



CELEBRATING GRACE, MAKING DISCIPLES, MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Dear Friends and Members of Desert Hills Lutheran,

Welcome to Advent, a four-week reminder of the true meaning of Christmas, that to us has been given a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. We begin the month on December 1 and 2 welcoming new members into our congregation. Also on Sunday, December 2 we will host a Blue Christmas worship at 2 pm, a worship designed for those who have experienced loss of loved ones, making this time of year especially painful.

We will celebrate the Season with a Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 6 at 3:30 and repeated at 6:30 pm.

Christmas Eve the 24th falls on Monday. We will offer five services: 11 am Contemporary Christmas, 1 pm & 3 pm Country Christmas, 5 & 7 pm Candlelight Traditional.

On Christmas Day we will have a 10 am Holy Communion Christmas Worship.

Looking ahead to January I'd like to mention we have new member classes beginning again on Thursday, January 10 at 9:30 and repeated at 6:30 pm. Bishop Hutterer will be with us the weekend of January 12/13.

Finally our Annual Meeting will be Sunday, January 27 at 12:30 pm. In the meantime, enjoy the preparations for Christmas. Just remember to never lose sight of the reason for the season. Pastor Martin

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Christmas Eve Services

11 am Contemporary Christmas
1 pm and 3 pm - Country Christmas
5 pm and 7 pm - Candlelight Services

Continuous Buffet 4pm to 6pm

Christmas Day Service

10 am

On the Menu

Orange/Pomegranate Salad
Honey Ham w/Pineapple Sauce
Scalloped Potatoes
Bacon Parmesan Brussel Sprouts
Creamed Spinach and Rolls
Homemade Cookies,
Chocolates and Cake

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 November 27 Meeting

Pastor opened with a prayer and several members shared God stories. Pastor stated that he feels the contemporary service has had positive feedback and has averaged 150 congregants for the three services so far. Pastor said that his goal of 600 attending the Stewardship dinners was nearly reached. Pledges are coming in slowly this year, so Pastor will touch on that in coming weeks. Council approved fund raising for St. Andrews Clinic and Navajo Lutheran Mission. Bishop Hutterer will be here to preach on January 12 and 13. Next meeting will be December 18th.

Making 2019 Contribution in 2018?

If you are going to make a contribution to DHLC this year (2018), but it is to pre-pay for 2019, make sure you are very clear that the donation is for 2019. This is especially important if you have money directed from your financial institution. Ask your financial institution to include your name and that it is a pre-pay for 2019 in the memo of the check. If you have any questions, please contact DHLC administrator Melissa Buscho at the church office. Ph: 520-648-1633 or Email: administrator@dhlc.org.



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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 the 9:30 and 11 am.

Sunday School at 9:30 am grades 1-6

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

Sunday School Classes

9:30 am Grades 1-6/October thru April

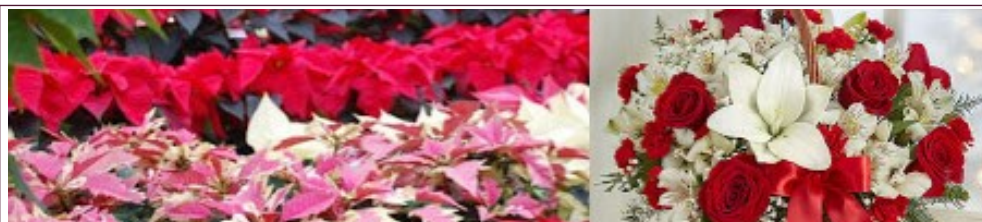
Office Hours

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 January
issue by
December 15th to quailnotes@dhlc.org.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER DECORATIONS: If you wish to contribute to the Christmas and Flower Fund, please indicate on the IF card or bring your donation to the church office, Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 4 pm. Christmas flowers and poinsettias will be purchased throughout the Christmas Season. You may include a special dedication, i.e., In memory of..., in honor of..., in celebration of.... Please make your check out to DHLC (\$15) with "Christmas Flowers" on the memo line. The deadline for your donation is December 17th.

MUSIC MINISTRY

We Inspire

December always is a joy for our choirs because everyone loves choral music at Christmas. Thank you to all of the singers who sang in the Dickens ensemble. Your voices and costumes added so much to the stewardship dinners.

Please join us for our annual DHLC Christmas concert. It will be Thursday, December 6, at 3:30 pm and 6:30 pm. You will hear wonderful music and see Mary, Joseph, and 3 Wise Men. We would love to have you join us. Fa, la, la.

Abiding in God's Eternal Care

Velma Stanzel
October 29, 2018

Fred Renshaw
November 24, 2018

WIDOWS' FELLOWSHIP: December 2nd at 2 pm the Widows' Fellowship will host a BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE in the DHLC chapel. It will be a simple service of the "quieter" music of Christmas, a variety of readings, and a time of personal reflection. This service is a time to "be still and know that I am God" as we prepare for the busyness of the holidays. It affords us time to remember our loved ones whom we are separated from due to death or illness or miles or personal differences. It gives us time to pause, to reflect, to feel, to experience the peace and calm of our beautiful chapel, and to be with others on life's journey.

The service is open to all -- come and be with us! There will be a time of fellowship and light refreshments (homemade cookies!) immediately following in the fellowship hall.

WIDOWS' FELLOWSHIP WILL RESUME OUR ROUTINE GATHERINGS ON DECEMBER 16TH, 2 PM IN THE LIBRARY.



Stewardship Christmas Photos and Silhouettes are for Sale

\$15 to \$20 each. Please contact Jan Howard if you are interested in purchasing 648-1633. They were hanging in the narthex.

Please support **DHLC Singles Fellowship** by attending our festive Christmas luncheon at Grill on the Green in their banquet room. Our Christmas party will put us in the holiday spirit with games, prizes, caroling, and of course fun, fellowship, food, and door prizes! Our party will be held on **Saturday, December 15, from noon till 3:00**. The Christmas luncheon is choice of turkey or beef, roasted mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, salad, rolls, choice of beverage, and dessert! The cost is \$23 per person, all inclusive (all food, tax, and tip included!) **PAID INADVANCE** by December 7. Please pay at the front desk and select your entree. This year our Christmas charity will be **LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY**. We can make a difference and help Lutheran Social Services be **God's angels**. A list of their needs is posted next to the sign-up sheet. A donation is optional. Hope to see you there!



Tables for Eight

We hope all the Tables for Eight groups have your December get-togethers scheduled. We wish you a joyous holiday season and a Blessed and Merry Christmas. Please send us photos of your holiday get-togethers and we'll post some on the Tables for Eight web page.

Your Tables for Eight Coordinators, Joan & Tom Fava

From the Social Concerns Committee: Thanks so much for your generosity to the YOTO drive. There has been a 55% increase of students using the mini mall services this year. Our total of \$415 of personal hygiene products, \$347 of food donations, and \$225 in gift cards will greatly support the large increase in this need. If you would like more information about YOTO visit their website at www.yoto.org.



Dean Libner Golf Event, January 28, Benefitting the DHLC Foundation



LUTEFISK DINNER FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 4:30PM & 5:30PM

Tickets (\$20) will be available starting the weekend of December 8 & 9 after the 3pm service on Saturday and after the 8 and 9:30 services on Sunday. They will be available during the week at the reception desk starting Monday, Dec. 10, until sold out. Please bring your friends and neighbors.

BLACK MARKET TRUST CONCERT JANUARY 30TH 6:30 PM



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

The things which make Christmas wonderful can be the very same things which make it sad. Some of us have lost friends and family members over this past year and are facing Christmas without them for the first time. It might be a time of self-evaluation, reflection, loneliness, a reminder that people too far away are no longer in our life, and anxiety about an uncertain future.

When we're celebrating the season, there's an empty place which used to be filled. It's OK to say no to all invitations and obligations. It is OK to do things differently this year. Surround yourself with family and friends who understand what you are feeling. Shakespeare said, "Give sorrow words." Dr. Bill Webster suggests we need to acknowledge our loved one's presence even in the midst of their absence. Share your memories and tears. The greatest gift you can give yourself during the holidays is to take care of your physical, emotional and spiritual needs. I came across this prayer again in my grief resources that hit home and I would like to share it with you.

Let Go and Let God

Dear Lord, I know that...

To let go is not to welcome sorrow but learn from it.

To let go is not to deny but to accept.

To let go is not to stop caring but to care in a different way.

To let go is not to reject what was but to make the most of what can be.

To let go is not to isolate myself but to realize I can make it on my own.

To let go is not to push others away but to let them into my life.

To let go is not to forget the past but to live in the present and dream for the future.

To let go is to fear less and love more.

Dear Lord, help me to *let go*. (author unknown)

God comes to us having suffered loss and death himself. He comes with understanding, gentleness, peace, love, support and strength. God is with us in our journey. God is a resource for us in our pain and heartbreak... in our sometimes desperate struggle to rebuild our lives. Take time to listen and pray... for healing. Let Go and Let God!

May God grant you wonderful memories, hope, joy, peace, and a SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON!

Anna Tometzak, RN – Parish Nurse

Upcoming Health & Wellness Events:

Red Cross Blood Drive at DHLC, Thursday, December 4 from 9am to 2pm. To schedule your appointment or for more information, contact Parish Nurse, Anna Tometzak, RN at 648-1633 ext 37 or log on to redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: Deserthills.

The Kinghorn Heritage Law Office will be giving a presentation on Estate Planning that covers Wills, Trusts, and VA/Medicaid Qualifications for Long-Term Care. January 22 from 11am-1pm.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Gift a book for a needy child at Continental School or in Mexico. Opportunity will be in January. Be looking for it.

SUSIE STEWART, VOLUNTEER AND RECEPTION COORDINATOR

Volunteer Coordinator

- Meets with new members to determine their interests and where they would like to “connect” into DHLC
- Helps members find places to serve at DHLC
- Works with DHLC committees and groups to identify and introduce potential members
- Coordinates volunteers needed for DHLC activities including: office support, ticket sales, DHLC directory photos, etc.
- Creates new service opportunities at DHLC as needs arise
- Meets with those not currently involved
- Updates and maintains DHLC Get Connected book

Reception Coordinator

- Supervises front desk personnel (staff and volunteers)
- Assists with phone calls
- Coordinates work room activities and equipment

Membership Database Coordinator

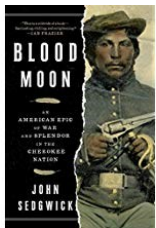
- Makes address changes and contact information
- Oversees reports that are run for staff and leaders
- Verifies Living Lutheran subscriptions including address changes



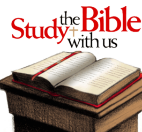
The DHLC Social Concerns Ministry will be holding a drive for needed items for the St. Andrew's Children's Clinic. The Clinic provides free, specialized medical care to 225-250 children monthly who are living in Mexico who cannot get the care or afford the care they need in their home country. The Clinic is held at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Nogales, Arizona, and is staffed with volunteer professional healthcare personnel. Annually, 50-60 children have cleft palate/cleft lip surgery in Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico. This special mission involves volunteers on both sides of the US-Mexico border who work with the medical team to give patients smiles and a much better life. To assist with that effort, donations for the drive can be made on the second, third and fourth weekends in January. Items needed by the clinic are: 6-packs of Pedi Sure, 6 pack small cans of prune juice, individual servings of dry milk (Walmart brand those items); new or gently used toys; coloring books and crayons; baby wipes, diapers (newborn thru size 6); children's vitamins; peanut butter; Walmart gift certificates, and cash for flights, transportation and meals for families. Donation boxes will be set up in the halls of the church, the 2nd, 3rd & 4th weekends in January.

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: Blood Moon: An American Epic of War in the Cherokee Nation by John Sedgwick.



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets every Thursday at 1 pm. All men are welcome.

MEN'S PHOTOGRAPHY will meet on Monday, December 3 at 1:30 pm. The Men's Photography Group strives to meet the first Monday of the month at 1:30 pm at the church. Each month we select a Bible-based theme, bringing photographs that fit the theme to share with the group. If you have an interest in photography, you are welcome to attend.



THE MEN'S COFFEE FELLOWSHIP will meet Monday mornings at 7 am through April 2019. All men are welcome to join.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

CANCELLED IN DECEMBER



HANDYMAN 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 HEALTH GROUP: Men's Health will meet through the winter on the third Monday of each month at 8:30 am. Our speaker for December 17 will be Cynthia Valencia, Community Relations Director for Santa Rita Home Health Services. .

Merry Christmas 🎄

CORNER

FOUNDATION



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 \$40,000 to \$50,000 and we are committed to increase this amount annually. 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.

We wish you all the blessings of Christmas and a wonderful 2019.



BUZZINGS FROM THE BEE AND BOUTIQUE BANTER

100% TO CHARITIES! This 16th Annual Sale was one of our best.

If you missed our Boutique Sale on November 10, you will want to have “heads up” next November. It was a fabulous event, all made possible by YOUR beautiful donations and a lot of hard work from the Sewing Bee and WELCA groups. Marcia Cleary, Jeanette Heath, and Mary (Mrs. Reed) Olson headed the Boutique team in the new location. Lynn Beykirch and Betty Ann Clark led the kitchen service and bake sale.

Thanks to the crafts persons of all talents, especially those who did inlaid-wood creations and fine needlework. With your generosity and that of our shoppers, our totals were \$12,500 from the Boutique. We are able to present \$3,000 to each of this year's chosen charities: Genesis House, Youth On Their Own, 51 Homes for Veterans and RISE Scholastic Achievement in Nogales, Mexico. \$1000 from food sales will be donated to the Navajo Lutheran School in Rock Point, AZ.

The regular routine resumes for the Sewing Bee every Wednesday morning from 9 am – noon in the fellowship hall. Join us for a morning of fun with refreshments and conversation at 10.

Contact Diane Johnson for information
520-399-2810 or diane-and-roger@msn.com.



Fair trade cocoa is an agricultural product harvested from the cocoa tree using a certified process which is followed by cocoa farmers, buyers, and chocolate manufacturers, and is designed to create sustainable incomes for farmers and their families.

STOCK UP FOR CHRISTMAS — 2ND AND 4TH WEEKENDS



December 11, 2018 5 pm

Program: Hansen's disease (Leprosy) and the part played by Dr. Norm Bystol, a Norwegian from Warren, MN. He will be presenting his experience with patients who have had the disease.

Join us for a potluck before the presentation. Bring a dish to share and your own place settings to make clean up easier.

"GERMAN MUSIC THROUGHOUT HISTORY" EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Monday, January 28th, 6:00 pm mark your calendars now, you will not want to miss this. More info in January.

Sponsored by the German Club



BE SURE TO LOOK AT

THE NEW PHOTOGRAPHIC ART DISPLAY IN THE NARTHEX!

Jerry Marrion is presenting a two month rotating collection of 'Southwest' digital photo expressionism. Each print has captured a moment in time emphasizing color, clarity, and uncommon visual compensation.



Bible Study - Monday, December 3, 2018 from 9 am to 10:30 am in the DHLC Church Library. Rev. Barb Rapp will be basing it on the Gather Magazine Bible Study' "Advent/Christmas Devotion." Hostesses are Nancy Burkland and Elaine Larson. For the 2019 Bible Study we will continue using the Gather magazine. If you have not subscribed to it, please do so.

Gather Magazine at a Reduced Price

Until December 31, 2018 Gather magazine is offering a special \$12.95 (regularly \$19.95) rate for a one year (10 issues) subscription. Act now!! We use the Gather Bible studies on the first Monday of every month.

Women's Ministries Luncheon - Monday, December 10, 2018 from 11:30 am to 1 pm in the DHLC Fellowship Hall. An Elegant Lunch will be catered by Lynne Beykirch.



"Christmas on a Cruise Ship" is our theme for December. Don't forget to bring your "unwrapped gifts" that you purchased for children of: Board games (all ages); cards/dice game; puzzles (all ages); English and Spanish books; Lego building blocks; coloring books/markers; art supplies; jump ropes; soccer balls. Suki will see that all the gifts are distributed to the Lutheran Social Services in a timely manner. Tickets for the luncheon (\$5) can be purchased at the front desk Monday - Friday during business hours, at the Monday Bible Study, Saturday, December 1st between 4 and 5, and on Sundays (must have exact change for Sunday purchase). You must purchase your tickets by Wednesday, Dec. 5th. No tickets will be sold after that date.

Hope you're saving those **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.

The Grand Canyon Synod Convention/Gathering was a lot of fun for those who attended



during the 28th convention / Gathering held in Phoenix. Bishop Deborah Hutterer models the stole presented to her by the women of the ELCA Grand Canyon Synod at her installation.

SAVE THE DATE:

January 12, 2019: Gather Bible Study Event. Shepherd of the Valley, Phoenix, Rev. Julie Kanarr, author and speaker.

Saturday, Feb. 23, 2019: 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. Tickets on sale in December.

February 23-24, 2019: 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.

March 2, 2019: will be the Sunrise/Santa Cruz Conference Spring Gathering at DHLC. Rev. Dr. Mark Allan Powell, Trinity Lutheran Seminary Professor/Author/Music Critic will speak.

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Give something
unexpected
this Christmas.

Goat **\$50**

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Weekends
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How it works

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Choose your gift.

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Get a card.

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Change lives.



When safe drinking water just isn't available— especially in times following natural disasters or emergencies – a simple, ceramic water filter is a lifesaver. Capable of purifying water without electricity or chemicals, it's a powerful tool to quench thirst and prevent water-borne diseases like cholera and typhoid.

Our goal is 2-3 wells but also do not forget the barnyard animals and gifts for women and children to agriculture and healthcare.

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