



~ Thursday Evening Theology ~
at Spirit of Hope
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

This September we are launching our new Thursday Evening Theology Program of prayer, discussion, and reflection. We'll gather at Spirit of Hope for a meal of salad, soup, and bread. Then we'll work on developing our piece of theology for the evening. Whether we use readings, DVDs, or listen to guest speakers, we'll raise questions of a theological nature in an effort to energize our faith.

~ Faith being a verb rather than a noun ~

Our September topics are:

Thursday, September 9: Thursday's Table Prayer

Gather at Spirit of Hope chapel for a Eucharistic prayer and interactive reflection on the readings of the day or other texts chosen specifically for the community.

Thursday, September 16: "How Big is Your God?"

Is God an experience or a theology? When people come into your life, do they see a divine connection in you? Do you have a living relationship with God, or are you just practicing religion? We will view a 15-minute talk by Paul Continuh, SJ, and discuss his remarks as they apply to our lives.

Thursday, September 23: Thursday's Tension Tamer

As we approach the end of another month we ought to take a moment to calm down, to reflect on our lives, to release some of the stress we've accumulated and remember that it is God who is in control. By listening to recorded instrumental music, the spoken word, and taking time to meditate in the silent presence of our friends, we hope to be able to catch our breath before turning yet another calendar page.

All are invited and encouraged to attend.
You won't be disappointed!



Spirit of Hope Independent Catholic Community

To our Eucharistic table – All are invited

August, 2010



Summer Mass Schedule Sunday evening 7:30 p.m.

at

**St. Anne's Episcopal Church
2035 Charlton Road
Sunfish Lake, MN 55118**

To schedule a
baptism, wedding, anointing, or funeral
contact Pastor Marty Shanahan
at 651-328-7723

www.spiritofhopecatholiccommunity.org

Sunday, August 1

Presiding: Rev. Marty Shanahan

Lector: Kathy Shanahan

Prayers of the Faithful: Bob Pirro

Eucharist Ministers: Joyce Rother, Colleen Woodley

Music: Art Stoeberl, Mary Lou Larson Fine

Sunday, August 8

Presiding: Rev. Marty Shanahan

Lector: Colleen Woodley

Prayers of the Faithful: Joyce Rother

Eucharist Ministers: Kathy Shanahan, Joyce St John

Music: Jim Cosgrove, Christine Lees

Sunday, August 15

Presiding: Rev. Marty Shanahan

Lector: Ingrid Mattsson

Prayers of the Faithful: Kathy Shanahan

Eucharist Ministers: Jim Cosgrove, Colleen Woodley

Music: Cynthia Sampers, Jim Cosgrove, Mary Lou Larson Fine

Sunday, August 22

Presiding: Rev. Marty Shanahan

Lector: Jim Cosgrove

Prayers of the Faithful: Ingrid Mattsson

Eucharist Ministers: Laurie Fitzer, Joyce St John

Music: Cynthia Sampers, Art Stoeberl, Christine Lees

Sunday, August 29

Presiding: Rev. Marty Shanahan

Lector: Tom King

Prayers of the Faithful: Laurie Fitzer

Eucharist Ministers: Betsy McDonald, Joyce St John

Music: Ingrid Mattsson, Jim Cosgrove, Mary Lou Larson Fine

Joseph's Coat

In July we donated 2 dozen flip-flops, 2 beach mats, 5 sleeping bags, 8 books, 1 bag of clothes, and 1 box fan to Joseph's Coat. Thank you for your generosity. Please see Joyce St John if you would like a receipt for your donations.

In August we are collecting back to school supplies for all ages/grades.

Neighbors Food Shelf

Spirit of Hope supports Neighbors, a non-profit, social-service agency by collecting non perishable food items. All donations are appreciated.

Mark Your Calendar

Tue., Aug 10
6:30 p.m.

Core Team Meeting

Pot luck at Joyce's house. Please contact Joyce for details.

Sun, Aug 22
6:30 p.m.
Mass at 7:30

Summer Pot Luck Dinner

Join us *before* Mass for an old fashioned pot luck dinner. This is a chance to share a dish, relax, and enjoy some good conversation on a warm summer evening. Sign-up sheets are in the gather space on the cart.

Looking Ahead

Thurs., Sept 9

Thursday's Table Prayer (see details on back page)

Sat., Sept 11

Core Team Meeting

Sun., Sept 12

Thank you Breakfast for St. Anne's Community

Thurs., Sept 16

"How Big is Your God?" (see details on back page)

Thurs., Sept 23

Thursday's Tension Tamer (see details on back page)

Fall and Winter Mass Schedule

It's hard to believe, but fall is right around the corner and we will be returning to our fall and winter Mass schedule. Please mark your calendars for this change coming on the first Saturday *after* Labor Day:

Saturday evening Mass will resume on September 11 at 5:00 p.m.

Prayer for the Game of Life

by Richard Cardinal Cushing

DEAR GOD, help me be a good sport in the game of life. I don't ask for an easy place in the lineup. Put me anywhere you need me. I only ask that I can give you 100% of everything I have. If all the hard drives seem to come my way, I thank you for the compliment. Help me to remember that you never send a player more trouble than he can handle with your help.

And help me, Lord, to accept the bad breaks as part of the game. May I always play on the square no matter what others do...Help me study - THE BOOK - so I'll know the rules.

Finally, God, if the natural turn of events goes against me and I am benched for sickness or old age, help me accept that as a part of the game, too. Keep me from whimpering that I was framed or that I got a raw deal. And when I finish the final inning, I ask for no laurels; all I want is to believe in my heart, I played as well as I could and that I didn't let you down.
Amen.