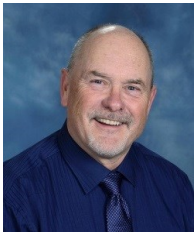


# Quail Notes September 2018



## CELEBRATING GRACE, MAKING DISCIPLES, MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Greetings Friends and Members of Desert Hills Lutheran,

I'll be working on a new sermon series in September entitled "Four Things I Don't Believe." We all believe things as Christians and these four were put together by another Pastor, Larry Osborne. I'll be putting my own slant on them but the I've borrowed basic notion from him. The series starts on September 9 with the belief, "Everything Happens for a Reason." I'm not sure everything does happen for a reason, but of course, I could be wrong.

We have another group of outstanding new members. The classes continue, and we will be welcoming our new members at the end of September, either on Saturday the 29th or Sunday the 30th. Also, the next new member class begins almost immediately on October 11, the last one for 2018.

On September 22 and 23 we will be highlighting one of our strongest ministries here at Desert Hills, Stephen Ministers. We will have a very short presentation at all services to better acquaint ourselves with this lay ministry, along with people ready to answer questions and, if appropriate, sign you up for the training.

If you are interested, I'd like to invite you to consider becoming part of a sermon based small group. These groups meet for an hour and discuss the previous sermon. Some meet at the church, others in each other's homes (like the finger scribble pictured above, done by one of our snowbirds, Howard Partch, Anacortes, WA.) It is amazing what people hear differently on the weekend. Meeting at church or in a home, it is a fantastic way to become connected with people in a large congregation.

See you at worship! Pastor Martin

### DHLC Staff Updates

Thanks to all of you, DHLC continues to grow in size and activities. As such, there have been several changes to the DHLC staff and their roles over the last year. There have even been some office moves. Many times staff members meet with members and guests in their offices. Sometimes the meetings are confidential. So, when you stop into the office, we'd like to make sure that the person you wish to see is available. Please check in at the front desk and we'll get you to the right person as soon as possible. In future editions of Quail Notes, each staff member will be profiled to help you better understand what they do and with whom you should talk to get the support you need. Please see the chart on page 8.

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## Desert Hills Lutheran Church Council

<i>Judy</i>	<i>Luke</i>	<i>Tom</i>	<i>Barbara</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Gunson</i>	<i>Coker</i>	<i>Royer</i>	<i>Southard</i>	<i>Overson</i>
<i>President</i>	<i>Vice President</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Pastor</i>

*2nd row left to right*

*Rob Bonnema, Betty Colongione, bb Haywood,  
John Martin, Janice Mounce*



### Summary of DHLC Council Meeting – August 21, 2018

The Council met on Tuesday, August 21st and received reports from Pastor Martin, Tom Royer, Treasurer and Melissa Buscho, Administrator. Council approved the Fundraising Policy as written. Previous approval was already given to the Social Concerns committee to have a drive for Youth on Their Own. Council approved three weekends for this drive: the 2nd, 3rd and 4th weekends in October. Other discussions included the Global Leadership Summit, 2019 budgeting timeline and when to host the next committee chair/group leader gathering. Dates in October are being considered. The next council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 18 at 5:30pm.

### The NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY is Coming!

Celebrate Family with Lifetouch Photography...

For participating each family receives a complimentary 8x10 photograph and a free church directory.



We have scheduled two time frames for getting as many of our congregants' photos into the directory as possible. Our photography sessions are scheduled for the first two weeks in October and January, but you must sign up to get the time slot you want or need.

Go online to [www.dhlc.org](http://www.dhlc.org) and click on the Lifetouch schedule appointment button to schedule your appointment (Monday through Friday) or sign up on the weekends of September 8-9, 15-16, 22-23 at one of the tables in the hallway or Fellowship Hall. Bring your calendar so you don't book yourself when you're suppose to be golfing, getting your hair or nails done or any other already scheduled appointments.

Pick up a brochure on the New Member wall board for ideas of what to wear, accessories, pets, etc. If you have any questions feel free to call Susie Stewart at 520 648-1633 Ext 29



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#### Worship Times

Saturday — 3 & 5 pm

Sunday — 8, 9:30 & 11 am

Nursery is available for infants through 5 years at the 3 & 5 services Saturday and Sunday at 9:30 and 11 am.

#### Holy Communion is celebrated

the 1st & 3rd weekend of each month at all services.

#### Holy Communion & Healing Prayer

Service 10:30 am in the Chapel on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month

#### Sunday School Classes

9:30 am K-6th Grade / Mid Oct.—April

#### Office Hours

Monday-Friday — 8:30am to 4pm

#### Pastoral Staff

Rev. Dr. Martin Overson, *Senior Pastor*  
Rev. Ken Nyhusmoen, *Associate Pastor*

**Quail Notes** newsletter is published monthly.

Email articles for the October issue by September 15<sup>th</sup> to [quailnotes@dhlc.org](mailto:quailnotes@dhlc.org).



Nancy Meier's pastel paintings of the beautiful Southwest landscape will be in the Narthex

during September and October. An award-winning artist, Nancy has been involved in the arts since grade school. She majored in art at the University of Idaho and California College of Arts and Crafts and had a 30-year career managing various arts organizations.



### HAVEN OR HEAVEN GOLF EVENT

January 28, 2019

At this time we are looking for people interested in Promotional Opportunities such as Tee Box Sign Sponsor. All opportunities are listed in the brochure which can be picked up at the front desk. Proceeds go to the DHLC Foundation.



# Abiding in God's Eternal Care

Karen West

*August 11, 2018*

Mildred Walsh

*August 16, 2018*

Norm Harris

*August 20, 2018*



## Stephen Ministry Weekend September 22

Do you feel a tug in your heart  
to travel with a fellow Christian seeking God's presence  
in life's twists and turns?  
To help answer the question  
Could I be a Stephen Minister?,  
detailed information will be offered  
at worship Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 22-23.  
This year Stephen Ministry training will be Oct. 16—Nov 9.  
Questions? contact Dick Hill at  
520 499-2491 or [dickehill44@gmail.com](mailto:dickehill44@gmail.com).

### FOUNDATION



#### CORNER

#### YOUR DONATIONS AND THE NEW TAX LAW

The new federal tax law increases the standard deduction to \$12,000 for single taxpayers and \$24,000 for married couples. This means that many people who previously itemized deductions will find it advantageous to take the standard deduction instead.

While you may no longer benefit from a tax standpoint from your charitable contributions, you still can, in effect, get a deduction by contributing a portion of your IRA to charity. If you are at least 70 1/2, any amount you transfer (up to \$100,000) from your IRA to charity is tax-free. Just contact your IRA provider and complete the simple instructions to have an amount go directly to a non-profit such as the Desert Hills Lutheran Church Foundation or Desert Hills Lutheran Church.

Appreciated stock or mutual funds continue to be excellent assets to also contribute. Of course the real benefit to non-profits is helping make our church and our community stronger. We encourage you to consult your tax professional about your personal situation and prayerfully and joyfully answer the call to live as faithful stewards.

**The Global Mission Committee** would like to thank all of those who contributed funds for the ELCA Good Gifts for our Christmas in July last month.....we had an amazing thing happen.....you donated \$8,544 which will provide many essential living items. The greatest is that we received funding for **TWO wells!!**

Here is what it means to a village when they receive a well:

The lack of access to clean water is one of the biggest challenges to overcoming poverty. It's also one of the most powerful opportunities to create change. With a simple well, or spring box, as many as 500 families gain access to clean, safe water. Communities are healthier. People spend less money on medical expenses and more on food and education. And instead of spending hours each day gathering water for the family, women and children have time for work and school. Talk about a future filled with hope!



Thanks to all of you who are helping us Make A Difference in the world! DHLC Global Mission Board

#### Do You Prefer to Read Quail Notes Online?

If you are receiving a paper copy of the monthly newsletter (Quail Notes) in the mail, but would prefer to just read it online, we want to hear from you. Please contact the church office and let them know you would like to be taken off the paper copy version. Doing so will help us clean up our records and save time and money in the production of the paper copies.



# MUSIC MINISTRY

## We Inspire

The DHLC Music Ministry welcomes Barb Blachly as the new director for Chancel Choir. She and her husband, Robert, bought a home in Green Valley this year. Even though they bought a home here, they still spend part of the year in Kansas. Barb has been a school music teacher, choir director, piano teacher and also a hand bell director. She directed the choir at her church for 40 years. Barb and Robert just love this church which is why they bought a home in Green Valley. They also are both avid golfers. Please welcome Barb as she joins our music ministry.

## BUZZINGS FROM THE BEE AND BOUTIQUE BANTER



This past month the Sewing Bee ladies have had the pleasure of creating a special quilt for Diana Leslie Nava Martinez, a student at Casa Vida Nueva Para Niños Orphanage, Mexico, who is advancing her education under the Rise Scholastic Achievement Program sponsored in part by DHLC. Diana has graduated from high school and is going on to begin her career in medicine. Thanks to Mary Braswell for creating a personalized label to honor Diana for this big step in her education. Additional charity quilts were presented to children through Aviva Children's Services and Fisher House Veterans and Families. Our Honor Flight Veterans received lap quilts from our group for their September journey to Washington, DC. We are thankful for the useful donations of sewing items received.



**The November Fall Boutique Sale** will have a new theme and a new format so be sure to mark your calendars for November 10, 8 am-1 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Your help makes it possible for us to present 100% of the sales totals to nearby charities: Youth on Their Own, Genesis House Shelter, Rise Scholastic Achievement, and the 51 Homes for Veterans will be the recipients this year.

Where do these fabulous boutique items come from? Our talented and generous friends within the congregation support this endeavor each year with amazing hand-crafted donations. We need your support! Please have your arts and crafts ready for us by early November. We will add the price tags for you. The Sewing Bee sponsors this event, with help from WELCA with food items. There is also a used book sale and an opportunity to purchase RADA cutlery at great prices. In fairness to all, we will have no sales prior to November 10.

## WIDOWS' FELLOWSHIP

Desert Hills Lutheran Church library is the gathering site for our Widows' Fellowship. We meet the 1st and 3rd Sundays every month from 2-3 PM to share our journey.

If you are a widow – feel free to join us.

If you know a widow – encourage her to join us.

If there are questions, please contact me either at the worship services or call or text me (evenings are best since I work M-F 'til 4 pm).

Debi Shippy 520 405-7005



## DIRECTING YOUR IRA OR QUALIFIED PLAN DISTRIBUTIONS TO DHLC?

If you are having your required minimum distributions or other qualified plan money sent directly to DHLC from your financial institution, please make sure you have them put your name in the memo of the check or on the check stub. We have received several distributions without any indication of which member sent the contribution. Therefore, we cannot give the donor credit. We have contacted the financial institutions to obtain the names, but due to confidentiality reasons, they cannot and will not provide the names. If you want the contribution to be anonymous, you do not need to take any action. If you want credit for your contribution, please make sure to check with your institution to ensure your name is listed on the check. If you have questions whether or not your contribution came in without your name, please check your most recent giving statement or contact the church office and ask for Melissa Buscho, DHLC Administrator.



## NOTES

*Incorporating spiritual values into health education*

The Parish Nurse is in on Tuesdays & Thursdays 9am to 2pm | 648-1633 Ext 37 | parishnurse@dhlc.org

### DIGITAL ESTATE PLANNING

The term “estate planning” generally includes documents such as a Last Will & Testament, financial power of attorney, health care power of attorney and maybe a trust. But there’s one key facet of the 21st century estate planning that many individuals from young to old overlook: a digital estate plan. In fact, recent articles suggest that the average user possesses upwards of 90 online accounts. What exactly happens to those accounts when you die?

This suggested plan lays out your digital assets, both financial (online bank and brokerage accounts; purchasing and download, like Amazon and Netflix) and social (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram accounts) and provides directions on how to access and handle them upon your death.

1) Make an inventory of your digital assets and how to access them. It should include online passwords. Keep it safe so no one can hack into all of your accounts. Include:

- a) Social media accounts, blogs and websites you own; bank, brokerage, retirement plan, credit card, loans, and insurance accounts that you access online.
- b) Your email accounts
- c) Online retail accounts and apps from stores or online marketplaces
- d) Photo or video sharing sites like Flickr, YouTube
- e) Music sites like Pandora
- f) PayPal or other online payment accounts
- g) Utility bills you pay online
- h) Any other online accounts such as airline and data storage accounts
- i) Digital accounts on your cell phone
- j) Update yearly

2) Store information in a safe place (safe deposit box) or put in a sealed envelope with a trusted person like your spouse, child or best friend, as well as your digital executor.

3) Name a Digital Executor – This person should be impartial and mature, responsible, and technically savvy. He/She will carry out your digital estate plan upon your death, ensuring that your end-of-life requests are met.

4) Write out instructions for what should happen to your digital assets after you die.

- a) Do you want your Facebook, etc accounts deactivated?
- b) Do you want prints of photos to go to family?
- c) Some sites like YouTube, Google, Gmail may need a copy of your death certificate, an official obituary from the funeral home, or a copy of a notarized statement saying your Digital Executor has power of attorney over the account.

5) Consider whether you want a final message to friends and family through one of your digital accounts memorializing your life story. Include how and when your good-bye should be posted.

Resources: Marketwatch/Digital Estate Planning Fidelity/Digital Estate Planning Facebook-tool-your-digital-estate-plan  
Anna Tometczak, RN – Parish Nurse





**SO DON'T MISS THE**

### **7th Annual Monsoon Concert at Desert Hills Lutheran Church, Green Valley, AZ**

Celebrate summer at the 7th Annual Monsoon Concert with DHLC's Saturday musicians who will be joined by some of Southern Arizona's finest musical artists. It is sure to be an incredible event filled with an eclectic lineup of personalities, songs and musical styles.

So come in from the heat and rain and join us for a phenomenal evening of music and celebration!

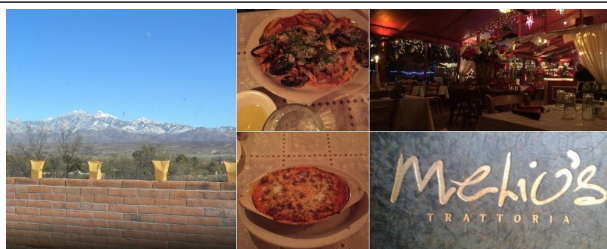
**WE EXPECT 2 SOLD-OUT PERFORMANCES, 3PM & 7PM, SO DON'T WAIT TO GET YOUR TICKETS!**

**SPECIAL EARLY-BIRD PRICING \$20 AVAILABLE UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2018.**

**Ticket prices will increase to \$25.00 starting January 1st, 2019.**



**Saturday, September 15 at 12:00 pm**, the Singles Fellowship will have lunch at Melios in Tubac. The yellow Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board under Fun and Fellowship in Fellowship Hall. Please indicate if you will be driving separately; otherwise, meet outside the church office area to carpool at 11:30.



**Friday, October 19**, we will be having a private tour of the Jewish History Museum and Holocaust History Museum, 564 S. Stone Avenue. Tour starts at 10:00 am and we will meet at the area by the office at 9:00 to carpool.

The museum focus is on Jewish settlers in the Southwest, and on the building of this 1910 former synagogue, as well as other intriguing bits of Jewish history. The Gould Family Holocaust History Center is dedicated to the ongoing examination of the Holocaust through the experiences of those who survived the war and later lived in Southern Arizona.

\$7.00 for the tour collected before entering museum so we can pay as a group instead of individually. Lunch after our tour will be at

Agustin Kitchen Restaurant at Mercado San Agustin. The yellow sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board under Fun and Fellowship in Fellowship Hall. Indicate if you are driving separately.





**Bible Study**— Monday, Sept. 3 is Labor Day and the Church will be closed.

**Women's Ministries Luncheon** - September 10, 2018 – 11:30 am to 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall – This will be another delicious luncheon catered by Lynne. Our speaker is Sue Baird of Care Portal sharing information on "Foster Care in Pima County, AZ". The Arizona Care Portal Project launched in Pima County, December 3, 2015, and in Maricopa County September 1, 2016. As a result, over 500 children were kept out of the Foster Care System in 8 months.



Don't forget to pay at the front desk for your luncheon by Wed., Sept. 5th. Don't miss another great luncheon.

Hope you're saving Box Tops only— no labels, coupons or barcodes - for the Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission School, Rock Point, AZ. Women's Ministries bulletin board has the collection box for them in the Fellowship Hall. Questions – contact Mira Johnson-Ensign 520-400-3092.

**Pick up our Women of the ELCA 2018 Women's Ministry April 2018 version of the pamphlet at DHLC, which will be your "bible" for all of the women's events for 2018.**

#### SAVE THE DATES:

**September 4, 2018:** Board/Team Meeting for Women's Ministries at 10:30 am at DHLC.

**Sept. 8, 2018:** Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran 1500 W Maryland, Phoenix – WELCA women please be present for Bishop Deborah's installation. Worship service begins at 10 am with a reception following. Bishop Elizabeth Eaton will be returning to Arizona to do the honors.

**November 9-11, 2018:** Grand Canyon Synod WELCA convention/Gathering held at the Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel in Phoenix, AZ – Keynote Speaker will be Pastor Meghan Aelabouni. The newly elected Bishop of the Grand Canyon Synod, Rev. Deborah Hutterer, will be addressing the Gathering on Sunday, November 11. Go online to [www.grandcanyonwomen.org](http://www.grandcanyonwomen.org) for registration forms and more information.

**Saturday, Feb. 23, 2019** will be the DHLC Women's Mini Retreat – Living in the "Present"; Yesterday is History, Tomorrow is a Mystery, Today is a gift from God—Truly a "present." Keynote speaker will be Cindy Steinbeck.

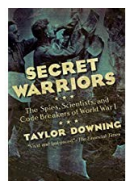
**February 23-24, 2019** will be our Thankoffering weekend. Donations continue to support the Revs. Herbert and Corinne Chilstrom Scholarship Fund for Women Seminarians and the WELCA Grants for Women and children in crisis.

**Saturday, March 2, 2019** will be the Sunrise/Santa Cruz Conference Spring Gathering at Desert Hills Lutheran Church. Rev. Dr. Mark Allan Powell, Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Professor/Author/Music Critic.



#### MEN'S MINISTRY AT DHLC

**BOOKMEN** The Bookmen meet Wednesdays weekly at 7:45 am. The location of the meeting is Manuel's Restaurant for breakfast, fellowship, and lively book discussion. All men are invited to join the group.



Currently reading "Secret Warriors: The Spies, Scientists and Code Breakers of World War I" by Taylor Downing



**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will meet Thursday, September 6th. First meeting after the summer break. Plan to attend.

**MEN'S PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP** is on break for the summer.

**MEN'S HEALTH** is on break for the summer.

**MEN'S MONDAY COFFEE** is on break for the summer.



**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST** September 27 – Ray Robinson, "My life on 9/11"

**Handy Man Services** is here to provide help to members and frequent visitors of Desert Hills Lutheran Church. If you would like to request services, please contact Ruben Heeszel 520 903-7188.

Below is a list of our staff and their primary role(s) and some general information.

The asterisk (\*) indicates executive staff member.

**DHLC Office Hours:** Monday – Friday, 8:30-4:00 and Sundays, 9-Noon

New Member Interest, Prayer Requests and Comments – Sign the “IF” Card in the Pew Rack  
or Call the Office: 520.648.1633

Staff Member	Contact Info	Responsible For
Pastor Martin Overson*		Senior Pastor
Pastor Ken Nyhusmoen*		Associate Pastor and Pastoral Care
Anthony Potter		Pastoral Care
Debi Shippy		Pastoral Care
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Charlene Dec		Weekend Nursery Staff
Michelle Reynolds		Weekend Nursery Staff