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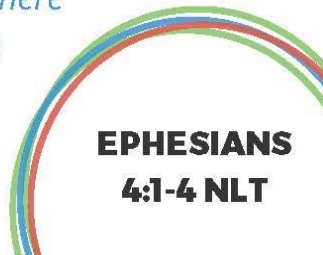
Dear Friends and Members of Desert Hills Lutheran,

Well done...good and faithful servant, Ray Weisgarber! Ray has served as Administrator of DHLC and we give him thanks for a job well done! Ray and Diane will continue their membership at Desert Hills and be active in the life and faith of our church. On behalf of the membership and leadership of Desert Hills we say thanks be to God!

I am pleased to announce we have hired a new church Administrator. Melissa Buscho began her work with us on June 12th. Melissa has business and administrative leadership skills in areas of revenue growth and financial management and will bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to our church. Welcome aboard, Melissa!

Join in! Sign up for the Global Leadership Summit at DHLC August 10th and 11th. Last year over 120 joined in this Leadership Summit and were inspired by speakers, grew in faith, shared a lot of laughter and enjoyed great people from around the nation for these two days. The theme this year is "Everyone has influence." Please prayerfully consider signing up for this event. *continued on page 2*

...Lead a life **WORTHY** of your **CALLING**, for you have been called by God. Always be **HUMBLE** and **GENTLE**. Be **PATIENT** with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your **LOVE**. Make every effort to keep yourselves **UNITED** in the Spirit, binding yourselves **TOGETHER** with peace. For there is **ONE BODY** and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one **GLORIOUS HOPE** for the future.



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Everyone has
INFLUENCE.

 **THE GLOBAL
LEADERSHIP SUMMIT**
Thursday-Friday, August 10-11, 2017



Desert Hills Lutheran Church Council

Judy Gunson LuAnn Guthmueller Luke Coker bb Haywood Martin Overson
 President Vice President Treasurer Secretary Pastor
 Betty Colongione, Richard Gardner, Ernie LeMaster, Janice Mounce, Tom Royer

SUMMARY OF DHLC COUNCIL MEETING-JUNE, 2017 : The church council met on Tuesday, June 20 and received reports from Judy Gunson, President, Luke Coker, Treasurer and Ray Weisgarber, Administrator. Luke Coker presented a recommendation from the finance committee to engage an architect to develop schematics and cost estimates for potential parking lot expansion and revised ingress and egress from Camino Del Sol to the church property. Melissa Buscho was welcomed as the new church administrator. A new sick leave policy, effective July 1, was adopted to comply with state regulations. Judy Gunson shared her experience at the annual assembly where DHLC was recognized for their giving and Pastor Ken was recognized for 45 years as an ordained minister. The next meeting is August 15.



Pastor Ken's letter continued from page 1

Ever consider planning your own Memorial Service? DHLC has gifted us with the opportunity to personally plan memorial services so all wishes can be carried out. We have developed a form to be completed by members indicating favorite hymns, scripture, special requests and other information for orderly service. This process assists family members at a difficult time. All completed information forms will be placed in a confidential file for future reference. Please inquire at the front desk for the Memorial Service Pre-Planning Packet.

Thanks be to God for one another...meeting friends, together in worship as we grow through this wonderful summer season. A few of our ministries are on summer vacation...please check schedules as you plan your involvement in all activities to make a difference.

Finally, our New Member Class for June is past. Please check the pictorial bulletin board so you can become acquainted with these wonderful folks. We welcomed the new members on June 17 & 18. Another New Member Class begins July 13th. See you in our COOL sanctuary as we come together 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

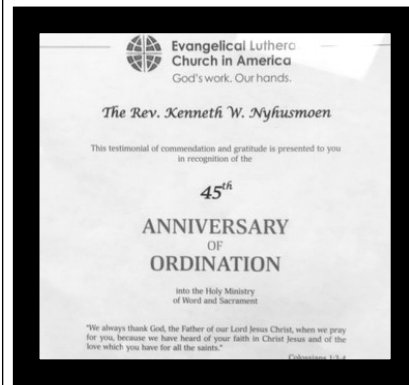
Pastoral Staff

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

Quail Notes newsletter is published monthly.

Email articles for the August issue by July 15th to quailnotes@dhlc.org.

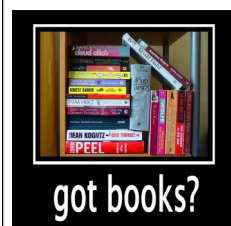
CONGRATULATIONS



Pastor Ken was given this award on 45 years in the pulpit. He was ordained 45 years ago this past June 2nd.

He was honored at the Grand Canyon Synod Assembly June 10th for his 45 years. Pastor Ken was totally surprised when he was presented the certificate.

If you would like to know what is available in the DHLC Library, you now have the ability to search the library from the comfort of your home.



<https://16988.rmwebopac.com/>

Once the page opens you do not need to log in. Just put your keywords into the search box and click on the button that says search. Or simply go to the DHLC website and choose Search Library. Books need to be checked out in person. The card catalog is being retired at this time.

Abiding in God's Eternal Care

John Hanson
May 25, 2017

John Orvosh
June 16, 2017



Grand Canyon Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

"HEARING THE CALL TO LEAD"
GRAND CANYON ELCA SYNOD
ASSEMBLY
JUNE 9-10, 2017

More than 300 clergy, deacons, voting members and guests gathered at Love of Christ in Mesa, AZ to celebrate the 11 years of service of Bishop Steve Talmage and to welcome Interim Bishop, The Rev. Dr. Lowell Almen.

Numbers are drastically declining for new pastors and leaders who will be needed in the future. We are facing a leadership shortage as seminary enrollment is not matching the increasing number of retirements by ELCA ordained leaders. Current seminarian students and interns spoke describing their "Call to Lead" and encouraged each of us to search out potential leaders. Each student (young, mature, male, female) suggested that, when we see such a candidate, we offer friendship, prayer, encouragement, and financial support to that potential leader. It's never too early or too late to plant the seed.

The WELCA display brought lots of new women with questions and curiosity. We were also blessed to witness the commissioning of Berkley Harris (one of our U of A scholarship recipients at the 2016 Las Vegas Convention) as she heads off to Senegal for a year with Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM). Your WELCA Synod Board presented Berkley with a check for \$500 to help her reach her financial goal for the trip. The DHLC Foundation also supported Berkley's YAGM trip with a \$1,500 contribution. We will look forward to updates from Senegal in the year to come.

Christmas in July is back! July 15th and 16th and July 22nd and 23rd, the Global Missions team is bringing you the opportunity to help missions around the world by buying "good gifts". Come visit the Christmas in July table in the hallway to purchase a goat, pig, chicks or other choices. The funds received will be sent to ELCA, Lutheran World Hunger and the GV Food Bank (for fresh milk). Hang an ornament on the tree indicating you helped fill the continuing need to alleviate hunger in the world! You may also request a gift card to send to a loved one indicating you gave a gift in their name, instead of the usual birthday gift. Will you help? The team thanks you in advance for your participation.

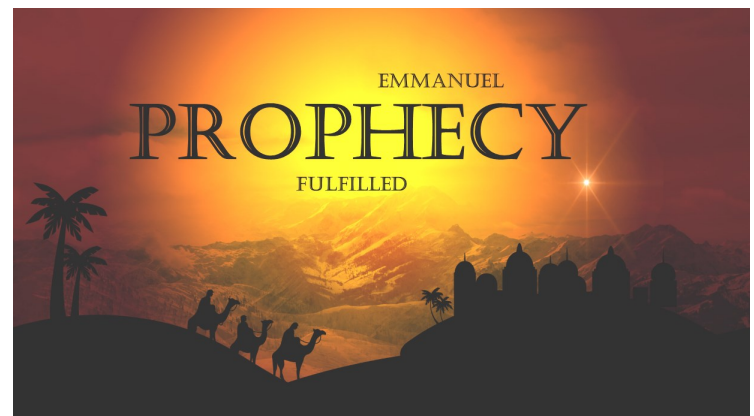


MUSIC MINISTRY JUNE HIGHLIGHTS

- † Pictured on the left are the grandkids of Don Brown (Nicole, Cody & Jesse) who treated us to a performance at the 11:15 service on the 4th
- † Summer Chancel Choir had its debut on Pentecost
- † Everyone enjoyed Sabra Faulk and her mother on Saturday, June 10th

**Mark your
Calendar**

**2017
Christmas
Concert
Thursday
December 7th
3:30 pm
6:30 pm**





SURPRISE!!!

**MONDAY, JULY 10 – 11:30 AM UNTIL WHENEVER
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

If you like mystery and fun surprises, plan to attend the pizza, salad and dessert Women’s Ministries luncheon. Paid reservations (\$5.00) must be secured no later than July 5 (remember there is a holiday involved). The front desk will be happy to take your name and money.

**GRAND CANYON SYNOD ASSEMBLY
LOVE OF CHRIST, MESA, AZ**



Suki, Pastor Barb, Judy Gunson (and Pastor Ken) represented DHLC at last month’s Synod Assembly where they met up with a real Martin Luther bobble head. Much was learned and much was celebrated as Bishop Steve Talmage left his post to return to the pulpit. The Synod is in good hands with The Rev. Dr. Lowell Almen, who formerly served with our own former Bishop Herb Chilstrom.



“ABUNDANT AGING,” LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES

Women’s Ministries presented Reverend Deborah Hutterer with a check for \$500.00 to be put to good use at Lutheran Social Services. Deborah focused her talk at the June luncheon on “Abundant Aging,” a topic near and dear to all of us. As Arizona is one of the largest states attracting the mature, the topic was very timely and much was learned.

SAVE THE DATES

**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 contributed gift cards for the In-Kind Gathering at Triennial which is being held in Minneapolis, MN in a few short weeks. The Grand Canyon Synod has approximately 35 women represented. Mark your calendars for July, 2020 when the Triennial comes to Phoenix!

Another THANKS for providing the girls at the Casa de Hagar orphanage in Nogales, Sonora with much needed summer sleep attire and underwear.



BUZZINGS FROM THE BEE AND BOUTIQUE BANTER

As we celebrate our national holiday on July 4, please get started on your patriotic arts and crafts donations for our upcoming November 11 Annual Fall Boutique Sale. The Sewing Bee ladies who work year-round on this event are shown in the photo with some of the red, white, and blue quilts they have completed. Of course, we welcome all themes of handmade items and invite woodworkers, needle workers, gardeners, jewelry artists and crafts workers of all talents to be a part. If you haven't donated your crafts in the past, now is a good time to give it a try.



100% of the money raised from your donations will be given to nearby charities: Genesis House Shelter, Youth On Their Own, and the 51 Homeless Veterans Program.

The baptism of Alice Sullivan's great-granddaughter was commemorated with an appropriate quilt from the Sewing Bee this spring. We are happy to bless each youngster who is baptized at DHLC with a similar gift.

You are invited to attend the Sewing Bee every Wednesday morning from 9 am until noon to help with our quilting projects. Remember, no sewing skills required! Meet an enthusiastic group of dedicated ladies who enjoy a morning of fun and fellowship complete with coffee and treats at 10 am. We also welcome your donations of useful fabrics and sewing supplies to further our mission.

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



Footloose Singles



Join us on Wednesday, July 21st for the viewing of the faith affirming movie "The Shack" followed by a discussion led by Barb Rapp. "The Shack" is a deep, emotional, and entertaining movie. It is a story of faith and explores topics such as "judge not," the profoundness of God's love for everyone, and how to find healing. Sign up sheet is posted and located on the Fun and Fellowship bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Suggested donation \$1.00.

Looking Ahead: Sunday, August 27, at 12:30, the Footloose Singles will have lunch at Torres Blancas.

YOU NEVER WALK ALONE

"When you walk through a storm don't be afraid of the dark . . .
Walk on, walk on With hope in your heart And you'll never walk alone"

Oscar Hammerstein/Richard Rodgers



"Hope in your heart" can sometimes be hard to muster when grief overwhelms, divorce devastates, children disappoint, finances falter, retirement stalls, or other storms seem to turn life upside down. But when reminded God is by your side – always – assurance of unconditional love, healing, safety, forgiveness, courage, hope, and even joy can be rekindled.

DHLC's Stephen Ministers are here to listen and help clear the fog that may be clouding your vision of your Lord and Savior walking with you. Contact Wally or Faye Mohr at 520 232-3352 or fayemohr@cox.net; or Emilie Odde at 612 710-9444 or eodde@earthlink.net to learn how the Stephen Ministry program can help.

FOUNDATION CORNER

DESERT HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH FOUNDATION ††† BEST KEPT SECRET AT DESERT HILLS

As a new member of the DHLC Foundation, I have learned much even though I have been a member of the Congregation for many years. Do you know that the Foundation, through the generosity of our members, has:



- + Assets of \$847,000?
- + Given \$30,000 in grants & scholarships in 2016?
- + Given 50% to developing Christian leadership?
- + Given 30% Church wide?
- + Given 20% to local grants?
- + Our guidelines mirror those of the Church: Celebrate Grace, Make Disciples, and Make a Difference.

Help us spread the good news. Consider supporting the Foundation through a bequest, a gift or a memorial. Maybe you need to update your will. A simple way to make a legacy gift would be to ask your lawyer to add a codicil naming Desert Hills Lutheran Church Foundation for an amount, a percentage or a remainder bequest. If you have questions, contact a Foundation Board member. Help us get the word out, no secrets here! Our DHLC Foundation is on the move. Remember, your contribution will help develop Christian leaders for a future world we can only imagine.

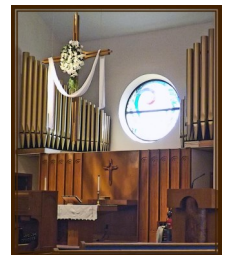
Rosie Hussey

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.



Companion Care @dhlc

Trained volunteers providing non-medical respite so Care Givers can take a break!

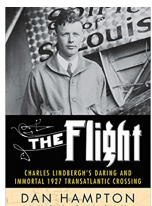
SPEAKER SERIES

July 25, 2017 - Parkinson's Disease

For those who want to learn more about this disease, available support groups and more.

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 Flight: Charles Lindbergh's Daring and Immortal 1927 Transatlantic Crossing* by Dan Hampton

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY will be taking 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 July 27, 2017
The speaker will be Troy Justesen.
The topic: IT Capabilities at DHLC.
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 Heeszal at 520 903-7188 and RHeeszal@gmail.com.

MEN'S PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP
On break until the Fall.



Incorporating spiritual values into health education

“Set your mind on things above” (Colossians 3:2) and “renew your mind” (Romans 12:2)...

In March of 2013 DHLC participated as a “Community of Faith” on a virtual journey to the “Holy Land.” The intent was to increase the health of body, mind and spirit. It was the endeavor of the community to encourage team spirit and accountability, where each of us made a contribution to the physical, mental and spiritual health of our Community.



Walking is recommended as a great form of exercise, and just 10 minutes a day can change your life. Walking can lower your stress and protect your brain. Stressed people tend to overeat, smoke cigarettes, drink too much, are sleep deprived, and constantly feel overwhelmed... putting your health at risk. There is a saying, “Life is a dash, pause in the present and enjoy the moment” ... listen for the whispers of your soul. But, there is a difference in walking and taking a mindfulness walk.

Jesus was mindful, and focused on one thing: the kingdom of God and God’s righteousness (Matthew 6:33). That focus shut out petty distractions, diminished worry, and opened him to whatever was happening around him at that moment. Jesus trusted that everything else was in God’s hands, and out of his own. Thus he was able to be fully present to the crowds, the Pharisees, and his Father because he put the kingdom first.

When Jesus wanted to tell the disciples not to worry, he started by having them pay attention. “Look at the birds of the air,” he said. “Consider the lilies of the field,” he insisted, “if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you?... Therefore do not worry” (Matthew 6:25-30). By paying attention to the fact that since the beginning the creatures of the earth have been provided for, Jesus’ disciples could use their minds to deduce their own situation. When we recognize that we are being provided for, peace comes more easily.

Start your ritual of mindfulness walking for at least 10 minutes each day. Dress appropriately for the weather, hydrate during your walk, and start with a simple stroll around your neighborhood or near your workplace. Observe your surroundings and allow your body and senses to engage (or distract) your mind. Notice how the air smells or feels, take notice of the colors around you, and listen to the birds, the cars passing by, and the sounds of your surrounding environment. Be grateful for your ability to venture out. Maybe God is calling you to use prayer and this activity as a time to praise him or to pray for others.

Mindfulness walking trains us over time to release all the distracting thoughts that occur to us during the average day and refocus on what matters. The benefits will keep you open to what’s around you and bring you peace and clarity, an appreciation for nature, a slower heart rate, lower blood pressure, reduction in tension, boost energy and improve your mood, self-discovery and self-care leading to wholeness and healing, and a feeling of gratefulness as you experience the gift of all your senses. It provides a centeredness that helps us listen for God.



Anna Tometczak, RN, Parish Nurse

American Red Cross Blood Drive
Tuesday, July 25, 2017
9am-2pm in the Fellowship Hall

Schedule Appointment at redcrossblood.org and enter Sponsor Code: Desert or call Anna Tometczak, RN, Parish Nurse 648-1633 Ext 37 or 1-800-RED-CROSS



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 you are interested in a columbarium niche at DHLC, please contact Jan Howard 520 648-1633.



5th Annual

Monsoon Concert at Desert Hills

Wednesday, August 23rd at 6:30 pm

Celebrate Summer at the Monsoon Concert with:
Amber Norgaard
Lisa Otey & Diane Van Deurzen
Danny Krieger & Steve Grams
Nick Coventry
Joe Ferguson
Jay Trapp
Ralph Gilmore



TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE SOON!

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