

Desert Hills

LUTHERAN CHURCH



Quail Notes

August 2017

CELEBRATING GRACE, MAKING DISCIPLES, MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Dear Friends and Members of Desert Hills Lutheran,

Summer is going well at Desert Hills Lutheran. I continue to be thankful to serve and minister with all of you. What a joy!

As you read this, there's still time to register for the Global Leadership Summit August 10-11. It's a great way to learn, be inspired, grow in faith, laugh along with and enjoy some great people. Come, register and grow in making a difference.

Remember, if you haven't already purchased your Monsoon Concert tickets for August 23 at 6:30 pm, they are going fast! So please come and be a part of this concert.

I continue to be so thankful for the ministry of Debi Shippy and the Widow's Fellowship. Their next two meetings are August 6 and 20, Sundays at 2:00 pm. It's a wonderful time to listen, share and know that you are not alone in grieving. Just come – you'll be warmly welcomed! *Continued on page 2*

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5th Annual Monsoon Concert



Wednesday,
August 23th 6:30 pm

Ticket prices at the front desk: cash or check tickets are \$20 each, if a credit card is used the price is \$21.00. Tickets can also be purchased online at <http://monsoon.bpt.me/>.



Desert Hills Lutheran Church Council

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No meeting in July, the next meeting is August 15.

Pastor Ken's letter *continued from page 1*

Don't forget our Bible Study Fellowship led by Bob Dahm each Wednesday at 9:30 am and 6:30 pm. Such an excellent instructor! Just come, bring your Bible and enjoy!

Stay cool . . . grow in the Spirit.
See you in worship, Pastor Ken



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Worship Times

Saturday — 3 & 5pm
Sunday — 8, 9:45 & 11:15am
Healing Prayer Service
at 10:45 on the 4th Sunday
of each month

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

Sunday School Classes are at 9:30am
K—6th Grade / September—May

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 September issue by Sept. 15th to quailnotes@dhlc.org.

VERSE OF THE MONTH This is the day that the **Lord** has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. *Psalm 118:24*

October 31, 2017

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| 71 | 23 | 59 | 43 |
| DAYS | HOURS | MINUTES | SECONDS |

Until the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

Exciting plans are in the works at Desert Hills for a memorable celebration. Members are busy crafting banners and decorations for the church. Choirs have selected special music and Martin Luther hymns will be sung all of October.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE COMMUNION

Communion is one of the most important functions in the Lutheran church, as it provides the church attendees the opportunity to share in the body and life of Christ.

For further information please contact Starr Omdahl at 520-203-7299.

Showing August 4th in The Church Narthex: The photography of Al Gore. A camera has been Al's life-long companion from the days of his Kodak Brownie to his current Canon Digital Single Lens Reflex.



Al's greatest feeling of success in photography is when he sees a scene and is able to capture the sense of it at a moment in time and convey something of it to another person. Shapes, colors, lighting, and activities are what gain his attention. They form his palette.

He hopes that you will find some aspect of his work that satisfies a part of you. Come and see.

Widows' Fellowship (the very exclusive group that no woman really wants to be eligible to join): is a new ministry of DHLC and it's awe-inspiring. We meet in the Church library the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month from 2-3 PM. We laugh; we cry; we encourage each other; we share our victories and bucket-list ideas; we discuss books we've read that are helpful and poems that touch our hearts.

Widowhood is a season of life that none of us aspired for when we were growing up and most of us were ill-prepared for, yet here we are and this group encourages us to not just survive this season, but to live it to the fullest! At one of our meetings, we discovered that together we have 193+ years of widowhood ---- talk about having a wealth of wisdom. This fellowship is truly a blessing!

If you are a widow please come and join us! If you have a friend who is a widow, encourage her to come!
Debi Shippy, Widows' Fellowship Member



SECOND SHOWING OF "THE SHACK"



Due to the interest of many members of our church, we will have a second showing of "The Shack" on Friday, August 4 at 12:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. This showing will be open to anyone in the community who would like to view the movie and discuss it.

Barb Rapp will lead the a short discussion following the video. A \$2.00 donation is suggested. A yellow sign up sheet is on the Fun and Fellowship bulletin board on the south wall in the Fellowship Hall.

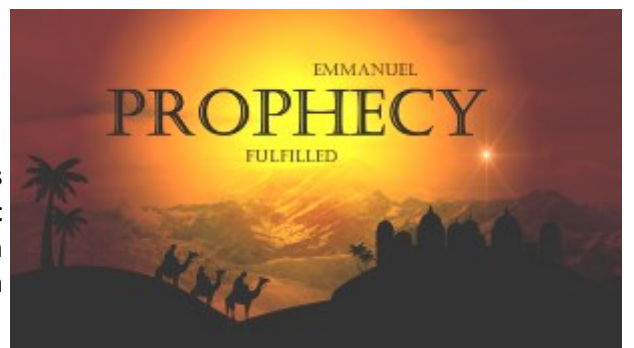
MUSIC MINISTRY

We Inspire

(on the left) This lap robe was made by one of our choir members, Tom Klipfel. We used it to decorate the piano in the choir room on the 4th of July weekend to add spirit to our rehearsal.



Mark your Calendars
2017 Christmas Concert
Thursday, December 7th
3:30 pm & 6:30 pm





SAVE THE DATES

AUGUST LUNCHEON

Monday, August 14, 2017 - 11:30am
Salad and Dessert Bar
Salads - Ladies A-N
Desserts - Ladies O-Z

With Reformation coming very soon, join us to watch the engrossing, compelling and powerful movie "Luther." This beautiful film about Martin Luther tells how one man's faith in God launched the greatest revolution of all time. Paid reservations of \$5.00 due by August 9th. The front desk will be happy to make your reservation.

SUKI SIGHTING

Suki with Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and Suki's friend Vicki Upton. Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering.



September 11 Catered Luncheon at 11:30. Author Julie Winrich will be introducing "Published Writers from Desert Hills Lutheran Church." Delve into the amazing stories from these writers.

October 20-21 – WELCA Grand Canyon Synod Retreat – **"Transformed: A New Katie"**
Franciscan Renewal Center, 5802 E. Lincoln Dr., Scottsdale. There are LOTS of fun activities being planned: Reformation Era Music, German wine and cheese gathering, Reformation Era Art, a visit from Katie Luther, Lutheran Jeopardy, presentations by Streetlight (Human Trafficking) and LSS. Information can be found on the Women's Bulletin Boards. For registration and more details go to www.grandcanyonwomen.org/events.html Don't wait too long to sign up; this is going to be a GREAT experience.



February 10, 2018 – We have been blessed to firm up an agreement with Mark Allan Powell, author of the spring Gather Bible Study! He has taught at seminaries in Estonia, Russia and Tanzania and is currently professor of New Testament at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, OH. He has written more than 100 articles and 25 books on the Bible and religion. The event will be held at Spirit of Grace in Surprise, AZ. Watch your Canyon Echoes for more information.

Thank You!

THANKS to everyone who came to the "Surprise Luncheon." It was so much fun learning interesting facts about each other.

THANKS to Kären Martin for facilitating the Surprise Luncheon.



Mark your calendars for July, 2020 when the Triennial comes to Phoenix!





BUZZINGS FROM THE BEE AND BOUTIQUE BANTER

This beautiful quilt could be on top of your bed this fall! It is one of our featured items at the annual Boutique Sale November 11. Made by Marcia Cleary from fabrics provided by Doug Pope, it is one of the best we have ever offered. We invite you to save the day for shopping, dining, and joining your friends at our fellowship hall. In addition to quilts, you will find hand made arts and crafts, jewelry, used books, and baked goods plus lunch. What a great way to kick off the holiday festivities!



All of this happens because of your help and interest in creating new items for sale. Prices are very reasonable and quality is our motto. One hundred percent of the proceeds will be divided equally by the Genesis House Expansion, the Youth On Their Own Organization, and the 51 Homeless Veterans Program. These charities have great needs and rely on us for support.

We will begin collecting sale items in October. Please dedicate some time now to prepare your donations. Only new, hand made items are appropriate. There is growing interest in our new Patriotic Corner featuring red, white and blue items of all descriptions. We hope to offer practical and decorator woodworking crafts this year with help from you menfolk. Ladies, relay this message to your spouses!

Our regular Sewing Bee meetings continue year round to assemble patchwork quilts for the needs of near-by charities. Please join us and help us make a difference. We meet in the fellowship hall every Wednesday morning from 9am until noon. You don't need to have sewing skills to be a part of this mission.

For information, contact Mary Braswell, 520 625-3742 or Diane Johnson, diane-and-roger@msn.com

DON'T KEEP IT TO YOURSELF

Many of us have life experiences we've learned from. Don't keep it to yourself. Be there for others.

Whether it was transitioning to retirement or a new community, a strained relationship with an adult child, living the role of caregiver for a family member, adjusting to the loss of a spouse or child, or struggling with changes aging throws our way -- being there for others experiencing similar challenges can make all the difference. That's where Stephen Ministers come in. They come alongside and walk with people for as long as needed -- to listen, care, pray and extend God's hand of mercy and grace. Consider making a difference in someone's life one-on-one by becoming a Stephen Minister now.

Classes to learn how to be an affective Stephen Minister are Oct. 17-Nov. 14. Right now you can get more information about the program from Katharine Baker at 398-6767 or katharinebaker314@gmail.com. Additionally a Stephen Ministry information table will be in the lobby before and after each worship service Aug 12-13, and current members of the ministry will be present to provide more details, answer questions, and share how meaningful a role this is.



FOUNDATION CORNER

DHLC FOUNDATION INVESTS WITH ELCA FOUNDATION



Other than funds needed for short-term operational expenses, the Desert Hills Lutheran Church Foundation for the last four years has invested its funds with the ELCA Endowment Fund Pooled Trust [Fund A]. Administered by the ELCA Foundation, Fund A was established to allow for collective long-term investment of funds belonging to the ELCA, its congregations, synods, seminaries and other affiliated entities. Fund A's assets are selected in accordance with the ELCA's criteria of social responsibility. Approximately 60% of its investments are in U.S. and global equities, and the remainder of the funds are in bonds and fixed income investments. Since its inception Fund A has met or exceeded standard investment benchmarks.



Footloose Singles



Sunday, August 27, at 12:30pm, the Footloose Singles will have lunch at Torres Blancas. Sign up sheet will be posted in July. Location of the sign up sheet is on the bulletin board under Fun and Fellowship on the south wall of the Fellowship Hall. Please indicate if you will be driving separately; otherwise, meet at the church office area to car pool. Torres Blancas is located at 3233 S. Abrego.

MEMORIAL SERVICE PRE-PLANNING

Some of our members have expressed a desire to participate in the planning of their memorial service so that their wishes can be carried out after their death.

The church office has prepared a form which can be completed by members, indicating their favorite Scriptures, special requests and other pertinent information. After the form is completed, we will keep it on file for future use.

If you are interested in this pre-planning option, please see the Front Desk.



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SPEAKER SERIES

August 23, 2017 - Benefits of Adult Daycare

Representatives from Casa Community Services will bring to us the benefits of utilizing Adult Daycare services.

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.



The current book: *The Conservative Heart*" by Arthur C. Brooks.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY has taken the summer off and will resume Thursday, September 7th 1 pm.



MEN'S HEALTH: will not meet again until October.

MEN'S MONDAY COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: will not meet again until December.



MEN'S BREAKFAST August 24, 2017

The speaker will be Steve Wagner, KGVY, How to Successfully Use Social Media. Breakfasts are the fourth Thursday of the month @ 8:30am Fellowship Hall. All men are welcome.



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 at 520 903-7188 and RHeeszel@gmail.com.



MEN'S PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP is on break until the Fall.



PROTECTING THE DECEASED'S IDENTITY FROM ID THEFT

Identity theft has become a real and vicious crime. Each year nearly 800,000 of those deceased are deliberately targeted. The morbid fraudsters typically find potential targets by perusing obituary notices or graveyards. The identities are targeted for misuse on applications for credit products and cellphone services.

The information below provides a few tips and suggestions to reduce the risk of having a deceased person's identity stolen:

- Promptly notify the Social Security Administration of a loved one's death. A copy of the death certificate may also be sent with the decedent's final tax return.
- Notify all entities with which the deceased had a financial relationship — including banks, credit card companies and brokerage firms — about his or her death.
- Visit the DMV (Department of Motor Vehicles) and cancel driver's licenses or ID cards to prevent duplicates from being issued.
- Send the IRS a copy of the death certificate, this is used to flag the account to reflect that the person is deceased. A copy of the death certificate may also be sent with the decedent's final tax return.
- Notify all three credit reporting bureaus of the death — Equifax, TransUnion and Experian — and mail them copies of the death certificate.
- Avoid putting too much information in an obituary, such as birth date, address, mother's maiden name or other personally identifying information that could be useful to identity thieves. Resources: AARP Identity Theft

Making A Difference

"...everything on the earth has a purpose, every disease an herb to cure it, and every person a mission. This is the Indian theory of existence." —Mourning Dove [Christine Quintasket] (1888-1936) Salish

Look around you, there are some of us struggling spiritually, medically or socially. If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, contact the Parish Nurse, Anna Tometczak. We have a Companion Care Ministry, Transportation Ministry, Healing Meals Ministry, Visitation Ministry, Prayer Ministry, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Expressions Ministry (Card/Flower) and Serenity Singers available to make compassionate visits. There are referral slips available in the office. Or, maybe you would like to be part of one of these Ministries. You can contact the Parish Nurse, Anna (648-1633 Ext 37) or Health and Wellness Coordinator, Janet Bercik (520-377-2242).

I heard the voice of God saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" Then I answered, "Here I am! Send Me." *Isaiah 6:8-9*

There is no doubt that we will grow old if we continue living upon this earth (*Ecclesiastes 12:1-6*). However, "how" we grow old is far more important than how "old" we grow. Let us have the same attitude toward serving the Lord in our later years as Caleb, never quitting (or retiring), but asking the Lord to continue giving him more challenges ("mountains") to conquer and overcome with the Lord's help (*Joshua 14:12*).



Lord, give us the simple faith of a child; show us the path so we may continue to aid, enrich and comfort members of DHLC... Anna Tometczak, RN, Parish Nurse



DHLC COLUMBARIUM

The Columbarium of Desert Hills Lutheran Church is for the inurnment of the ashes of our church members and their immediate family. The shape and size of urns that are provided fit this space and have an adequate capacity for the cremains. The charge for a niche is \$800/couple and \$700/single. This covers the space, one/two urns, area maintenance, identifying nameplate and engraving. Urns other than those provided with the niche are not allowed. A Columbarium Certificate is provided to those reserving niches. If interested in a columbarium niche, please contact Jan Howard 520 648-1633.



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Last Chance

Please call the church office (520) 648-1633 to get the member code, then follow the link on dhlc.org to register.

Desert Hills Members \$119. Non member public price is \$209. Students, Teachers & Active Military \$89.

GLS lunch tickets if purchased at the front desk: Cash or check \$6 each day, \$12 for both days.

By credit card \$6.50 for one day or \$13 for both days.

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