 in the evening. No special talents are required, the willingness to offer this care and comfort to a brother or sister in Christ.



# Project 24—Saving Babies During Their First 24 Hours

## About Project 24:

Every year, 4 million babies die within the first four weeks after birth. More than 50% of those deaths occur in the first 24 hours with newborn hypothermia as a major cause contributing to this tragedy. Thus the name: Project 24. Even in hot climates like Africa or the Middle East, newborns lose a tremendous amount of life sustaining body heat through their heads. Project 24 was born in May 2008 when 118 baby hats made by women in Tucson were sent overseas to warm the heads of newborns in Ghana, West Africa. Dr. Mira Taylor wrote us to say, “We have received baby hats to the great delight of my workers and mothers. Our hearts have been warmed, as will many newborns by the generous and loving response to this need.” Since 2008, we’ve sent over 6,000 hats to babies in Africa and the Middle East, cutting their newborn mortality rate in half and bringing hope to new mothers.



## Making hats:

You can contribute to Project 24 throughout the year. Baby hats can be knit, sewn, crocheted or purchased, then brought to Brigitte Stuetze. Free patterns for baby hats are easily found online. General rules of thumb are: it should fit over an apple for a preemie or a grapefruit for a full-term baby. Don’t stress over hat

size—if you make it, they’ll use it. Babies in third and fourth world countries are generally smaller than the American babies we are used to. If you like to sew, stretch jersey knit (the thin thermal kind used for pajamas) is a very economical way to make a ton of hats.

## From Brigitte Stuetze:

I will be happy to give you instructions to crochet or knit these caps and take completed caps to Abounding Grace for distribution. Call me at 298-8547.

## Nominations for 2012 Vision team

Nominations for the 2012 Vision Team and Endowment Board are now open! You may nominate yourself or someone else. Nomination slips are on the Narthex counter (near the devotions), when you have filled it out, please slip it into the black box. Open positions on the Vision Team are:

President,  
Vice President,  
Secretary and  
4 Members at Large .

The Endowment Board has two positions open.

Thank you for your help!  
~ Robin Hughes (President Ex-Oficio)



## Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations



November 1<sup>st</sup> – Joel Carty  
November 1<sup>st</sup> – Hayden Harriger  
November 4<sup>th</sup> – Cordelia Lundquist  
November 6<sup>th</sup> – Betty White  
November 7<sup>th</sup> – Barbara Rebok

November 7<sup>th</sup> – Cyndy Ryan  
November 10<sup>th</sup> – Richard Fox  
November 11<sup>th</sup> – Cathy Cermak  
November 11<sup>th</sup> – Edna Walton  
November 13<sup>th</sup> – Mike Roddy  
November 14<sup>th</sup> – Caitlyn Friend  
November 15<sup>th</sup> – Naomi Osgood  
November 18<sup>th</sup> – Virginia Osgood  
November 18<sup>th</sup> – Pam Sharbo  
November 18<sup>th</sup> – Richard Siegel  
November 20<sup>th</sup> – Nikki Garibay

November 20<sup>th</sup> – Sharon Wedemeier  
November 22<sup>nd</sup> – Ray & Andrea Haugen  
November 25<sup>th</sup> – Barbara Carty  
November 26<sup>th</sup> – Chip & Colleen Green  
November 27<sup>th</sup> – Scott Williams  
November 29<sup>th</sup> – Drew Potter



## How Do YOU Fit Into New Spirit?—Part 1

How do YOU fit into New Spirit? When a four year old boy comes to the food pantry and gets excited over the spaghetti noodles and sauce in his mother's pantry bag, YOU did that. We all understand our food pantry ministry feeds the hungry, but has it occurred to you that a little boy who lives across the street will have dinner tonight because of you? YOU did that.

How do YOU fit into New Spirit? When an elderly man calls in tears hoping we have a wheelchair we can rent to him for a low fee and we can tell him it's free, YOU did that.

How do YOU fit into New Spirit? When we are able to prepare someone's taxes and help them find a refund that changes their life ,YOU are a part of that.

How do YOU fit into New Spirit? When a new family comes for dinner on Wednesday evening and stays to be lifted and enriched spiritually through our class, YOU did that.

How do YOU fit into New Spirit? When Interfaith Community Services is able to see clients and assist with their rent and other financial needs, YOU do that.

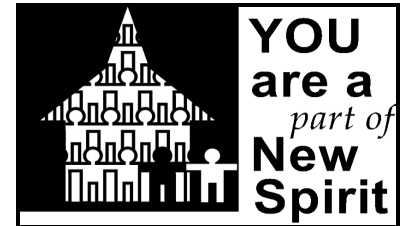
How do YOU fit into New Spirit? When other members are given love and lifted in spirit through Sunday Fellowship, Wednesday night dinners, and other monthly meetings YOU did that simply by attending and showing your smiling face.

How do YOU fit into New Spirit? Some of you are able to give us the gift of your time, others the gift of your donation or financial contribution, some share our ministry with the community to grow Christ's gospel and our ministry, and some give us the gift of the spirit of support. The bags you bring in weekly, the money that you donate, and those in the community YOU inspire by sharing our ministry keep over 200 families from literally starving every month. The medical equipment YOU donate or solicit has given hundreds of people of all ages mobility and dignity in difficult times.

The classes YOU teach, the cards YOU send, the prayers YOU pray, the trees YOU trim, the meals YOU cook, the communion

YOU prepare, all of these things bless our church family continually. When you give your pledge to support our mission plan so that we can continue to keep the lights on and the doors open for spiritual growth and ministering to the community, YOU do that.

YOU have built an amazing and awe-inspiring ministry that has changed thousands of lives. YOU are part of a church that not only preaches Christ's gospel but puts it into action every day in multiple ways. We appreciate YOU and are humbled by all YOU do. YOU truly have and are part of a New Spirit!



## How Do YOU Fit Into New Spirit?—Part 2

How do YOU fit into New Spirit? Come find out! When the charter or Vision teams meet, you can attend and have a voice. We often wonder how the business of church really works; as a member in good standing of the church, we welcome you to attend any



team meeting. Do you know what the Operations Team does? What is the purpose of the Vision

Team? Come to any meeting to observe and find out, no reservation required! Just remember, as an observer you are asked to be seen and not heard until after the meeting. If you are inspired by the meeting we have vacancies to fill this term on all teams including the Vision Team and would welcome your interest (see the article about nominations on page 12). Then you can say, YOU did that.

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## **Sundays:**

9:00 am Arise to Praise (a Spirited Contemporary  
Worship Service)

10:15 – 11:00 am Sunday School for all ages

11:00 am Traditions (A Worship Service Using the  
Classic Hymns & Liturgies of the Lutheran  
Church)

## **Wednesdays:**

5:30 pm Dinner

6:15 pm Program

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