



Desert Hills
LUTHERAN CHURCH

CELEBRATING GRACE, MAKING DISCIPLES, MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Greetings Friends and Members of Desert Hills Lutheran,

The month of April starts out with Easter Sunday on April 1. So Easter Sunday is April Fools' Day. I wonder if that will be a part of our Easter celebration? We will do four services that day: 6:30 am Sunrise, then our regular times of 8:00, 9:45, and 11:15. At 11:15 we will also celebrate Holy Communion.

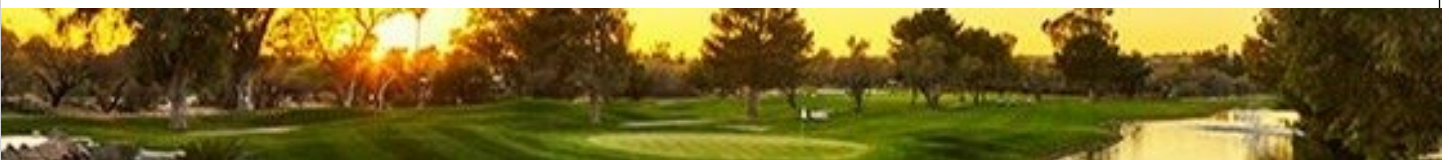
As for the rest of April we have some exciting things happening. We have two seminary students visiting us from Luther Seminary on April 6-8. We have helped them both with scholarships and they are coming to visit and say thank you. On Sunday, April 15 we will dedicate our chapel. The chapel is beautiful and is now being used often for memorials, weddings, healing services, and other meetings. The dedication will be held at 10:50 am in the chapel.

Also coming in April will be new bulletins. With five services we are spending too much staff time, paper expense, and copier expense to produce them each week. So, we will be going to one sheet with the order of service, list of people on the prayer list, a list of upcoming events, and space for sermon notes. Our TAG consultant encouraged us to make this step. This will allow us to be better stewards of our time, money and talents.

*Finally the month of April will see the start of the next new member class, starting Thursday, April 26 at either 9:30 am or 6:30pm. If you have been thinking of joining, **come and see** if Desert Hills is right for you.*

Blessings, Pastor Martin

The **FLIM Golf Fundraiser** will be held at the Oro Valley Country Club Apr 9 at 11:30am (Shotgun Start). Let's raise our goal to beat last year's record of \$18,000! As "baby boomers" retire, fewer students enroll in our seminaries. It has been estimated that by 2019, the shortfall between ordinations and retirements will have accumulated to 1600 pastors. If you don't play golf, you may be a hole sponsor, raffle prize donor, or a volunteer. For further information contact Ron Golberg at 399-0122 or Marv Berke at 425-7229



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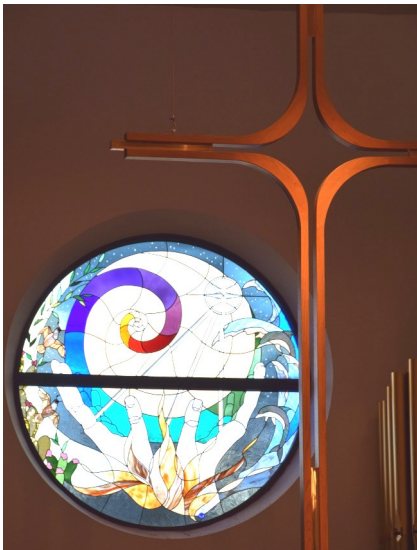


Desert Hills Lutheran Church Council

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2nd row left to right

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



SUMMARY OF DHLC COUNCIL MEETING – MARCH 20, 2018

The council met on Tuesday, March 16 and received reports from Pastor Martin, Tom Royer, Treasurer and Melissa Buscho, Administrator. The council approved the purchase of a Luther Rose Reformation Pastoral stole as an ordination gift for Mateo Chavez of San Juan Bautista Church. Mateo will be ordained this summer. Several items were discussed including security at DHLC, additional parking lot lighting and DHLC fund-raising guidelines. The next council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 17, 2018.

MUSIC MINISTRY

We Inspire



WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR OUR NEW PIANO...

A huge thank you to all members of the Music Ministry for your dedication. With our Spring Concert followed 2 weeks later by Holy Week, it has been extremely busy. Safe travel to those who are migrating back to the Midwest. Wherever we are, we still have God's work to do in music. Keep lifting your voices



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Worship Times

Saturday — 3 & 5 pm
Sunday — 8, 9:45 & 11:15 am

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

Holy Communion & Healing Prayer
Service 11 am in the Chapel
on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month

Sunday School Classes
9:30 am 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 May issue by
April 15th to quailnotes@dhlc.org.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

A new member class will be starting April 26 and run through May 31, 2018. If you are thinking DHLC might be a good fit for you, come explore membership with Pastor Martin at either 9:30 am or 6:30 pm. We always want One More.

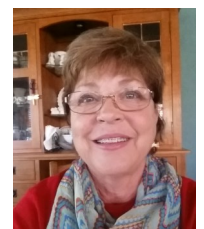


SHERIDAN SHIMP

Art has always been a part of my life in one way or another. I have considered art my passion rather than just an occupation. I was the honor art student of the year at my high school graduating class in Santa Cruz, California where I grew up in the 1960's. While raising a family in Seattle, Washington, I was fortunate to be able to take art classes from some very fine artists, including Jerry Stitt and William F. Reese. After working many years in the horticultural industry, I was able to retire a few years ago and resume my journey as an artist.

For the past several years I have explored many different mediums, including oils, watercolors, acrylics and pastels. I especially enjoy the beautiful colors and textures of soft pastels.

Whether I'm painting trees, animals, desert or ocean scenes, I try to use impressionistic colorful strokes in order to bring the subject alive and capture the hidden colors and drama in seemingly ordinary, everyday scenes.



Abiding in God's Eternal Care

Don Nordlie
February 26, 2018

Ron Rasmus
February 28, 2018

John Bridgewater
March 3, 2018

Sonny Schneider
March 3, 2018

Richard Doman
March 10, 2018

Robert Sladky
March 12, 2018

THE MINISTRY OF PRE-PLANNING your personal memorial service begins with "family concerns." This allows individuals to think through the planning of your memorial worship service. Pastor Ken is available to comfortably plan your desires in a confidential manner. Your family will be able to respect and honor your wishes. Contact Jan Howard for an appointment at 648-1633.



FYI – The social concerns committee will be sponsoring a drive for YOTO (Youth on Their Own) this fall. This organization aids youth that have been abandoned and put out on the streets through no fault of their own. We will be collecting non-perishable food items, personal care products,

undergarments and \$25 gift cards for their mini-mall. You can start stocking up on these various items. More information about this drive will be in future newsletters. To learn more about YOTO, visit their website at yoto.org.

WOW ... WHAT A TRIP WE HAD VISITING THE HOME FOR CHILDREN ON MARCH 10!



40 people went which included 22 first time visitors. Director Elias Herrera gave an overview / history of the Home including videos. We learned the Home just added 4 more children, raising the total to 32. The children then performed a dance routine followed by lots of hugs given to the visitors. Reed Olson providing an overview of **RISE** Scholastic Achievements and its positive impact on the children over the past year. Then Anna and Sebastian representing all the children, stood up and addressed the group regarding how much they appreciated the love and support from Green Valley and RISE in giving them hope for their future. Next, we went on a facility tour and discovered the upstairs rooms are almost completed, followed by lunch and play time with the children. As you could tell, the children loved every minute of our visit. Thank you all for your time, energy and love you gave. Please spread the word of what you saw and experienced. The next trips will be: Jun 2; Sep 8; Dec 8 (this is the big one - Christmas with presents). Bendiciones y muchas gracias.

For more information on **RISE** go to www.risesa.org

RISE Scholastic Achievements



HOW CAN I MAKE AN EFFECTIVE GIFT TO THE DESERT HILLS LUTHERAN FOUNDATION?

By making an outright gift of cash such as a memorial or current gift.

1. You could make a gift of appreciated stock and avoid capital gains tax.
2. You could name the Foundation as a beneficiary of your will.
3. You could name the Foundation as a recipient of an insurance policy, annuity or IRA.
4. You could name the Foundation as a beneficiary of a charitable trust

These are just a few possibilities for making an effective charitable gift. Any and all gifts are important to our ability to accomplish our Christian Mission. Desert Hills Lutheran Church Foundation exists for the purpose of extending the outreach of our congregation. We are pleased that the Foundation Board is currently able to dispense grants totaling \$50,000 and we are committed to increase this amount annually. On the weekend of April 6, 7 and 8 our congregation will host two seminary students who have received scholarship grants from the Foundation. Development of Christian leadership for the future of our church is a high priority for our Board. Desert Hills Lutheran Foundation also makes grants to several Christian service agencies including our congregation. Local service organizations are included in our mission. Thank you for your generosity. It matters.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will meet in the library on Tuesday, April 17 from 1:00 -2:00. We are now focusing on newborn and chemo hats. Plan to join us for some Clicking and Chatter. Questions? Call Karla Neumann at 520 207-8634.



BUZZINGS FROM THE BEE AND BOUTIQUE BANTER



The Sewing Bee annually constructs more than 300 quilts destined for nearby charities. You may wonder why it is that we offer some of these for sale. In the Green Valley area there are many groups who make and donate quilts for the needy. The charities often receive more quilts than they can use while still desperately needing cash to fund their programs. For this reason, a small number of our quilts are sold and 100% of the cash is given directly to our charities. We are so pleased that with your support, we have no expenses to deduct from the sales totals, resulting in a "win-win" situation for the needy and a gratifying feeling in our hearts.

The date for our annual Boutique Quilts, Arts and Crafts Sale is November 10, 2018. It is never too early to be working on handmade items for this fundraising event for charity. We need the donations from the entire congregation and friends to make a significant difference.

One of the joys of Green Valley has to be the presence of many talented ladies who join us for Sewing Bee while they winter in Arizona. They multiply the number of quilts we are able to prepare for our charities as well as enriching the good times for all of us. Stop in on Wednesday mornings from 9 - noon in the Fellowship Hall and discover the fun and friendship at Sewing Bee, coffee and conversation at 10:15. Information: call Diane Johnson, 399-2810



WIDOW'S FELLOWSHIP

Grief knows no holiday but Widows' Fellowship Will take Easter Sunday off --- our only meeting in April will be April 15th from 2-3 in the Church library. Our meetings are open to all widows - widowed recently or years ago. Our topics range from being alone on a Holiday, to buying a new car all by oneself, to going to the movies alone to being in charge of the TV remote! All widows are welcome to join us in lively conversation and warm fellowship.





*"As a community of women created in the image of God,
Called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and
Empowered by the Holy Spirit,
We commit ourselves to grow in faith,
Affirm our gifts,
Support one another in our callings,
Engage in ministry and action and
Promote healing and wholeness in the church,
The society and the world."*

"When Jesus sent people out in ministry; he sent them out in twos. He did not expect them to minister alone."

(Mark 6:7) – **What we do:**

DATE CHANGE - First Monday bible study will be **First TUESDAY** bible study to be held on April 3 in the Fellowship Hall beginning with tasty treats at 9:00. We will be discussing a new twist on 'The Good Samaritan' based on Rev. Dr. Mark Allan Powell's observations. Jewel Golberg and Carol Kriesel are your hostess'.

SECOND MONDAY, April 9, the Women's Ministries LUNCHEON will host U of A Campus Ministry, Pastor Ron Rude and students with a story. If your last name begins with any letter from A through K you are asked to bring a salad (Surprised by Salads!). Rolls, desert and drinks will be provided by Women's Ministries. Be sure to purchase your tickets at the front desk by April 4. These students are the hope of the future church; plan to attend and hear their stories. Let's all support these kids by wearing U of A shirts, red, blue, Bear Down, Pom Poms – get creative.



THANKS to everyone who contributed to Thankoffering Weekend. \$3,474.41 was raised. At the March Women's Luncheon a vote was passed to raise that amount to \$3,500.00 (taken from Women's Ministries account). Funds will be split equally between the Herb and Corinne Chilstrom Scholarship Fund for Women Seminarians and Women and Children in Crisis through WELCA Churchwide.

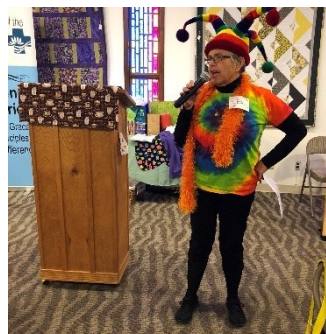


Another **DATE CHANGE** .

The "All God's Daughters Tea" May luncheon will be held on the first **Monday, May 7**. Be sure to mark your calendars as we celebrate our blessings from being daughters of God. A very unique Fashion Show is

being developed which will probably make history as being another first from Desert Hills women.

A very successful Sunrise/Santa Cruz Spring Gathering was held at Mt. Zion Lutheran in Tucson on March 3 with eight area Lutheran churches being represented. Much sharing of service projects were discussed along with a moving Worship/Communion service focusing on 'support the women of the church and get out of their way!' An elegant tea room welcomed the 74 attendees for lunch and our own Bonnie Willemssen delighted everyone with her humorous life stories. Gift baskets, donated by the various churches, brought in \$660.00 for future scholarships; \$743.00 LOVE offering is going to WELCA Grand Canyon Synod; \$224.00 to WELCA Churchwide; and \$224.00 to Herb and Corinne Chilstrom Scholarship Fund for Women Seminarians! A very FUN and SUCCESSFUL day making a difference in many lives!



The original 'Mad Hatter' returns.

Judy Gunson modeling her 'tea for the Queen' ensemble



PLAN AHEAD and mark these dates on your calendar:

November 9-11, 2018

Grand Canyon Synod WELCA Convention/Gathering
Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel, Phoenix
Special Guest: Pastor Meghan Aelabouni
"Fully Known, Fully Loved"

November 10, 2018

DHLC 16th Annual Fall Boutique
Fellowship Hall – 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

2019

February 24, 2019

Women's Mini Retreat
DHLC - Cindy Steinbeck

March 2, 2019

Sunrise/Santa Cruz Spring Gathering
DHLC – Rev. Dr. Mark Allan Powell



LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER KITCHEN COOKS

Joe Mazur will provide training and support, you will not be on your own to start. However, you will need to obtain a Food Manager Certification. This is easy to do online <https://www.statefoodsafety.com/food-safety-manager-certification> (DHLC will pay for the course.)

If you think this might be a way you would enjoy serving once or twice a month, please contact Joe at jmazur@dhlc.org or call the front desk 520-648-1633



The Road to Emmaus: 1877 painting by Robert Zund
depicting Luke 24:13-24

So overcome by grief and absorbed in recounting their recent experiences of Christ's death on the cross, two

disciples walking the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus was accompanying them. But as they traveled and talked their minds and eyes were opened, their grief lifted, and their focus shifted from what had seemed like an end to a new fervor for life.

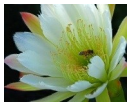
Luke's story of disciples on a transformative journey together is not unlike the relationship Stephen Ministry offers to those struggling with difficult experiences in life. Stephen Ministry provides an opportunity to walk a path towards strengthened faith, a feeling of peace, and renewed hope, while recognizing Christ is always by our side. To learn more about Desert Hills Lutheran's Stephen Ministry, contact Faye Mohr at 520-525-2682 or fayemohr@cox.net.



Christ caring for people through people

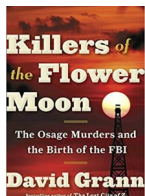
**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

MEN'S MINISTRY AT DHLC



MEN'S PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP will meet
Monday, April 9th at 1:30 pm.

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: Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI started March 14th.

A new book will be selected mid April.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
Thursdays at 1 pm.

*Study the Bible
with us*

MEN'S HEALTH The Men's Health and Wellness wish to invite all men to hear Sherri Porterfield, RN, MSN, Patient Navigator and Community Education Liaison will be speaking on the topic of skin cancer at 8:30am, Apr 16 here at Desert Hill Lutheran Church.



MEN'S MONDAY COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is back in full swing, Mondays 7:30 @ the church. Come join us.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST April 26, 2018, 8:30 am. The speaker will be Herb Wisdom, Tumacacori, AZ of Wisdom Sports & Scholars



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 Marv Berke at 520 425-7229.



**Desert Hills
Lutheran Church
Handy Man
Services**

**DID YOU EVER
COLLECT STAMPS?**



Footloose Singles



Tucson is the home to the Postal History Foundation which we will visit on Wednesday, April 11 for a tour. We will see lots of post office equipment from days gone past and hear about the fascinating world of stamps. Then it is on to the Tucson Museum of Art for lunch at the Café a La C'art followed by time at the museum (possibly a docent-led tour) and historic buildings in the area. Admission to the museum is \$8.00 if we have at least 10 in the group. Please pay when we meet at the church at 9:00 am. Veterans with valid ID are free. Sign up on the yellow sheet in the Fellowship Hall by Friday, April 6 and indicate if you are willing to drive.



SCANDINAVIAN CLUB invites everyone to a potluck (bring dish for 8) April 10, to hear Carlyle Haaland speaking about the "Earliest Scandinavian Immigrant Missionaries in China 1890-1904." This will be our last gathering for this Spring.

The German Club will host a potluck dinner on Monday April 23, 2018 beginning at 5pm at DHLCL fellowship hall. Please bring a dish for 6-8, plus your own eating utensils.
Phil Serrin, Retired US Army, will be speaking on reconstruction efforts in Germany following WWII.



NOTES

Incorporating spiritual values into health education

April has many important health observances. Below are several resource websites you can access for information.

Alcohol Awareness Month

NCADD (National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc): <http://www.ncadd.org/index.php>

Compass Behavioral Health: <http://www.compasshc.org/>

Alcohol Anonymous - Green Valley Schedule: http://www.aatucson.org/schedule_OT.php?city=Green%20Valley

National Alcohol Screening Day (NASD) is an outreach, education, and screening initiative that raises awareness about harmful and dependent drinking behaviors and connects individuals who are at risk with treatment options. Mental health is a key part of your overall health. The below program is completely anonymous and confidential, and immediately following the brief questionnaire you will see your results, recommendations, and key resources. Take an anonymous screening at <http://howdoyouscore.org/>

National Distracted Driving Awareness Month

National Safety Council - Distracted Driving Awareness

Fatal Facts

Driving While Impaired

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

Too often, unused prescription drugs find their way into the wrong hands. That's dangerous and often tragic. That's why it was great to see thousands of folks from across the country clean out their medicine cabinets and turn in - safely and anonymously - a record amount of prescription drugs.

If you can't dispose of medications yourself, call the Parish Nurse for Pick Up and Disposal.

US Dept of Justice - Drug Enforcement Administration - Diversion Control Division

Pima County Dispose of Info

Parish nurse is on staff here at Desert Hills Lutheran Church Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am-2pm.

God's Blessings and Good Health... Anna Tometczak, RN, Parish Nurse



I have been on the prayer list for 6 1/2 years now because of one illness after another. Now it appears everything has healed. I thank our pastors and congregation for their continued prayers and am thoroughly convinced the prayers helped most of all. One doctor, a specialist in CA, said he could not explain it, but my pulmonary embolism had disappeared. He had never seen that in his life! Blessings and thanksgiving to all, Candy Gardner

Erin Coutts is returning for a second visit and it will be a pleasure to catch up on her ministry activities. She will be Ordained this Spring.



2 SEMINARY STUDENTS TO VISIT APRIL 6, 7, AND 8

Erin will be delivering the message for us on the 7th and 8th. Be sure and be here to learn and be blessed. She is close to the goal she set for herself after graduation from the University of Wisconsin—Madison. Desert Hills Lutheran wants to encourage and pray for her in her further endeavors as a new pastor.



"Hi Desert Hills! My name is Seth Wynands, and I am studying to be a pastor in the ELCA at Luther Seminary. I grew up in Raleigh, North Carolina with my parents and two brothers and attended the University of North Carolina. I found community and purpose with the Lutheran Campus Ministry group and in my work at camp, and God used these experiences to change my life. I had a brief career working for US Bank in anti-money laundering, but heard God's call to ministry and started at Luther in St. Paul in 2017. I spend my free time with my fiancée Andrea and her cat Winston Bishop. I also enjoy disc golf, star wars, college basketball, and bad puns (probably a bit too much). I am most excited when I get a glimpse of what the Holy Spirit is doing, and I am thrilled to get the chance to see a bit of what God is doing in Green Valley!" Seth Wynands



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