

Thanksgiving Dinner

Give thanks with friends and family at Desert Hills Lutheran Church
NOVEMBER 28, at 2pm \$15 per person

Orange, cranberry & pecan salad,
roasted turkey & gravy, cranberry relish, garlic & bacon mashed potatoes,
mashed sweet potatoes, apple sausage stuffing, brussels sprouts au gratin, rolls,
carrot cake, warm apple pie bread pudding with vanilla ice cream.



Dear Members and Friends of Desert Hills Lutheran:

By now I hope you all have received the stewardship packet called "I Can Only Imagine." This is the title of a 2018 Christian movie based on a 1999 hit song. This 2018 Christian movie will be our reference point for stewardship as we look at our time, talent, and treasures. It is the true story of Bart Millard of MercyMe and the writing of the song, "I Can Only Imagine." We have four dinners and one lunch where following a delicious complimentary meal, served by your very own church council, I will discuss the future with you using the main themes of the movie, "I Can Only Imagine." I will invite all of us to continue to support this wonderful congregation and ministry. As part of this month I'll also be also doing a four-part sermon on four major themes of the movie: Imagine a Loving Father, Imagine Forgiveness, Imagine Redemption, and Imagine Going Home.

Also coming in November will be the welcoming of our last new member class of 2019. We will welcome them the weekend of November 23/24th. It is another exciting group of disciples.

Please consider joining a sermon discussion group or one of the other small groups as we always need to grow the level of our discipleship. Finally, we welcome our friends and members from up north or east or west or south joining us for the winter. Blessings, Pastor Martin

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2019 CHRISTMAS CONCERT

THURSDAY,

DECEMBER 5, 2019

3:30 PM & 6:30 PM

Free Will Offering



Desert Hills Lutheran Church Council

<i>John Martin</i>	<i>Judy Gunson</i>	<i>Tom Royer</i>	<i>Barbara Southard</i>	<i>Martin 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, Jane Brunckhorst, Mark Catlin*

The Council minutes from October 15, 2019

John Martin called the meeting to order, and Pastor Martin led us in prayer. Several people shared God stories. Pastor led us in a discussion of "Canoeing the Mountains," Chapter 7. The September Council minutes were approved as written. Pastor stated that after attending Executive Council, Past Presidents' Council and the Long Range Planning Committee meetings today that we are on the right track. He is happy with the Sunday, 11 am service and the attendance through the summer at all services. Melissa expressed thanks that staff has been able to keep expenses down and if we stay on track our mortgage will be paid off in a little more than three years with another year to pay off the loan to the Foundation. Melissa mentioned that the security team is working with 13 members and hopes to have their presence at services soon. President Martin mentioned that our Stewardship dinners will be in November and Council members and spouses are encouraged to assist with the dinners. Council gave the Campus Upgrade Task Team formal approval to move forward with planning and implementation. Jane stated that the Transition Planning Team has worked very hard and will present the church profile to Council at the November meeting. The Nominating Committee reported to John that they have been successful in securing three candidates for approval at the January annual meeting. The meeting adjourned with reciting the Lord's Prayer at 5:14 pm.



Core Value #5: Passion on Purpose

Desert Hills Lutheran Church
2150 S. Camino del Sol
Green Valley, AZ 85622-8352
520-648-1633 | www.dhlc.org

Worship Times

Saturday — 3 & 5 pm

Sunday — 8, 9:30 & 11 am

Nursery care available for infants to age 5 at the following services:

Saturday at 3pm & 5pm;

Sunday at 9:30 am & 11am.

Holy Communion is celebrated
the 1st & 3rd weekend of each month
at all services.

Holy Communion & Healing Service
2nd & 4th Weekend of each month
Saturday at 4:15 pm & Sunday at 10:30
am in the Chapel

Office Hours

Monday-Friday — 8:30 am to 4 pm

Pastoral Staff

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

Quail Notes newsletter is published
monthly. Email articles for the
December issue by November 15th to
quailnotes@dhlc.org.

Stephen Ministry is offering some wonderful continuing education programs in November, January, and April. The first of these will be on Friday, November 15th from 11:30 – 1:00 in Fellowship hall. It will be a potluck salad bar lunch. Everyone, please bring one ingredient to share for salad fixings. Some suggestions would be salad greens, vegetables, fruit, hard boiled eggs, beans, cheeses, tuna, chicken, shrimp, cottage cheese, nuts, etc.



The Program is "Ministering to those experiencing losses related to aging". It will be presented by Stephen Minister, Richard Borstad. Richard will be using material from our training manual module #21 on Aging, as well as drawing on his expertise on this subject. His PH.D. thesis was on aging.

Continuing Education is an important part of our ongoing ministry, so attendance is strongly encouraged. We look forward to seeing you there. Any questions, please contact Emilie Odde eodde@earthlink.net #393-0639.



Please join this educational seminar

Topics to be covered:

- How future tax changes may create the potential for higher taxes.
- Ways to create tax-free retirement income.
- How Social Security is taxed.
- How to work efficiently within your current tax brackets.

Luncheon Seminar Dec. 2nd

Please RSVP at the front desk.
*Hosted by The DHLC Foundation and
The La Paloma Group of Thrivent
Financial, Matt Gigstad, Retirement
Income Certified Professional and
David Petz, Chartered Financial
Consultant*



BUZZINGS FROM THE BEE AND BOUTIQUE BANTER

**The Fall Boutique: Quilts, Arts, Crafts, Jewelry,
Bake Sale, Cafe and Used Books.**

Saturday, November 9th, 8:00 am- 1:00 pm

Come early! There will be much to see. The prices are great and so is the food. All contributors, may drop off your new handmade donations for the Boutique at the main entrance of the church on Friday, November 8th between 8 and noon. If that time doesn't work for you or you have other questions, call one of the co-chairs: Marcia Cleary, 507-420-2881, mgcleary@hotmail.com or Jeanette Heath: 480-338-9650, jjheath100@outlook.com We will do the tagging and pricing on all items. All proceeds from the Boutique will go to the 4 charities chosen this year: Genesis House, Youth on their Own, Rise Scholastic Achievements and 51 Houses for Veterans.

Volunteer help is needed. Call the numbers listed above if you can help. Doors will open at 8:00 am and close at 1:00 pm. There will be no pre-sales in order to be fair to everyone.

We're also looking for folks who like to bake to add their goodies to our bake sale this year. Many of our shoppers have a sweet tooth and last year we ran out early. Any questions about the bake sale, call Bettyann Clark: 520-347-7706, jcbafax@msn.com

For this 17th year of the Fall Boutique, we are featuring the work of Cindy Taylor who is always taking home a piece of fabric and creating something wonderful. Of course, as always, Carol Pohl will be there with her Born Again Beads which is a favorite. The Boutique will include a wonderful assortment of purses, baby gifts, knitwear, aprons, hostess gifts, home décor, table runners/placemats, many holiday decorations, and lovely, handcrafted quilts. Be sure to check out the book sale too, for some good reading.

Stop by the Cafe for breakfast – coffee, huge delicious cinnamon rolls, or lunch – brats, sauerkraut and potato salad. And check out the bake sale: cookies, bars, muffins and more. Take some home to enjoy or give to a friend.

The Fall Boutique has always been a very successful event, thanks to the Sewing Bee, The Women's Ministry Group and all of the generous and talented people who donate their time and labor to this charity event. The people of DHLC and all contributors make our corner of the world a little better!



MUSIC MINISTRY

We Inspire

The month of November reminds us to be grateful. I can begin by saying that I am very grateful for this church and the wonderful music ministry that we have here.

All of our groups are preparing for the Sundays in November in addition to the upcoming concert the first week of December. (See ad on page 1)

Wednesday rehearsal times:

DHLC Men's Chorus @ 4:30 pm

Winter Chancel Choir @ 5:45 pm.

Thursday rehearsal times:

Voices of Miriam @ 4:45 pm

Celebration Singers @ 6:00 pm.

Special Music for November

November 3rd

Chancel Choir

Celebration Singers

November 10th

Men's Chorus

Celebration Singers

November 17th

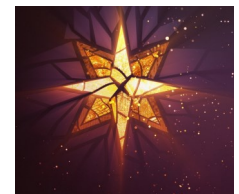
Chancel Choir

Voices of Miriam

November 24th

Chancel Choir

Celebration Singers



The Christmas Concert will be Thursday, December 5 at 3:30 pm and 6:30 pm. Come and see!



Please remember all of our missionaries in prayer!

Kristen Engstrom in Senegal

Crawford/Martinez family in Australia

Mkabela family in Madagascar

Langdji family in Cameroon

Meghan Brown Saavedra Brown and family in Mexico

Ann Emilie Tjorhom our YAGM in Argentina

COMING NOVEMBER 5TH!!

19th Annual KGVY Radio Sr./Boomer Info Fair

Tuesday, November 5th • 9AM to 1PM

Desert Hills Lutheran Church, 2150 S. Camino del Sol • Green Valley

• **FREE ADMISSION & FREE PARKING** •

Over 50 Exhibitors with information, samples, demonstrations & health screenings

• **FREE BREAKFAST & LUNCH** •

FREE FOOD
throughout
the day by
8 local
restaurants!

**DOORS
OPEN AT
9AM
SHARP**

Cholesterol • Skin Cancer Screenings
Hearing Test • Blood Pressure Check
Balance Testing • Flu Shots/Insurance or Cash

**FREE HEALTH
SCREENINGS!**

Please bring a non-perishable food
donation to help our Community Food
Bank with Holiday Food needs.



Singles Fellowship Outing to Empire Ranch and Nizhoni Ranch Gallery

Attention DHLC Singles: Mark November 22nd on your calendars for a full day of exploring the history and culture of southern Arizona.

Come and join the Singles Fellowship for a docent-led tour of a state treasure. Established nearly 150 years ago, Empire Ranch is a working cattle ranch in Sonoita, Arizona that was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1976. {In its heyday, Empire Ranch was one of the largest in Arizona, with a range spanning over 180 square miles, and its owner, Walter L. Vail, was an important figure in the creation and growth of southern Arizona's cattle industry.}

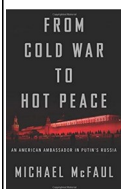
Then, enjoy lunch at the nearby Copper Brothel Brewery.

Finally, head out with the group to the Nizhoni Ranch Gallery to learn about master weavers of the Navajo and to view Navajo rugs, blankets, native American art, jewelry, books, and more.

Cost of the trip is \$10. Meet at church at 8:30 and plan to return by 4 pm.



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. Bookmen are currently reading *From Cold War to Hot Peace* by Michael McFaul.

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.



MEN'S COFFEE

This group meets weekly on Monday at 8 am, except for the third Monday is at 7:30 due to Men's Health Group meeting. Come join us for coffee and conversation



MEN'S HEALTH GROUP

Meets Monday, November 18th at 8:30 am. The speaker is still to be determined.

MEN'S PHOTOGRAPHY Each month the group selects a Bible-based theme, bringing photographs that fit the theme to share with the group. Often the group will discuss photography related topics. Those having an interest in photography are welcome to attend, enjoy the show and participate in the conversation. Meets 1st Monday of the month at 1:30 pm (Sept.-May)

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY THURSDAY'S @ 1 PM.

Continuing in the Gospel of John. All men are welcome.



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

This group meets the 4th Thursday of the month. The November 21st speaker will be Tom Murphy, Town of Sahuarita Mayor.



Valley Assistance Services
Your Helping Hand Forward

Valley Assistance Services desperately needs drivers who can occasionally take the elderly to the store or an appointment. This is an easy way for you to make a difference on your own schedule for your own neighbors in Green Valley. Just write MAD for VAS on an IF card or contact the front desk and someone will contact you.

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"make a difference"



"His grace, His goodness, and His glory" touched me deeply when I read all of the wonderful notes presented to me after the October Women's Luncheon! You made me feel like I really did make a difference during my time at Desert Hills and I'm still feeling very much appreciated. THANK YOU all! As I move on to Henderson, NV (not MN or MI or Durfee Road) where I lived for 28 years prior to moving to Green Valley, I know that our paths and prayers will cross in the future. I will return briefly on Wednesday, November 6 to pick up your contributions of journals, pens and WalMart gift cards for the Dream Center, a non-profit that supports lives of at-risk youth and adults experiencing human trafficking. Together WE ALL are making a difference. Blessings, Suki



Monday, November 4: Bible Study in Fellowship Hall is from 9 am to 10:30 am. Bring your Bible, Gather Magazine, and a Journal. Our study will be "Stewarding the Ache of Grief," from the Gather Magazine, October issue, written by Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen. Coffee and conversation begin at 9 am with biblical discussion beginning at 9:30.

Monday, November 4: Women's Team Meeting will be held at 11 am. All women are invited to attend this team meeting. Topics to be discussed are leadership, future programs, charity donations and church wide updates. Plan to attend and discover the difference that women at Desert Hills are making in the church, the Synod and around the world. Check with the Front desk for Room Number.

Monday, November 11: Join us for the Women's Luncheon from 11:30 to 1 pm in Fellowship Hall. Our speaker will be Kathy Mansur, her topic is "Veterans Honor Flight." Luncheon will be Surprised by Salads, provided by those attending whose last name begins from L-Z. **Absolute last day to purchase tickets is Wednesday, November 6th.**

Updated 2019-2020 Women's Ministries Booklets are available.

Women's Retreat, There's still time to register for the Grand Canyon Synod Women's Retreat, "Beauty from Ashes" being held at Love of Christ Church in Mesa on November 8 & 9, 2019. Easy registration on line at grandcanyonsynod.org/events/. Workshops include: Wellness; You are What you Eat (check out Anne Danahy, MS RDN), Meditation, The Art of Moving Prayer (Sign Chi Do), and Human Trafficking. Seven prayer stations including button prayers, gratitude stones, paper and fabric labyrinths, M&M prayers, PRAY poster, prayer tree, and prayer tiles will be available.



WOMEN OF THE ELCA GATHERING
JULY 16-19, 2020 | PHOENIX

Registration is now open for the 2020 Triennial being held in Phoenix, AZ on July 16-18, 2020. Bishop Deborah will be there along with nearly 3,000 other Lutheran women and a few men. We invite you to this life-changing event. Come. Be inspired, then begin living out your faith in new and invigorating ways. "Just Love" is

the theme. Register at welcatg.org.

The Gather Bible Study Event ***Celebrating 50 years of Women's Ordination in the Lutheran Church in the United States*** with Rev. Dr. Kit Kleinhans will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2020 in Henderson, NV. Check out <https://grandcanyonsynodwomen.org/events>.



Abiding in God's Eternal Care

Betty Marchuk

October 6, 2019



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

November is: National Hospice and Palliative Care Month – Ministry to the Dying

I recall my mother always telling us that death was a natural part of life, a journey of new beginning. I grew up knowing that it's the little acts of kindness in the midst of a crisis that people really remember. From a hot meal and childcare to housecleaning or lawn maintenance – all serve to remind others that they are not alone. At the end of life, friends and neighbors often serve as God's hands and feet.

I remember learning as a new nurse that there were many encouraging options such as surgery, treatment, and prescriptions that could benefit the patient fighting a debilitating disease. I've heard conversations over the years with those fighting terminal illnesses that were meant to be upbeat and lift one's spirits. But I also came to realize that some of those options might be costly, painful, and that there may not be a long term benefit in those choices. At some point in time we may realize that it is time to "let go," to "make our peace," and to "say goodbye." As I worked with the terminally ill and dying, I then learned about hospice. We don't talk about death. People fear and dread about dying. We used to have our loved ones pass away at home, and life would go on around them while they died. A main benefit is pain and symptom control. Conversation is another key component of the hospice process.

Anyone can inquire about hospice services. You or your loved one may call a local hospice and request services. The hospice staff will then contact your physician to determine if a referral to hospice is appropriate. Another way to inquire about hospice is to talk with your physician, and he or she can make a referral to hospice. Hospice is a program that is designed to offer comfort and support to people in the final phases of a terminal illness. Hospice care focuses on palliative care... pain management and quality of life, rather than a cure.

Every hospice is different, so families should shop around carefully to determine which hospice is right for them. Most insurance companies cover hospice care, but there may be cost limitations, so caregivers should also check with their insurance companies. Some hospices offer low-cost services to those without insurance, and most are also covered by Medicare.

Hospice care can be provided within a residential facility or in the patient's own home. Most hospice organizations offer both trained nursing staff and spiritual advisers, providing a chaplain or end-of-life counselor. Hospice care can be of great benefit to families of terminal patients. There is nothing wrong with a family choosing to call in hospice.

Those who've sat with dying loved ones – those who work or volunteer for hospice – know the sacredness of the distance between heaven and earth. And, one of the best ways to learn the value of life and living it to the fullest is by immersing yourself in another's journey at the end.

Resources: National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization - <https://www.nhpco.org/patients-and-caregivers/about-hospice-care/choosing-a-hospice/>

"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around" ~ Leo F. Buscafia

Anna Tometzał, RN – Parish Nurse



If there are estate sale workers who are no longer using their blue work aprons, please turn them in to the front desk at the church. Thank you

German Heritage Group



A hearty welcome for all to attend the next German Heritage Group on Monday, November 25th. The guest speaker will be Bonnie Willemssen who will speak about her early life and several adoptions in Germany. The pot luck will begin at 5 pm so bring something that is 8 - 10 servings and bring your own plate and silverware. Come and invite a guest if you can. All are welcome--- German or not



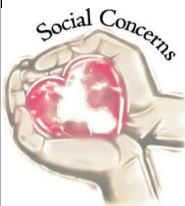
Widows' Fellowship

YOU ARE INVITED to BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE Sunday December 1st at 2pm in our chapel. Blue Christmas is a simple service of readings, music and time for reflection offered by the Widows' Fellowship. It is open to everyone to help us all prepare for Christmas. The holidays can become: stressful due to busy-ness, lonely due to separation from family or friends (either

by miles or emotions), grief-filled due to the death of a loved one, fear-filled due to worry about health or finances.

Whatever it is that seeks to pull us down, whatever seeks to destroy our holiday spirit loses some of its power when we come together to share, to sing, to pray, to listen. Our Blue Christmas Service is one opportunity for each of us to prepare our hearts and souls for the amazing Christmas season. Come join us. Come bring family, friends, neighbors. Come and see.

Please call me with any questions -- Debi Shippy 405-7005.



Winter is coming and there will be need for warm clothing for the homeless and those less fortunate. Please check your closets for warm jackets, hats, gloves, mittens and scarves that you no longer need child through adult sizes. Also you could check local thrift stores.

Bring your donations to the Donation Closet. Thanks to our team of dedicated volunteers your gifts will be put to good use!

Volunteers are needed to deliver the Donation Closet items to the Men's and Women's Gospel Rescue Missions in Tucson.

Please consider this "Make a Difference" opportunity.

Call LaVonne Johnson, 218-452-1854 to volunteer. Thank you!

Scandinavian Fellowship Potluck Dinner

Tuesday, November 12th 5:00 pm

Fellowship Hall: All are welcome!

Please bring a main dish, salad, or dessert to share and your own place settings.



Prayer shawl ministry will meet Tuesday, November 19th at 1 pm in the library.

We are also doing winter caps and scarves for children and baby hats. "Come and see."

Questions, contact Karla Neumann at 207-8634.



We are pulled in so many

ways by the distractions of this world. It seems like sometimes it's just hard to stay focused on keep-

ing ourselves afloat financially in a world that demands we pay it to exist in it. Sometimes in our busy lives it's hard to remember our blessings. The great thing about remembering is that it is impossible to remember something you don't already know! We don't remember that we came into this world with nothing as Paul says in Timothy. God calls each one of us without anything but Him. Then God waits our lifetimes for us to figure out He is all we need! It is a truth worth remembering...that while you may have been called into this world with no earthly possessions, you were birthed into love, grace, and forgiveness from our Father Jesus Christ. You'll leave this earth in the same way, naked, your assets left in their accounts, unable to help you from death, but you go wrapped in the warm embrace of God's mercy, love and forgiveness.

I travel all over Southern California and Arizona and I see the people that need us. They need love, they need grace, they need our action. We have many opportunities to serve, and give, but we don't remember because we are distracted and fearful. Some of us have been given great circumstances in which to steward, circumstances that create great opportunities to serve God, assist others, improve the lives of those less fortunate.

*Lisa Marie Higginbotham
Regional Gift Planner-*

2020 Unified Fund & Debt Retirement Fund



I CAN ONLY IMAGINE



Will I stand in your presence
Or to my knees will I fall
Will I sing hallelujah
Will I be able to speak at all

Please join us at one
of our community
meals on one
of these dates:

- Sat., Nov 2, 6:15 pm
- Thur., Nov 7, 12 noon
- Thur., Nov 14, 6:15 pm
- Sat., Nov 16, 6:15 pm
- Sat., Nov 23, 6:15 pm

Desert Hills
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Please bring your pledge
cards with you to worship on
Commitment Weekend,
November 23 & 24.