

CELEBRATING GRACE, MAKING DISCIPLES, MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Dear Members and Friends of Desert Hills Lutheran:

What an exciting month of the year. October is when our friends and members begin to make their appearance for the winter months. The attendance begins to build and empty parking spaces begin to shrink. It has the feeling of a wonderful reunion.

We have a new member class beginning on October 10, 9:30 am or 6:30 pm. During the six week of classes we explore our mission and core values concluding with a dinner on November 21.

I will be starting a three-week sermon series on the Grace of God, using Old Testament stories. The month concludes with Reformation, five hundred and two years this year, remembering where we came from and where we might be going.

For all those returning, don't forget to get a copy of the Country Gospel Band CD. It really is quite exceptional featuring our own Saturday night musicians.

That's all for now! Welcome back! We had 800 attend our monsoon concert and the Global Leadership Summit was a big success with more people from the community attending. Our mission is celebrating grace, making disciples, and making a difference.

Blessings, Pastor Martin

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Pre-Plan



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.



The Columbarium is for the inurnment of the ashes (cremains) of our church members and their immediate family. The cost for a niche is \$800 for a double and \$700 for a single. The urns for the cremains are provided by the church. A Columbarium Certificate is provided to those reserving niches. Please see Jan Howard for further information and purchasing.



Desert Hills Lutheran Church Council

<i>John Martin</i>	<i>Judy Gunson</i>	<i>Tom Royer</i>	<i>Barbara Southard</i>	<i>Martin 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, Jane Brunckhorst, Mark Catlin*

The Council minutes from September 17, 2019

John Martin called the meeting to order, and Pastor Ken led us in prayer. Several people shared God stories. The August Council minutes were approved as written. Pastor Ken mentioned that he and Pastor Martin will be attending a bishop's retreat in Mesa in October and the author of *Canoeing the Mountains* will be the speaker. Pastor Ken shared his various duties relating to pastoral care and how well it is progressing. Melissa stated that our Net Operating Income is ahead of what was budgeted. She and Troy are still finessing the Dashboard Report to have it accurately reflect our key metrics. President John reported that we were able to secure the CPA firm we wanted because Melissa and Margaret were very organized and had all the documents at hand that they required when we went to Tucson for the interview. Council will recognize Linda Pigman for her service. Jane reported that the Transition Team has been meeting with Pastor Martin and they are on track. Judy mentioned that she will ask the Committee Chairs at the luncheon on October 23 to write a paragraph on their goals. Council discussed the Long Range Committee's request to appoint a team to identify and obtain quotes for improvement needs of the church campus. Vote carried. The meeting adjourned with reciting the Lord's Prayer at 5:07.



Core Value #4: Laughter Liberates



Bill Miller October 3rd 10 am
Dolores Freckmann October 5th 10 am
Don Palmer October 12th 11 am

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Worship Times

Saturday — 3 & 5 pm
 Sunday — 8, 9:30 & 11 am
 Nursery care available for infants to age 5 at the following services:
 Saturday at 3pm & 5pm;
 Sunday at 9:30 am & 11am.

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

Office Hours

Monday-Friday — 8:30 am to 4 pm

Pastoral Staff

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

Quail Notes newsletter is published
 monthly. **Email articles for the
 November issue by October 15th to
quailnotes@dhlc.org.**

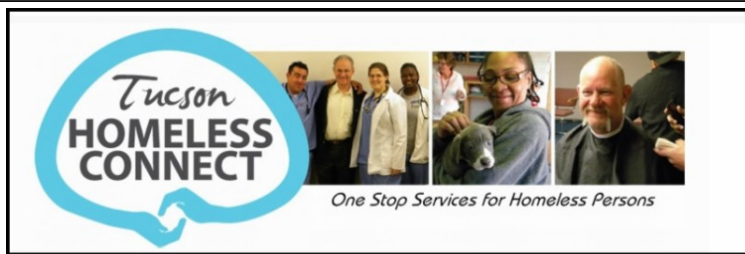


Returning Members and Friends

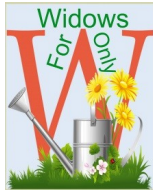
If you have returned from your summer home, please contact the church office or note it on the IF Card that you have returned. Please verify your Green Valley address so you may continue to receive this newsletter and Quarterly Statements among other interesting items from the church.

Date: Sunday, October 6, 2019
 Time: 8 am-12 noon
 Where: Room 102
 Desert Hills Lutheran Church
 Please sign up at the front desk.

FLU SHOT CLINIC



Volunteers are needed. Come help Homeless Connect give assistance Friday, October 4, 2019 7 am – 1:30 pm. If you can help, submit your information on the "contact us" link of our website www.tucsonhomelessconnect.org



Widows' Fellowship
KINTSUGI is a beautiful Japanese art form in which breaks in an object are treated as part of the object's history and repaired (often using gold) in such a way that the repair is visible and honored. Kintsugi has even been called "the art of precious scars." The death of my husband broke my heart in ways I had not imagined possible, yet God and supportive friends have promoted a Kintsugi-type of healing. The scar of widowhood is honored and made precious.



That is what happens at Widows' Fellowship -- we support and encourage each other in our journey of healing. We honor our loved one's memory as we move into our future of beauty and joy.

We meet the 1st and 3rd Sundays of every month from 2-3 PM in DHLC's library. All widows are welcome.

Please call me with any questions -- Debi Shippy 405-7005.

MUSIC MINISTRY

We Inspire

October will begin the first of our festival Sundays when we have Reformation Sunday on October 27 featuring the Desert Mountain Brass at the 8 am and 9:30 am services.

Please Note - All choirs will have new times for rehearsals beginning October 1, 2019.

Wednesday rehearsal times:
DHLC Men's Chorus @ 4:30 pm
Winter Chancel Choir @ 5:45 pm.

Thursday rehearsal times:
Voices of Miriam @ 4:45 pm
Celebration Singers @ 6:00 pm.

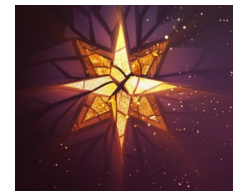
Special Music for September

October 6
8 am Chancel Choir
9:30 am Celebration Singers

October 13
8 am Voices of Miriam
9:30 am Celebration Singers

October 20
8 am Chancel Choir
9:30 am DHLC Men's Chorus

October 27
8 am Chancel Choir
9:30 am Celebration Singers



The Christmas Concert will be Thursday, December 5 at 3:30 pm and 6:30 pm. Come and see!



Winter is coming and there will be need for warm clothing for the homeless and those less fortunate. Please check your closets and for warm jackets, hats, gloves, mittens and scarves that you no longer need child through adult sizes. Also you could check local thrift stores. Bring your donations to the Donation Closet. Thanks to our team of dedicated volunteers your gifts will be put to good use!

Thank you for "Making a Difference"!

Scandinavian Fellowship Potluck Dinner

Tuesday, October 8th 5:00 pm
Fellowship Hall: All are welcome!
Please bring a main dish, salad, or dessert to share and your own place settings.



Prayer shawl ministry will hold the first meeting of the season on Tuesday, October 15th at 1 pm in the library.

**Bring in your finished summer projects,
or just
"come and see."**

Questions, contact Karla Neumann at 207-8634.



Please remember all of our missionaries in prayer!

- Kristen Engstrom in Senegal
- Crawford/Martinez family in Australia
- Mkabela family in Madagascar
- Langdji family in Cameroon
- Meghan Brown Saavedra Brown and family in Mexico
- Ann Emilie Tjorhom our YAGM in Argentina

COMING NOVEMBER 5TH!!

19th Annual KGVY Radio Sr./Boomer Info Fair

Tuesday, November 5th • 9AM to 1PM

Desert Hills Lutheran Church, 2150 S. Camino del Sol • Green Valley

• **FREE ADMISSION & FREE PARKING** •

Over 50 Exhibitors with information, samples, demonstrations & health screenings

• **FREE BREAKFAST & LUNCH** •

FREE FOOD
throughout
the day by
8 local
restaurants!

**DOORS
OPEN AT
9AM
SHARP**

Cholesterol • Skin Cancer Screenings
Hearing Test • Blood Pressure Check
Balance Testing • Flu Shots/Insurance or Cash

**FREE HEALTH
SCREENINGS!**

Please bring a non-perishable food
donation to help our Community Food
Bank with Holiday Food needs.



BUZZINGS FROM THE BEE AND BOUTIQUE BANTER

Fall is here!!! I hope you know what that means – the Fall Boutique is right around the corner - Saturday, November 9th, 8 am to 1 pm. Please mark your calendar and come for breakfast (the fabulous cinnamon rolls), and then check out the incredible buys at the Boutique. If you can't make it for breakfast, come a little later, shop and stay for a tasty lunch. It's fun and well worthwhile as 100% of the proceeds from this event will go to the charities that we support.

If you have not been to the Boutique before, come and prepare to be amazed. Of course, there will be lots of quilts, including throws, lap robes and baby quilts along with table runners, place mats, and wall hangings. But thanks to many wonderful and generous fellow DHLC members and regular guests we have so much more. All creations are new, handcrafted items, created by these talented people. If you are interested in donating to the Boutique, please contact the co-chairs, Marcia Cleary: 507-420-2881, mgcleary@hotmail.com or Jeanette Heath: 480-338-9650, jjheath100@outlook.com

Do it soon though. The Boutique is only a month away.

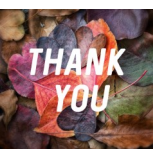
Several members of the Sewing Bee took a tour of the Gospel Rescue Mission in Tucson. It was a very informative experience. The Mission serves the needs of homeless men and women in the area. They truly believe "we are all equal at the foot of the cross." While we were there we donated five quilts to their program.

We have completed a large assortment of quilts this past month, many destined for the Boutique. One of our members delivered a quilt, designed for a breast cancer patient, to Dayzees, a component of the battered women's programs in Tucson. They raise money and accept donations for the Genesis House, one of the charities we support.

The Sewing Bee would like to acknowledge a lovely Green Valley woman who isn't a member of DHLC but has a friend in our sewing group. Her name is Lupe McFarrin and she stopped with a generous donation of many very nice things she has sewn for us, all to go with the things we donate.

The Sewing Bee meets in the library every Wednesday morning from 9 to 12.

Submitted by Mary Johnson, tomaryj@gmail.com



"After being a member of DHLC for nearly twenty years, it is still so remarkable to have the support in a time of need! Thank you for all the prayers, cards, calls, visits, flowers, and love during the recovery of my total knee replacement and the other complications that followed. With much gratitude!" Rae Blomquist

Stephen Ministry

• Christ Caring for People, Through People



Stephen Ministry is offering some wonderful continuing education programs in November, January, and April. The first of these will be on Friday, November 15th from 11:30 – 1:00 in the fellowship hall. It will be a potluck salad bar lunch. Everyone, please bring one ingredient to share for salad fixings. Some suggestions would be salad greens, vegetables, fruit, hard boiled eggs, beans, cheeses, tuna, chicken, shrimp, cottage cheese, nuts, etc.

The Program is “Ministering to those experiencing losses related to aging”. It will be presented by Stephen Minister, Richard Borstad. Richard will be using material from our training manual module #21 on Aging, as well as drawing on his expertise on this subject. His PH.D. thesis was on aging.

Continuing Education is an important part of our ongoing ministry, so attendance is strongly encouraged. We look forward to seeing you there. Any questions, please contact Emilie Odde eodde@earthlink.net #393-0639.

Have you been trained and commissioned as a Stephen Minister (at Desert Hills or at another church), but have been away from the program for a while? Would you like to serve again? Winter and full-time residents are welcome! Please contact a member of the Advisory Board: Carolyn Hill carolynhill@bellsouth.net #520-499-2491 or Beth Davis rmdavis2@aol.com #520-974-9847



New 2019-2020 Women's Ministries Booklets are available.

Pick up your copy if you don't already have one to mark your calendar for all of the women's events planned.

Monday, October 7: Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall

Bring your Bible, Gather Magazine, and a Journal. The study will be “Stewarding the angst of anger” from the Gather Magazine, Sept/October issue written by Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen. Coffee and conversation begin at 9 am with biblical discussion beginning at 9:30.

Monday, October 7: Women's Team Meeting

The meeting will be held following Bible study at 11 am. All women are invited to attend this team building meeting to discuss leadership, future programs, charity donations and church wide updates. Plan to attend and discover the difference that women at Desert Hills are making in the church, the Synod and around the world. Check with the front desk for a Room Number.

Monday, October 14: Women's Luncheon Join us from 11:30 am to 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall to hear Chandra Patel Peterson speak on her “Faith Journey” to and in the United States. Her roots are in India, Kenya, and England. Our own Chef Joe Mazur will be preparing the meal. Absolute last day to purchase tickets is October 9th.

There's still time to register for the **Grand Canyon Synod Women's Retreat, “Beauty from Ashes”** being held at Love of Christ in Mesa on November 8 - 9, 2019. Easy registration on line at grandcanyonsynod.org/events/. Workshops include Wellness; You are What you Eat (check out Anne Danahy, MS RDN), Meditation, The Art of Moving Prayer (Sign Chi Do), and Human Trafficking. Seven prayer stations including button prayers, gratitude stones, paper and fabric labyrinths, M&M prayers, PRAY poster, prayer tree and prayer tiles will be available.



WOMEN OF THE ELCA GATHERING
JULY 16-19, 2020 | PHOENIX

Registration is now open for the **2020 Triennial** being held in Phoenix, AZ on July 16-18, 2020. Bishop Deborah will be there along with nearly 3,000 other Lutheran women (and a few men). The speakers will be stimulating, the music vibrant, the Gathering Hall overwhelming and the inspiration mind boggling. “Just Love” is the

theme. Register at welcatg.org.

We are collecting journals and Walmart Gift Cards for the Phoenix Dream Center, a global leader the fight against human trafficking. Look for the donation boxes or bring to the Women's Luncheon on October 14th.



Abiding in God's Eternal Care

Mary Lou Duensing

Jim McMurdie

Sandy Lawrence

August 29, 2019

September 14, 2019

September 18, 2019



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

"O LORD, You have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You understand my thought from afar." - Psalm 139:1-2



Singles Fellowship Outing to the DeGrazia Gallery in the Sun

Are you familiar with the paintings of Tucson-based artist Ettore "Ted" DeGrazia? Do you have some of his prints on your wall? Are you interested in seeing some of the originals at the DeGrazia Gallery in Tucson? Would you like to have a tasty lunch with other DHLC singles?

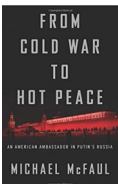
If the answer is yes to any of the above questions, please mark your calendars to join the DHLC Singles Fellowship outing on Friday, October 18. We'll meet at the church at 9 am. The cost will be \$12, which includes \$8 payable at the gallery for a private docent-led tour, plus \$4, payable in cash (please have exact amount) to the drivers. After the tour there will be time to visit the gift shop. Then we'll go as a group for lunch at the nearby Hacienda Del Sol, where we can order off the menu.



Please sign up to attend on the yellow sheet posted in the Fellowship Hall. See you in October.

ALTAR GUILD IS MEETING OCTOBER 22, @ 8:45 AM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

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. Bookmen are currently reading: Halsey's Typhoon by Bob Drury & Tom Clavin.

Our next book will be "From Cold War to Hot Peace" by Michael McFaul. Starting approximately October 23.

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 Heeszel, 520 903-7188.



Faith, Food & Fellowship

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

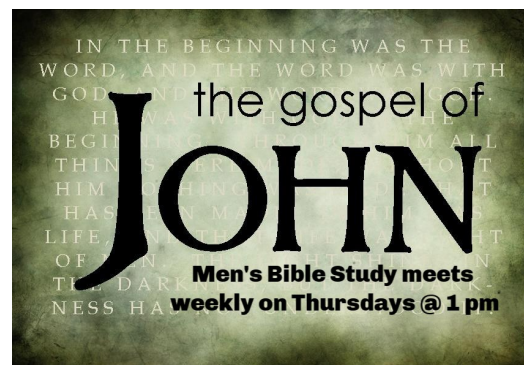
This group meets the 4th Thursday of the month. October 24 Stephen Ministries

MEN'S HEALTH GROUP

The speaker for our October 21st Men's Health Group will be from the Santa Cruz Valley Regional Hospital discussing nutrition.

MEN'S PHOTOGRAPHY Each month the group selects a Bible-based theme, bringing photographs that fit the theme to share with the group. Often the group will discuss photography related topics. Those having an interest in photography are welcome to attend, enjoy the show and participate in the conversation. Meets 1st Monday of the month at 1:30 pm (Sept.-May)

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY THURSDAY'S @ 1 PM



MEN'S COFFEE

This weekly Monday event begins again on Monday, October 7. Come join us for coffee and conversation.



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Qualified Charitable Distribution

What is a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)?

Generally, a QCD is an otherwise taxable distribution from an IRA (other than an ongoing SEP or SIMPLE IRA) owned by an individual who is age 70½ or over that is paid directly from the IRA to a qualified charity.

A QCD excludes the amount donated from your taxable income and may keep your taxable income lower, reducing the impact to certain tax credits and deductions.

QCDs don't require you to itemize. Therefore, you may choose to take advantage of the higher standard deduction and still use a QCD for charitable giving.

Can I make a QCD?

To make a QCD, certain requirements must be met:

- You must be 70½ or older
- QCDs are limited to the amount that would otherwise be taxed as ordinary income and, therefore, exclude non-deductible contributions.
- The maximum annual amount that can qualify for a QCD is \$100,000. Your spouse may also be able to make a QCD from his or her own IRA in the same tax year for up to \$100,000.
- Your QCD can be made to one or more charities, such as your favorite ELCA churchwide program or your local church.
- For a QCD to count towards your current year's RMD, the funds must come out of your IRA by your RMD deadline, generally December 31.

Tax reporting

A QCD is reported as a normal distribution on IRS Form 1099-R for any non-inherited IRAs. Itemization is not required to make a QCD. While the QCD amount is not taxed, you may not then claim the distribution as a charitable tax deduction.

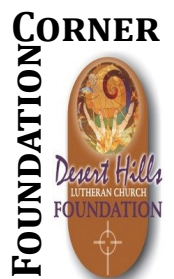
What are my next steps?

After consulting with your tax or legal advisor, let your IRA custodian know you wish to make a QCD. Be sure to provide them with the information they request. Do not ask the custodian to send the QCD to you. They must send the QCD directly to the charity.

For additional assistance, reach out to your Regional Gift Planner.

The information provided should not be considered tax or legal advice. Please consult with your tax or legal advisor about proceeding with a Qualified Charitable Distribution.

Lisa Marie Higginbotham, ELCA Regional Gift Planner
cell 360-953-4401 • lisa.higginbotham@elca.org • ELCA.org/foundation



Memorial Funds to be used for showcasing Desert Hills Lutheran Church History



The Memorial Committee prayerfully administers and distributes unrestricted funds given to DHLC. Members of the committee at the present time are Karla Neumann, chair; Janice Camus, secretary; Helen Ford, Betty Olson, Jan Howard, staff representative and Jane Brunckhorst, Council Liason.

An older very dust covered wooden podium which was hidden away in a storage room was repurposed and beautifully refinished by Joe Mazur (pictured on the left). Joe designed and crafted the new shadow box on the top of the podium. The lovely stand will hold the permanent handmade wooden memorial book. A committee of longtime members of Desert Hills Lutheran Church who are familiar with the church history will compile the information to be included.