

### **CELEBRATING GRACE, MAKING DISCIPLES, MAKING A DIFFERENCE**



Dear Friends and Members of Desert Hills Lutheran,

We finished up our month long celebration for the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. I read Eric Metaxas's biography Martin Luther: The Man Who Rediscovered God and Changed the World in Osteberg, I recommend it birkly. Next year will be

**501** years though perhaps not the same excitement and celebration we had this year.

We move now to November and our stewardship celebration with the theme, "It's a Wonderful Life." I will have a couple of sermons in November dealing with giving and gratitude. We will of course have our Stewardship lunches and dinners. Troy Justesen and I have put together another video highlight presentation to help us all be thankful for another wonderful year here at Desert Hills. I hope you will come and watch the presentation during those meals. There are five of them and my goal is that half of our weekend attenders will come. The common themes from the movie "It's A Wonderful Life" hopefully will impact the desire to support Desert Hills through your time, talents, and treasure.

To all our winter members, guests, and associate members, "Welcome Back!" We missed you, but are so happy to have you with us again for the warm winter weather. All for now. See you at worship! Pastor Martin

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# CHRISTMAS CONCERT THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

3:30 AND 6:30 PM

Free Will Offering



## Desert Hills Lutheran Church Council

Judy Gunson LuAnn Guthmueller Luke Coker bb Haywood Martin Overson

President Vice Presid

esident	Treasurer	Secretary	Pastor

Betty Colongione, Richard Gardner, Ernie LeMaster, Janice Mounce, Tom Royer

#### Summary of DHLC Council Meeting-October 24, 2017

The Council met on Tuesday, October 24 and received reports from Pastor Martin, Luke Coker, Treasurer and Melissa Buscho, Administrator. A final recommendation for a parking lot expansion was presented by Bruce Magnuson on behalf of the facilities group of the Long Range Planning Committee. The council approved moving some of DHLS's savings to higher yielding short-term CDs, increasing the fee for memorial lunches, the job description for the newly approved kitchen manager position and an increase to the fee charged for estate sales managed by DHLC. The council also approved the creation of a new Technical Assistant position. A job description will be presented at the next council meeting. The next council meeting is scheduled for November 28, 2017 at 5:30pm.





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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 December issue by Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> to <u>guailnotes@dhlc.org</u>.



# MUSIC MINISTRY

### We Inspire

All of the Sunday musicians are preparing for our annual Christmas Concert. Concerts are a community outreach for our music ministry. Plus you can hear all the Sunday music groups. This year our concerts are on Thursday, December 7, at 3:30pm and 6:30pm. Start your holidays by joining us at our concerts.

All Sunday music groups always welcome new members both in the choirs and the bell choirs. Come join us!

# Memorial Service / Celebration of Life Pre-Planning

The Ministry of Pre-Planning your personal memorial service begins with "family concerns", to allow individuals to think through in non-crisis mode, planning the worship service. Pastor Ken is available to visit, meet in your home or in the church office to comfortably plan your desires.

The following will be addressed:

- + Special requests; soloist, organ or piano
- + Scripture readings; family members or Pastor
- + Eulogy
- Memorial Service at church, funeral home, personal home or committal service only
- + Choosing favorite scriptures, hymns
- + Columbarium
- \* Reception at church with a light luncheon or cookies, punch and coffee: Provided by the DHLC women's ministries.
- + Discussion as to your request for memorials or donations gifted

In a confidential manner, your wishes, personal preferences will be filed in the church office to be shared at the proper time. Our Pastoral Care Ministry Team and Pastors will honor your written requests and your family members haven an opportunity to respect and honor your wishes.

Please contact Jan Howard for an appointment with Pastor Ken 648-1633

Pastor Martin has set the date for a forum called **DEATH WITH DIGNITY** to be held on Nov 2 from 10:30 to 12:30.

- Regina Ford, Moderator
- **Pastor Barbara Rapp**, summary of religious points of view including Catholic, Jewish, Christian, Muslim and maybe even Atheist
- John Abraham, End of Life Specialist
- Rosy Cunningham, Hospice Representative
- Medical Ethics Representative from Green Valley Hospital and Elder Law Lawyer

Tables will be in the foyer for Fire Department, PCOA, Life Care Planning, Life Science

As Pastor Martin always tells us "GO MAKE A DIFFERENCE" and I believe we can.

The Forum is not meant to be a lecture, but a thought provoking discussion on End of Life Choices

**HAVE YOU RETURNED TO ARIZONA???** Welcome back!!!Please notify DHLC so we can update our records with current address, phone number and email. There are 3 ways to notify us:

1,) Call the office, 648-1633, 2.) email Frontdesk@dhlc.org or 3.)note the changes on a Connection Card. Thank you

If you live in Green Valley year round and any of the above information needs to be updated, please let us know.

**WIDOWS' FELLOWSHIP:** one of DHLC's new ministries is a gathering for all women who are now in that season of life called widowhood. We meet in the Church library 1st and 3rd Sundays of every month from 2-3 PM.

Mark your calendars now: Sunday December 3rd we are holding a Blue Christmas service. It will be from 2-3 PM and open to all. It will be an informal service of readings and music that acknowledges our "blueness", grief or losses and help us prepare for the rapidly approaching holiday season. Come, join with us



Important



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Social Concerns Ministry will meet Thursday, November 9, 9a.m. Visitors welcome! Join us and learn of ways you can "Make a Difference".

# **STEPHEN MINISTRY** by the NUMBERS Desert Hills Lutheran Church

DHLC has been enrolled as a Stephen Ministry congregation since 2012. That's a total of 5 years of ministry!

We've sent 6 members to be trained as Stephen Ministry Leaders at week-long regional conferences.

Our Stephen Leaders have trained 59 lay Stephen Ministers to provide one-to-one Christian care for people in our congregation and community.

Over 100 hurting people have received Christ-centered care from our Stephen Ministers.

Stephen Ministry at Desert Hills Lutheran estimates it has provided over 5,000 hours of care to individuals!



To learn more about our Stephen Ministry contact Faye Mohr at 625-2682





# NOTES

Incorporating spiritual values into health education

Always be Prepared!

July 2016 I wrote this and I feel a need to rerun this article again because of the aftermath of the recent mass shooting in Las Vegas. There is a nationwide re-examination of the way individuals, institutions and public safety officers will prepare and respond to active shooter events. Rural communities that don't have as many resources need to plan even more carefully, so they can enter, evaluate and evacuate people from the threatened area as quickly and safely as possible. No situation is safe, and will always require assessments that are grounded in training and integrated with our partner agencies.

Mass shootings are volatile and complex situations, can happen in small communities, and require extraordinary planning, coordination and cooperation among various agencies. In many cases, there is no pattern or method to the selection of victims by an active shooter, and these situations are, by their very nature, unpredictable and evolve quickly. The problem is that there are no one-size-fits-all answers and there are often different approaches and points of view. No one can tell us how we should or will act under these circumstances. The best thing to do is to empower everyone to do what they feel most comfortable doing, without fear of subsequent repercussions or recriminations. The general concept of 'run, hide, fight' is a good one.

Whether preparing for or recovering from a tragedy/disaster, remember the "Power of Prayer". Prayer is making contact with God, and moves us into worship. Worship places God at the center of the people in the community. Healing begins in worship.

May you experience peace of heart, mind and spirit... Anna Tometczak, RN/Parish Nurse

#### **Resources:**

Department of Homeland Security/Active Shooter Preparedness Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools/Faith Based & Neighborhood Partnerships KGUN9 Stop the Bleeding campaign Emergency Bleeding



"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."

#### THAT IS WHAT WE DO - THIS IS HOW WE DO IT.

First Mondays—Bible Study – 9:00am to 10:30 am – Fellowship Hall Barb Rapp will lead us on November 6 as we study the Apostles Creed found in the October Gather magazine and Page 106 in the LBW. Bring either/or and your bible and join us at 9:00 for treats provided by Judy Harris and Norma Marrion.

Second Mondays --- Luncheons – 11:30 am to 1:00 pm – Fellowship Hall Kelly Laurich will speak to us about the "Fisher House of Tucson" on November 13 right after we enjoy Chili and Cornbread provided by the women who attend the luncheon. Tickets can be picked up at the Front Desk during office hours AND on Sunday mornings. "grow in faith and engage in ministry"

The 10th Triennial Gathering in July, 13-16, 2017 in



Minneapolis, MN was a great success. We had nearly 3,400 participants with 1,300 first-timers. Nearly 40 participants were from the Grand Canyon Synod. The THANKoffering service raised \$49,094.60 Thursday evening. 404 ran in the Run, Walk and Roll and raised \$19,116 for seed grants to support Raising up Healthy Women and Girls. In Kind Gifts=\$19,000 in gift cards; 27,000 items of hygiene products, clothing, quilt kits, and Days for Girls kits. 5,850 labyrinths were crafted (knit/ crochet). \$64,000 was given during Sunday's service. 97 people gave blood = 81 units. Speakers = Nobel Laureate Leymah Bgowee, a Liberian peace activits; Alexia Salvatierra, a national leader on issues of immigration and poverty; and Angela Khabeb, pastor of Ascension Lutheran Church, Waukesha, WI.

The 11th Triennial will be in Phoenix, AZ in July, 2020 – 'Go Green'

We Care... "promote healing and caring" Prayer Shawl Ministry will be on Tuesday, November 21 from 1:00 pm to 2 pm in the DHLC Library. If you like to knit, crochet or weave, this is the place to be. We'll collect finished shawls and begin work on new ones. Shawls are distributed with the help of Stephen Ministers and our visitation pastors, to people in need of comfort. For more information, contact Karla Neumann at kneumann4@cox.net or 520 207-8634

Are you saving your Box Tops and Labels? We gather them for the Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission, Rock Point, AZ. The collection box is attached to the Women's Ministries bulletin boad in the Fellowship Hall.

"Affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings" Don't forget to save the date: Saturday, February 10, 2018/Spirit of Grace, Surprise Mark Allan Powell, Professor of New Testament at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, OH will be leading our annual Gather Bible Study Event! If you haven't met him, it's time! If you have, you can reconnect. He talks fast, is funny and really turns the bible stories around to show us why different stories mean different things to different people. Plan to carpool. More information: Suki, 702-493-7436.





#### LADIES LITERARY LEAGUE

**PICOULT** Our November meeting which will be the HOUSE RULES 3rd Thursday, November 17. The book will be <u>House Rules</u> by Jodi Picoul.



When your son can't look you in the eye . . . . does that mean he's guilty?

Jacob Hunt is a teen with Asperger's syndrome. He's hopeless at reading social cues or expressing himself well to others, though he is brilliant in many ways. But he has a special focus on one subject—forensic analysis. A police scanner in his room clues him in to crime scenes, and he's always showing up and telling the cops what to do. And he's usually right.

## CORNER



The stock market hit record highs recently, and the Dow Jones Industrial Average has moved past 23,000 points for the first time in history. Now is the perfect time to think about giving appreciated stock. If you have been thinking about an effective way to make a tax wise gift to the Desert Hills Lutheran Foundation and also own shares of appreciated stocks or mutual funds in a taxable portfolio, you likely have a significant opportunity to pay less tax, give more, and improve your personal cash flow.

When you give stock you eliminate capital gains tax on the stock. Giving when the market is high is a great way to save on taxes while giving more to the cause you care about. We suggest the DHLC Foundation would be a great choice. However, there is a specific way to do it. For example, do not sell

the stock and then give the proceeds. This will result in a tax consequence. Rather, consult with your financial advisor about how to give the stock certificate and avoid being taxed on the proceeds. This method allows you to make a charitable gift from your overall wealth rather than your cash on hand assets. Think about it... The time is right...

#### **GERMAN CLUB**

The November potluck will be held on Monday, November 27th at 5 PM at DHLC. Bring a dish to serve 8. Program will be the poignant movie, "Sweet Land". A young German woman, who arrives

when she doesn't have the proper papers, the couple live and farm together. They face hardship

in MN, meets a fellow-immigrant Norwegian farmer in the 1900's. After an arranged marriage fails,



### **MEN'S MINISTRY AT DHLC**

MEN'S PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP will meet Monday, November 6 at 1:30 pm

and prejudice, but grow closer in the process. Everyone is welcome.

**BOOKMEN** — The Bookmen meet Wednesdays weekly at

7:45 am. The location of the meeting is for breakfast, Manuel's Restaurant fellowship, and lively book discussion. All men are invited to join the group.



BUCHANAN

The current book: Churchill, Hitler and "The Unnecessary War" by Patrick Buchanan



#### **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** Thursdays at 1 pm.

MEN'S HEALTH: Men's Health: Monday, November 20th, Speaker will be Michael Arnold Nurse Practitioner specializing in Cardiac Electrophysiology



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

MEN'S BREAKFAST (moved to 11/16 to avoid Thanksgiving) Speaker: Charlie Cutler, Border Youth Tennis Exchange @ 8:30am Fellowship Hall. All men are welcome.



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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

A Footloose Singles will be going Tuesday, November 28 for a visit to the Fresh Produce Marketing Association at Nogales, AZ. There will be a very informative presentation about the history, volume, and types of produce coming 4 into all those warehouses you see along I 19! Then visit one of the warehouses to see the action. Lunch after at a Rio Rico restaurant. Meet at the church at 9:00 AM to car pool; some drivers will be needed. Limited to 30 participants. Sign up sheet is posted in the Fellowship Hall. Footloose Singles

Join the Desert Hills Lutheran church Footloose Singles for a festive Christmas luncheon at Grill on the Green, in the banquet room (which is a separate room to the left of the main entrance.) The banquet room will put us in a holiday spirit with Christmas trees and a flickering fireplace. Our Christmas Party will be on Saturday, December 9, from noon till 3:00. The Christmas luncheon menu: choice of turkey or ham, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, salad, rolls, dessert, choice of beverage! ALL INCLUSIVE \$21.00 per person- PAID IN ADVANCE by December 1. Sign up sheet will be posted November 1, on bulletin board in Fellowship Hall under Fun and Fellowship. Pay at front desk and select your entree and beverage. There will be games, caroling, door prizes and of course fun and fellowship. Again this year, we will be honoring our Veterans for their service by collecting donations to be distributed to patients in the Tucson VA hospital and the VA Long Term Care facility. Bring your donation and triple your chances at winning a door prize! The list of items requested by the VA hospital is posted next to the sign up sheet or a money donation can also be made. Bring a donation and triple your chances at winning a door prize!

## Now Hiring-Kitchen Manager-Part Time

Desert Hills Lutheran Church is looking for a part-time kitchen manager. The kitchen manager must hold a current Pima County Food Handlers Certification and hold or be willing to obtain the Food Service Protection Manager Certification. The kitchen manager is responsible for the overall operations of DHLC's kitchen including, but not limited to planning and/or coordinating all events or activities for which the kitchen is used, recruiting, training and scheduling kitchen volunteers, maintaining compliance with Pima County food codes, and cooking meals.

#### To apply please send resume to administrator@dhlc.org

### **BUZZINGS FROM THE BEE AND BOUTIQUE BANTER**

Now all we need is YOU. Please bring your new, handmade donations to the fellowship hall on Friday morning, Nov. 10, between 9 am and noon. You may also drop off items Wednesday mornings at



Sewing Bee. We will do the tagging and pricing. Don't forget to donate plants and fresh floral arrangements! The more donations, the more we can successfully support our nearby charities with 100% of the proceeds. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up and login of donations as well as assisting on the day of sale. Saturday the doors open at 8 am sharp and close at 1 pm. As in the past, we will have no presales in order to give everyone a fair opportunity. Something new this year, in honor of the Veteran's Day Weekend, is the American Beauties nook with every imaginable red, white and blue craft.

We are featuring Carol's Born-Again-Beads, Doug's shopping totes, Louie's wooden cars, purses, baby gifts, knitwear, aprons, hostess gifts, home décor, a bonanza of table runners, holiday trimmings and of course, hand-crafted quilts of all sizes. You'll find many unexpected Arts and Crafts treasures so be sure to arrive early and invite a friend to attend the shopping spree with you. Coffee and pastries, lunch, and fantastic Lutheran Ladies' home-baked goods are always a sellout. Pick up a few gently read books for winter reading at bargain prices. Also look for RADA kitchen ware, Many thanks to the Sewing Bee, the Women's Ministry Group and all who donate items and labors to this charity event. We can all help to make a difference.

Sewing Bee continues to meet all year on Wednesdays at 9 am in the fellowship hall. For more information phone Diane Johnson, 399-2810 email: diane-and-roger@msn.com



**SCANDINAVIAN CLUB** will have its second meeting of the year Monday, November 13 starting at 5 pm. Note the change to a Monday meeting due to pre-scheduled Steward-ship meals. Always great food with an excellent PowerPoint program on the "Norwegian Resistance to Nazi Occupation" presented by John Haugo. John has done significant research on the topic. The presentation begins with an overview of the invasion and occupation of Norway by Germany from April of 1940 to May of 1945. The presenter's Telemark ancestry and the experiences of his relatives during the war will be discussed.

**TABLES FOR EIGHT** is a small group dinner/fellowship ministry at DHLC with the emphasis on fellowship rather than cooking . Sign-ups will take place in November, sign-up cards are available at the front desk and after services.

Thank you for your cards, prayers and phone calls following the death of my son. It was very meaningful for me, and I appreciate everyone's kindness. Shirley Girod

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. "John 14: 1-3





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## Stewardship Event Meal Dates:

Sat. Nov 4, 6:00 pm Sun. Nov 5, 12:15 pm Thur. Nov 9, 12:00 noon Tues. Nov 14, 6:00 pm Sat. Nov 18, 6:00 pm



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