



# Desert Hills

LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Quail Notes

December 2017

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



Dear Friends and Members of Desert Hills Lutheran,

Welcome to December! We begin our celebration of Advent with a welcome to our new members on December 2/3. There will be thirty people excited about joining our congregation on our mission journey.

Our Choir will present two Christmas Concerts "Emanuel" on December 7th to add to your enjoyment of the season.

December is always the time of great preparation for our celebration of Christ's Birth. We will hold our regular worship services on Saturday, December 23, at 3 and 5. These will carry the themes of the Fourth Weekend of Advent. Then on Sunday, Christmas Eve we will have a 10 am worship also with the theme of Advent 4. Our Christmas Eve services will be at 3pm Country Christmas, 5pm Candlelight, and 7pm Candlelight. Then on Monday, Christmas Day, Bishop Chilstrom will be bringing the Christmas Message and we will also have Holy Communion. Christmas Eve falls on Sunday so our services are a bit different this year.

Finally, Troy Justesen has asked for and received a leave of absence for the month of December. He will be returning on January 3, 2018. Our prayers are with Troy during this time of renewal.

Blessings,  
Pastor Martin

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### Christmas Eve Services

3 pm - Country Christmas  
5 pm and 7 pm - Candlelight Services

Continuous Buffet 4pm to 6pm

### Christmas Day Service

10 am

### On the Menu

Fresh Fruit Cup  
Holiday ham with honey mustard sauce  
Candied yams, Potatoes supreme  
Mixed vegetables, Dinner roll and butter  
Apple crisp w/Whipped topping  
Coffee, Tea and fruit juice cup  
\$10.00 per person  
Tickets available at the Front Desk.





## 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-November 28, 2017

The Council met on Tuesday, November 28 and received reports from Pastor Martin, Luke Coker, Treasurer and Melissa Buscho, Administrator. The council approved the following: new lighting for the parking lot, 2018 funding for Crossroads, a grant to the Genesis House, 2018 contract for DHLC's CPA, gifts of thanks to its visitation volunteer and CPA and a personal leave of absence for Troy Justesen. The next council meeting is scheduled for December 19, 2017 at 5:30pm.



*Merry Christmas*



## MUSIC MINISTRY

*We Inspire*

December always is a boon to choirs because everyone loves choral music at Christmas. Whether it be a Dickens caroling group or a large choir, Christmas carols are loved by all.

Please join us at our annual Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 7, 2017. We have two performances available for your enjoyment. One is at 3:30 pm and the other @6:30 pm. This will give you an opportunity to hear all of our Sunday music groups at one time plus our narrators retelling the Christmas story.



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#### Worship Times

Saturday — 3 & 5pm  
 Sunday — 8, 9:45 & 11:15am

Holy Communion is celebrated the 1st & 3rd weekend of each month at all services.

Sunday School Classes are at 9:45am  
 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*

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Email articles for the January issue by Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> to [quailnotes@dhlc.org](mailto:quailnotes@dhlc.org).



**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS** If you wish to contribute to the Christmas Decoration Fund, please indicate on the back of the Connection Card or contact the church office at 648-1633. Poinsettias will be purchased for worship enhancement throughout Advent. You may indicate a special dedication, i.e., in memory of ..., in honor of ..., in celebration of ..., to be printed in the Christmas bulletins. The deadline is Sunday, December 17. Make your check (\$15) payable to DHLC with "Christmas Poinsettias" on the memo line.

### BLACK MARKET TRUST CONCERT JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup> 6:30 PM

#### NOW SHOWING IN THE NARTHEX

Beth Ray is an oil painter and teacher who has painted the area for 20 years. She has an art degree from Augustana College and the University of Mexico DF. After a career as a retail executive, she became a full time artist and student with a focus on plain air landscape. Her work has been in numerous galleries including ZForrest in Tubac for 14 years.



# Abiding in God's Eternal Care

Russ Simpson  
October 28, 2017

Bill Dolan  
November 4, 2017

Conrad Bautz  
November 10, 2017

## A GIFT WAITING FOR YOU

For many people the holiday season brings a sadness that reflects the loss of loved ones, a change in life circumstances, and an emptiness seemingly nothing can fill.

If this sounds like your struggle, consider seeking the guidance of one of Desert Hills Lutheran's Stephen Ministers whose special training, loving care, and listening ear can help you draw on God's unfailing comfort and strength to change sadness into happiness, peace, and hope.



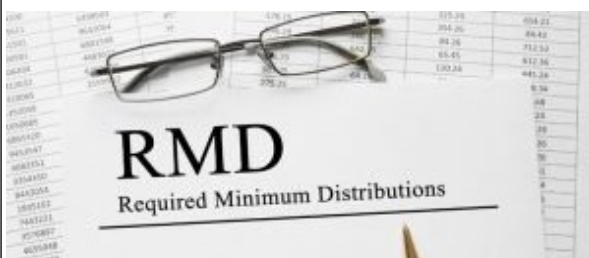
A Stephen Minister is not a counselor or healer, but someone who knows the One who loves you and can heal the hurt and loneliness that surfaces during this challenging time. A simple phone call or email to Faye Mohr (525-2682 or fayemohr@cox.net) or Carolyn Hill (499-2491 or carolynehill@bellsouth.net) can be the



**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 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 "blue-ness", grief or losses and help us prepare for the rapidly approaching holiday season. Come, join us .



## Dean Libner Golf Event, January 29, Benefitting the DHLC Foundation



### REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTIONS (RMDs) AND STOCK TRANSFERS

It's hard to believe, but the end of the year is very near. That old adage "time flies when you're having fun" really is true. We have been busy at DHLC and know you too have been busy having fun and making a difference. As you may have seen in the stewardship dinner presentation, your generosity to DHLC has enabled us to serve and make a difference in many fantastic ways. Thank you!

As we bring 2017 to a close, you may be working with your financial and tax advisors to take your required minimum distributions and/or catch up on your pledging. We can help you.

A charitable gift of stock provides an opportunity for tax savings while generously supporting DHLC. The gift usually produces a charitable deduction for the full market value of the stock and avoids the capital gains tax. Consult your tax advisor to discuss the opportunity and to determine the tax advantages for you. Please note you need to leave time for the transfer to reach us by 12/31 for your donation to be tax deductible for the current year.

If you have questions about how you can catch up on your pledges or make a stock donation to DHLC, please contact Melissa Buscho, DHLC administrator. Just call the church office at (520) 648-1633.

## 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.

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 have an opportunity to respect and honor your wishes. Contact Jan Howard 648-1633 for an appointment with Pastor Ken .

The Ladies Literary League will meet the 3rd Friday, December 15 to avoid Holiday conflicts. The book will be *The Christmas Jars* by Jason Wright. Journalist, Holly Jensen's apartment is robbed on Christmas Eve. Someone leaves her a jar full of money labeled "Christmas Jar". She sets out on a quest to discover the origin of the mysterious jar and writes a great Christmas feature. But did she do it in the "Christmas Spirit" way?



## Merry Christmas

Enjoy a "Yuletide Celebration Around the World" with The Green Valley Concert Band at the Sahuarita District Auditorium at 7:00 PM Sunday, December 10th. The program will feature a wonderful performance of the Rondo from the Mozart Horn Concerto as well as a variety of seasonal music to please all tastes. Tickets for this concert and the whole season are available at the currently reduced price of \$8 from band members: Frank Brendemuehl, Mary Lou Catania, Miriam Hansen, John Jones, Katie Olson, John & Bonnie Sturtz or Les Torgerson.



### LUTEFISK DINNER FRIDAY, JANUARY 19 4:30PM & 5:30PM

Tickets (\$17) will be available starting the weekend of December 2 & 3 after worship services and from the receptionist during the week until sold out. Please bring your friends and neighbors.



### NOTES

*Incorporating spiritual values into health education*

The **Holidays** are here: Nothing says holiday party like your favorite comfort foods such as cheesy dips to decadent desserts. There's a lot to love about the relaxed, cozy-casual, and friendly atmosphere of a great potluck, whether you're hosting or attending. It's tempting to overload plates with high-calorie treats. Stay healthy and mindful as you celebrate the holidays with friends and family. You can eat well and be well this holiday season by following these simple strategies. So, bring on the all-together-now potluck parties and "Deck the Halls", but don't ditch your diet!

#### **Enjoy in moderation.**

Enjoy holiday treats in smaller portions, make healthy substitutions where you can, and plan ahead for merry meals that are healthy, too.

#### **Plan for colorful plates.**

You decorate for the holidays with a lot of color, treat your plate the same way. Seasonal, colorful fruits and vegetables will add flavor, color and nutrients to holiday favorites. Choose veggies such as beans, broccoli, or mixed greens and fruit with berries or grapes. They help you feel fuller longer so you can avoid the temptation to overeat. Save calories with smaller helpings.

#### **Slash unwanted calories with easy swaps and substitutions.**

Learn where excess calories, sodium, saturated fat and added sugars are hiding in traditional holiday foods and beverages, and some easy swaps to avoid them. Boost flavor in water or unsweetened iced tea with mint leaves, lemons, or frozen fruit. Skip sugary drinks like soda, punch, and lemonade. Your calendar may be bursting with opportunities to eat and drink outside of your regular routine. Make a plan that will help you resist plowing through the buffet table, like having a healthy snack beforehand.

#### **Keep foods safe.**

Keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold until serving time. Don't leave out food at room temperature for longer than 2 hours.

#### **Sprinkle in opportunities to be active.**

Keep the inevitable indulgences in check by staying active. Enjoy some winter sports for a change of pace, or schedule in a quick walk or workout before you head to the next party.

Resources: [ChooseMyPlate.gov](http://ChooseMyPlate.gov)



*May God Grant you \*Wonderful Memories\*, \*Bright Hope\*, \*Merry Joy\*, and Peace... Great Peace.*

Anna Tometzak, RN – Parish Nurse



*“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 December 4 as we study the Apostles Creed found in the November Gather magazine and Page 106 in the LBW. Bring either/or and your bible and join us at 9:00 for treats provided by Carol Guydan and Judy Gunson.

**Second Mondays --- Luncheons** – 11:30 am to 1:00 pm – Fellowship Hall

Mira Johnson Ensign will speak to us about the “Celebration of Advent” on December 11 right after we enjoy a catered lunch provided by Lynne. Tickets may be purchased at the December 4 Bible Study or at the Front Desk during office hours AND on Sunday mornings. Absolute deadline to purchase tickets is Wednesday, December 6th.

**Every Wednesday** – 9 a.m. to noon – Fellowship Hall  
The Sewing Bee meets – Check out their Buzzings from the Bee and Boutique Banter in this issue for more information.

**How can we “grow in faith and engage in ministry”?**

Do you get the Gather Magazine? Only \$19.95 a year. See details at [www.gathermagazine.org](http://www.gathermagazine.org)

Do you receive the Canyon Echoes which is from the

Women of the ELCA Grand Canyon Synod? More information at [www.grandcanyonwomen.us](http://www.grandcanyonwomen.us)  
Do you receive BOLD Connections- a free monthly e-newsletter of Women of the ELCA? Sign-up at [www.womenoftheelca.org](http://www.womenoftheelca.org)

**DHLC Welca women care by... “promoting healing and caring”**

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** will be on Tuesday, December 19 from 1:00 pm to 2 pm at 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](mailto:kneumann4@cox.net)

**Don’t forget to save 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 board in the Fellowship Hall.

**Rada Cutlery** Fundraising features 100% “Made in the USA” products. Rada Manufacturing Company has been making knives since 1948. Our Women’s Ministries earns 40% profit from all cutlery sold. Rada products are always on sale during the annual fall boutique or by special order throughout the year. No kitchen is complete without the great paring knife and the famous tomato slicer.

**“affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings”**

**We know you’re saving 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



**LSS CHRISTMAS GIVING PROGRAM**

There are two ways to give this year.

1. In-Home Health Care for the Aged - they are asking for king or queen size sheets, towel sets, afghans, fleece throws, blankets, prayer shawls, socks for men or women

2. Foster and Refugee Children - they want Gift Cards so the children can buy what they want. Gift Cards from WalMart, Target, Old Navy, Penney's, etc.

The Deadline for these gifts is at the Women's Luncheon on December 11th.

Boxes are in the Fellowship Hall to drop them off, or bring them to the luncheon.

Another way to give: Genesis House - More information on their needs are will be in the E-quail notes in December.

## CORNER

FOUNDATION



Christian Churches are faced with a growing problem. Our Lutheran Church is experiencing the same difficulty. We are facing a future with a severe shortage of pastoral leadership for parish ministry. It has been estimated that soon there could be as many as 1000 unfilled pastoral positions in the ELCA. Of course we pray that God's call to ministry will reach the hearts of more of our members as the future unfolds. However, the annual cost of educating a seminary student now exceeds \$30,000. Very few if any of these students can afford this on their own. There are steps that we can take to make recruitment of future pastors more attractive.

Our Desert Hills Lutheran Foundation has taken this problem very seriously and is taking steps to alleviate the problem. First, our Board of Directors has made a commitment to allocate half of our annual budget for grants for seminary student scholarships. We are thankful that over the last three years we have been able to assist five future pastors with scholarship support. The other half of our budget is used for other church projects and local service agencies. Second, we have established the Rev. Martin Overson fund for the development of Christian leadership. We are thankful that over the last three years we have been able to assist ten young non clergy individuals involved in mission projects.

Our dream is to do more. Even though we cannot solve the entire problem we want to do what we can for the future proclamation of the Gospel from the pulpits of our congregations. WE INVITE YOU TO HELP. Please consider naming the Desert Hills Lutheran Church Foundation for a bequest in your will or other estate plans. We are happy to receive current gifts and memorials designated for the development of future church leaders. Thank you for your consideration of this mission.

### MEN'S MINISTRY AT DHLC



**MEN'S PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP** will meet **Monday, December 4th at 1:30 pm**

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

Our next book will be "Luther the Reformer, The Story of the Man and His Career", by James Kittelson, Max Wiersma, et al.

We have two weeks left on our current book. We will begin to discuss this book on December 13. Please be mindful, when ordering your book, to get the 2nd Edition.



### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays at 1 pm.

**MEN'S HEALTH:** Men's Health Group will meet on 12/18 at 8:30 a.m. Our speaker will be Anna Tometczak RN, our Parish Nurse.



**MEN'S MONDAY COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:** is back in full swing, Mondays 7:30 @ the church come join us.

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

CANCELLED IN DECEMBER



**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



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!

Evolutionary Biology



## BUZZINGS FROM THE BEE AND BOUTIQUE BANTER

*100% TO CHARITIES! This 15th Annual Sale was one of our best.*



*Many thanks to all who donated, worked, shopped and prayed for another successful Boutique Sale to benefit our nearby charities. Shoppers were thrilled with the amazing display of merchandise from our very talented and generous friends. Quality, variety, and fair prices were the words of the day. Red, white, and blue "American Beauty" items were best sellers on this Veteran's Day weekend.*

*Total craft proceeds were over \$11,000 as we go to press. Checks will be presented to the Genesis House Expansion, Youth on Their Own, and the "51 Homeless Veterans Program." Each charity will also receive 5 or more quilts at our presentation in December. The Navajo Lutheran Mission School benefits from food and bake sales. Action Team money from Thrivent Financial Services helped to offset expenses.*

*On Nov. 13 the Fisher House received an additional 5 patriotic lap quilts from the Sewing Bee at our WELCA luncheon. The Butterfly Boutique at Springboard Program for Girls received miscellaneous items for their resale shop.*

*Donations of useful fabrics and sewing items are welcome as we continue to make nearly 300 quilts each year for charities. Keep in mind that the Sewing Bee has a limited number of quilts for sale to the congregation all year for special occasions. See us any Wednesday morning from 9 until noon in the fellowship hall where all are welcome. No experience necessary.*

**SCANDINAVIAN CLUB** will return to its normally scheduled time, the second Tuesday of the month for December 12, 2017 starting at 5 pm. Program will be "CHRITMAS TRADITIONS" presented by Corinne Chilstrom, Duke Southard and Beth Brusius. Corrinne summarizes the program as follows; "Hope it can be a wonderful time for all of us to remember many happy "Christmas Past" times; and how even the memories continue to bless us again every Christmas."



### Tables for Eight Kick off Potluck Dinner is December 11th at 6 pm

Tables for Eight is a small group dinner/fellowship ministry at DHLC with the emphasis on fellowship not cooking .

### 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](mailto:administrator@dhlc.org)***

### NOW HIRING—CUSTODIANS—PART TIME

We are looking for one or more part-time custodians to help maintain our property and support the busy schedule of events at DHLC. Custodians clean, perform minor repairs, interact with vendors used to provide building and grounds services, do set-ups and tear-downs for events, meetings and concerts at DHLC, help in the kitchen, etc. Hours vary and may include evenings, weekends and holidays. If you are interested in joining our facilities team, please stop at the front desk and ask for an application.



Thank you for the very special flowers. They are so beautiful and remind me of the friendship and love I received from the church. They are much appreciated.

Jan Williams

*"Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ." Colossians 3:14*

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