

CELEBRATING GRACE, MAKING DISCIPLES, MAKING A DIFFERENCE



*Dear Friends and Members of Desert Hills Lutheran,
Happy New Year!!!! I love the beginning of a New Year. If the past year was stellar, then one can be excited about a repeat. If the past year was awful, then one can thank God it is over and, with renewed energy, ask God to help make the coming year better. So Happy New Year!*

In January, your council and other leaders will be meeting with our consultant, Kevin Ford, to discuss and dream of our path for the next years. It is critical to be looking at the future at all times, but when things are going well it is easy to let this slip. We have had some amazingly blessed years. Now is the time to discern as much as possible God's will for our future.

On Sunday, January 27 at 12:30 pm we will hold our annual meeting. This year we have just a few things to present. There will be a report from the Long Range Planning group which you will find interesting I think. Three days later The Black Market Trust concert happens on Wednesday, January 30th at 6:30 pm. This will be another outstanding concert here at Desert Hills.

New member classes begin January 10. We hold our six classes four times a year. We gather on Thursdays at either 9:30 am or 6:30 pm. These classes are one hour and will help you decide if Desert Hills is a good match as your home congregation.

Finally on the weekend of January 12/13 our new bishop, Deborah Hutterer, will be visiting all five of our services. She is known to us and has been well received as a preacher and guest in past years. Bring your best voices and smiles for a greeting. See you at worship in the New Year.

Blessings and Happy New Year, Pastor Martin

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HAVEN OR HEAVEN GOLF EVENT

**Benefitting the DHLC Foundation In Loving Memory of Our Dear Friend Dean Libner,
Monday, January 28, 2019 7:30 am registration begins, 8:30 am shotgun start,
Haven Golf Course, 110 North Abrego, Green Valley, AZ 85614
Pick up a brochure at Church to sign up.**



Desert Hills Lutheran Church Council

Judy	Luke	Tom	Barbara	Martin
Gunson	Coker	Royer	Southard	Overson
President	Vice President	Treasurer	Secretary	Pastor

2nd row left to right

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

Notes from Council Meeting December 18, 2018 Pastor shared from a devotional book and then opened the meeting with prayer. Pastor stated that the contemporary service has seen an overall increase in attendance and energy. He mentioned that planning is well on the way for all of our Christmas services. Melissa stated that our giving continues to be up for 2018. The 2019 proposed budget was reviewed. Council approved moving it forward for a vote at the annual meeting. Melissa will contact committee chairs to review amounts in the proposed budget. Regarding the survey conducted at church recently, 72% of the people in attendance filled it out and we will be working on compiling the pertinent data for use with our consultants in planning for the future of DHLC. In March of 2019 Pastor Martin will celebrate 40 years since his ordination.

Happy
New Year
2019



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

Our annual congregational meeting will

be held on Sunday, January 27th at 12:45 in
the Sanctuary. We really encourage you to
attend so that you can hear first-hand our
plans and our proposed budget for 2019.

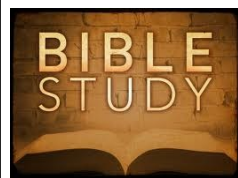
We need a quorum for voting. So, your
attendance really is important. A free, light
lunch will be served in Fellowship Hall

before the meeting. Join us for some fellowship and then the annual meeting.

Anyone interested in reviewing and discussing the financials prior to the annual
meeting can attend a Q&A on Saturday, January 19 from 1:30 to 2:30 in the

Chapel. Financial handouts will be available for the Q&A just prior to that meeting.

ANNUAL
MEETING



New Bible Study: Dr. Terry Kriesel will be teaching

"The Gospel of Mark: What does it say and mean for me."

There will be four (4) sessions on Fridays starting January 11th
at 10 am in room 107. Bible Study is open to all.

DON'T FORGET

The DHLC Social Concerns
Ministry will be holding a



MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY

drive for needed items for the **St. Andrew's Children's Clinic**. Donation boxes will
be set up in the halls of the church, the 2nd, 3rd & 4th weekends in January.

MUSIC MINISTRY

We Inspire



Happy 2019! A very BIG thank you to everyone who participated and
attended our Christmas concert. Including the participants, there were a
little over 1000 people who attended the two Christmas concerts.

Upcoming January concerts at DHLC:

Friday, January 11, 7 pm-John Snavelly Instrumental Ensemble \$10 @ door

Sunday, January 20, 3 pm -Taggart Kids Piano Concert - free will offering

Wednesday, January 30, 6:30 pm -The Black Market Trust Concert - \$20

Abiding in God's Eternal Care

Susan Pickrell

Maxine Peebles

Helen MacTaggart

Nyla Bell

Mary Ogren

November 29, 2018

December 7, 2018

December 8, 2018

December 18, 2018

December 25, 2018

WOW WHAT A DIFFERENCE

In just two weekends, Alternative Christmas sales raised \$11,330. Highlights include:

Two \$2500 simple wells were purchased by two individuals

Six well shares at \$250 each were purchased

Two fish farms at \$250 each were purchased; one by an 11 year old who saved up for a year

Additional purchases included:

- 17 pigs
- 48 chicks
- 7 roosters
- 15 honeybees
- 20 goats
- 4 fruit tree seedlings
- 2 sets of farming tools

- 5 micro-loans
- 5 school fees and uniform for girls
- 8 school supplies for a child
- 1 solar powered lantern
- 8 feed a refuge family for a week
- 6 vaccinations for a child
- 2 mosquito nets
- 1 clinic visit for a child
- 6 food stocked back packs
- 2 feed 50 at a soup kitchen

All totaled over 160 purchases.

Christmas in July raised another \$8544. Therefore the total raised from DHLC this year was \$19,874. Many people's lives will be improved and sustained because of these gifts.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE...PUT A SMILE ON A CHILD'S FACE WITH A BOOK



The announcement of Give a Kid a Book will be the weekend of January 5 & 6. The table for donations will be in the west entrance on the weekends of January 12th & 13th and 19th & 20th. Giving the kids the books at Continental School is during the week of February 11, 12, 14, and 15; Home for children in Nogales, Mexico sometime in March.

February is Global Mission Month

Andrea Walker will be the visiting speaker, February 9 & 10. She is the ELCA area program director for Madagascar, West and Central Africa. In 2018 your Global Mission committee supported ELCA World Hunger (\$450), ELCA hospital in Zimbabwe (\$450), ELCA Jerusalem hospital (\$450), Lutheran World Relief (\$450), Lutheran partners in global mission (\$450), Ecuador's Compassion Connection (\$500), and we just sent \$16,150 to our 5 ELCA missionaries we support. Thanks to all of you at DHLC for your generosity, making these gifts possible.



"GERMAN MUSIC THROUGHOUT HISTORY"

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Music and European culture enthusiasts, you won't want to miss this! The German Heritage Group invites our congregation and friends to join us in a one hour program, "German Music throughout History" on Monday, January 28th, 6 pm in the sanctuary. Journeying back in time, we will cover a brief history of German music from the medieval period up to the twentieth century. Musicians performing German music from each period will entertain us on our trip through time. A variety of genres will be explored, including Gregorian chant, classical, hymn, folk song, cantata, jazz, and electronic music. Presenting this program will be DHLC member, Emilie Odde.

Preceding the program will be our German Heritage Group potluck at 5 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to share as well as your own dinner plates and eating utensils.

MORE ABOUT OUR STAFF

Joe Lafata, Worship Support

- Creates monthly scripture readers schedule and sends approved scripture readings to assigned readers
- Creates monthly projectionists schedule for worship services
- Creates large print worship summary pages for weekend worship services
- Creates audio file and CD's for Sunday's worship service and mails CD's to those who requested a copy
- Works as sound board operator and projectionist as needed on Saturday or Sunday

Joe Mazur, Facilities Manager and Kitchen Manger

- Maintains building beatification, building maintenance and cleaning with the support of his great custodial staff and overseeing the landscaping
- Schedules custodial staff where and when needed
- Coordinates scheduled room events
- Creates and prepares menus for memorials and special events and often weekend meals
- Coordinates volunteer cooks
- Responsible for kitchen supply (food and equipment)
- Makes sure the kitchen is compliant with Pima County Code

Sermon-Based Small Groups

New groups will be starting in January and DHLC is in need of facilitators for these groups. If you have a heart for helping people grow in their walk with the Lord this opportunity is for you. If interested please contact Luke Coker through the front desk. Your group time may become a highlight of your week.

TABLES FOR EIGHT A Happy and Blessed 2019 to all. Remember, please keep your current Tables for Eight groups active through May. We will begin sign-ups for the next session in February.

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

Tickets (\$20) are available after worship services and from the receptionist at the front desk during the week until sold out. Please bring your friends and neighbors.



EMMA AND JACOB TAGGART. Emma and Jacob are talented fifteen- and eleven-year-old piano prodigies. Both of them are classically trained pianists and students of Dr. Reid Smith. Emma and Jacob have performed around the world and won numerous awards and competitions, including the prestigious Maria Herrero International Piano Competition in Granada, Spain. In November of this year Emma and Jacob were featured on the nationally syndicated National Public Radio show, "From the Top." In connection with this radio show, they performed live at the Ordway Theater in St. Paul in November. They will be at DHLC Sunday, January 20th at 3 pm. Freewill offering.



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

Anna Tometczak, RN, Parish Nurse

Bible Study - Monday, January 7th 9:30 to 11 am (**new time**) in the DHLC Church Library. Facilitators will rotate. This month it will be Norma Marrion and will be based on the Gospel of John: Meetings with Jesus by Julia A. Kanarr, author of the January Gather magazine Bible study. Session 1 is Come & See: Seeking and Finding Faith. Come join us.

Women's Ministries Board Meeting - Monday, January 7th at 11 am at DHLC, Room 102.

Women's Ministries Luncheon - Monday, January 14, 2019 from 11:30 am to 1 pm in the DHLC Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be chili and cornbread, provided by those attending, with last names beginning A-K bringing the chili, and L-Z bringing the cornbread or rolls. All else will be provided by WELCA. The program will be "Ikashitaa Refugee Program/Tucson," and the speaker will be Barbara Elswerth. You must purchase your tickets by Wednesday, Jan. 9th. No tickets will be sold after that date.



The Monday, Dec. 10th "cruise" luncheon was a success with great food by Lynne, and a fashion show from Nancy Pantz. WELCA donated all the "gifts" that the women brought for the Lutheran Social Services Children's Fund, and Suki Kisling presented Heidi Gerrish from LSS with a check for \$500.

KUDOS



Total gifts: 328
Total value: \$3,534!!
Plus: \$500 (Women's Ministries)
Total: \$4,034 which will be put to very good use.
Congratulations to ALL who helped make this possible.

Grand Canyon Synod Women's Ministries Gather Bible Study Event "The Gospel of John: Meetings with Jesus" Saturday, January 12, 2019 9 am – 3 pm. Shepherd of the Valley, 1500 W. Maryland Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85015. Registration is \$35, which includes continental breakfast and lunch. The presenter is Rev. Julie A. Kanarr, author of the Gather Bible Studies for winter 2019. She serves as pastor of Christ Lutheran Church in Belfair, WA. Rev. Kanarr is an avid outdoors person and enjoys sea kayaking, bicycling, hiking and camping. She is excited about visiting Arizona in January and will walk us through four sessions of the study: Come and See: Seeking and Finding Faith; By Night and Day: Coming to Faith in Jesus; Friends for Life in Christ; and Seeing the Risen Christ. To register and pay on line, go to www.grandcanyonwomen.org.



DESERT HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH
WOMEN'S MINISTRIES MINI-RETREAT
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2019
8:30 am to 1:45 pm

LIVING IN THE "PRESENT":

Yesterday is History,

Tomorrow is a Mystery,

Today is a Gift of God - Truly a Present

Speaker: CINDY STEINBECK: AUTHOR OF:
The Vine Speaks, The Rock Speaks, and others.

Tickets are \$20, continental breakfast and lunch included.

February 23-24 - 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.

Our photography dates for our upcoming directory event are fast approaching. With a goal of 100%, we need all families to sign up. Our directory will allow us to connect names and faces and stay connected. Photography times are still available – visit our website to sign up now.

Every family will receive a free 8x10 portrait and will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits.



A NEW MEMBER CLASS starts Thursday, January 10 at 9:30am or 6:30pm with New Member Weekend on March 2/3. Pastor Overson leads the six-week class exploring the various membership options and opportunities here at DHLC. Sign up on the "IF" Card in the pew rack or call the church office at 648-1633. You may join as an Associate, Winter or Year-Round Member.

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FOUNDATION



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

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

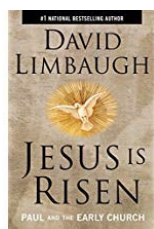
1. You could make a gift of appreciated stock and avoid capital gains tax.
2. You could name the Foundation as a beneficiary of your will.
3. You could name the Foundation as a recipient of an insurance policy, annuity or IRA.
4. You could name the Foundation as a beneficiary of a charitable trust

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 if we are able. 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.

It's time again to start our North Dakota Social Group. ND group will meet at DHLC Jan 21st at 1:00 in Fellowship Hall. Linda Rushton of Ambos Tours of AZ has agreed to give us a presentation of her 2018 tours of AZ and Mexico and tell us of her 2019 upcoming tours. This is always an interesting presentation and we hope to see you all there. Everyone welcome!!!



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. Our next book,

beginning January 9, will be Jesus Is Risen by David Limbaugh.



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

MEN'S PHOTOGRAPHY will meet on Monday, January 7 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

Meets the 4th Thursday of the month. Our January meeting is January 24 and our speaker will be Joe Gunson, Civil Air Patrol.



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 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.



Join the Singles Fellowship for fun and fellowship at our January activity: Game Afternoon on Friday, January 25, 1-3 pm, at the Rec center for the Villages of Green Valley, 400 West San Ignacio. Bring an appetizer to share and your own drink. The cost is \$2.00. Activities will include two card games, "3-13" and "Hand and Foot,"

and one table of Mexican Train or another game if preferred. Play, socialize, have fun, and who knows, maybe you'll win a prize.

Looking Ahead: History of Pharmacy Museum and Lunch Outing on Friday, February 15, followed by lunch together at the Arizona Inn.



BUZZINGS FROM THE BEE AND BOUTIQUE BANTER

Thank you. The Sewing Bee has been blessed with generous congregational support in 2018. Our Fall Boutique Sales made it possible to give financial aid to many nearby charities. Thrivent Action Team seed money donations offset the costs of our supplies. We donated more than 300 quilts to nearby charities.



Photos show the RISE Scholastic Achievements team from Green Valley visiting the Casa Vida Nueva Para Ninos south of Nogales, Mexico, in December. Currently the home supports 43 children. Diane Johnson presented quilts made by the Bee and received hugs in return. The Sewing Bee also contributed \$3,000 to the educational program at the home.

Keep in mind that the Sewing Bee has a limited number of quilts for sale and available to the congregation all year for special occasions. We are thankful to have our winter visitors joining us. See us any Wednesday morning from 9 until noon in the Fellowship Hall where all are welcome. Together, we can make it a Happy New Year.

Diane Johnson, diane-and-roger@msn.com

The Scandinavian Fellowship Group's monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 8th starting at 5 pm. Always great food with a reminder to first time attendees to bring your own plate, eating utensils and a dish which serves 12 to share in the potluck serving line.



Jan and Miriam Hansen will present a program on the WW II Resistance in Norway that involved relatives and was the theme of a trip to Norway last year by several members of DHLC. **Mark your calendars** for February 12 when, following the potluck meal, Gordy "Crazy Fingers" Linquist will perform in the Church Sanctuary starting at 6:15 pm. It is open to all DHLC members and friends. A free will offering will be collected.



Widows' Fellowship hosted a Blue Christmas Service on December 2nd -- a beautiful service of readings and music and time for reflection. It was a service to honor the memories of our loved ones and to prepare ourselves for the Christmas Season. And now it's time to prepare ourselves for 2019 and its joys, sorrows, busyness and quiet times.

Our gatherings are times to share our journey -- the joy of love, the sorrow of grief, the hope of tomorrow. All widows are welcome to come join us. We meet the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month in the DHLC library area.

Come and See-- or call me with any questions. Debi Shippy (405-7005)

WHY FAIR TRADE INSTEAD OF DONATING PROFITS TO DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS?

Our goal as a Fair Trade organization is to support the initiative of small farming communities through Fair Trade - helping them to help themselves.

The above market premiums paid to farmer cooperatives - the amount of money paid above market prices - is a fair price for hard work and a quality product. These funds have been instrumental in helping farmers and their families hold on to their land and livelihood and be able to support themselves rather than depending on aid.

One of the goals of Equal Exchange is to influence conventional business and to encourage other companies to make their trading practices more fair to producers. We feel it is important to show that such a business model is not only possible, but can grow and succeed. The number of conventional companies now doing some portion of purchases through the Fair Trade system is a sign that we have succeeded to some degree.



Concert

January 30th 6:30 PM

“...Virtuosic playing, beautiful harmonies, and fun interaction with the crowd”

The show starts at 6:30 pm and seating will start at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$20.00 and are available at the church office during regular business hours or online at <https://blackmarket.bpt.me/>



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