

JESUS CHRIST IS

# Risen TODAY!

Desert Hills  
LUTHERAN CHURCH



Quail Notes  
April 2017

**Come see what all the excitement is about on Easter Weekend.**

CELEBRATING GRACE, MAKING DISCIPLES, MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Dear Friends and Members of Desert Hills Lutheran,



This month we celebrate the grace of God in Jesus Christ in Holy Week and Easter. On April 8/9 we begin Holy Week with Palm/Passion Weekend. Jesus entered Jerusalem to the shouts of Hosanna and the waving of palms, but immediately the plot to take his life began and the passion begins. We are blessed with two distinguished preachers to lead us through Holy Week: Bishop Herb Chilstrom on Maundy Thursday and Pastor Ken Nyhusmoen on Good Friday. There will be three Easter services on Saturday and four Easter services on Sunday, the extra service being a 45 minute Sunrise Service at 6:30am in the sanctuary. On Easter, the 11:15 service will also be a Holy Communion service. As always, I commend to you the discipline of taking the entire journey to the cross and empty tomb by attending the Holy Week services.

Also in April is an annual staff retreat on Saturday, April 1. Unfortunately, there will not be a local team playing in the Final Four that day. The Gideons will join us the last weekend in April. To those of you going back to the north in April, thank you so much for being with us this winter.

Blessings to you all!  
Pastor Martin

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## VERSE OF THE MONTH

When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. *John 19:30*



JOIN US DURING HOLY WEEK  
AND THEN CELEBRATE CHRIST'S  
RESURRECTION ON EASTER.



## Desert Hills Lutheran Church Council

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

The DHLC Council met on March 28, 2017 and received reports from Pastor Martin, Luke Coker, Treasurer and Ray Weisgarber, Administrator. Approval was granted for the Social Concerns Committee to conduct a dental supply drive in late April and early May and to expand the hours of one of the receptionist positions. The Council discussed parking and ingress and egress issues and will pursue the possible acquisition of some adjacent land. The Council voted to modify action taken at the February meeting to now have an independent audit in 2019 for the 2018 fiscal year rather than in 2018 for the 2017 fiscal year. The Council also received a report from the committee work being done on possible revisions in the chapel and adding a service in the chapel later this year. The next Council meeting is scheduled for April 18.



**SAVE THE DATE! Everyone has Influence!** Learn how to effectively use it at the Global Leadership Summit August 10 and 11. Registration is open for DHLC members. \$89 for the two day conference until July 11th then increases to \$119.

**NOW SHOWING IN THE CHURCH NARTHEX** are colorful works of art by Sandy Kochan. Take a look, and you'll see Southwest-themed paintings on one wall. On the other wall are various depictions of sunflowers.



### PASTORAL COUNSELING AT DHLC



Rev. Wally Mohr, a retired pastor and retired counselor is available for pastoral counseling for members and friends of DHLC. Wally volunteers his services therefore there is no charge for counseling. He sees individuals (or couples) from 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. by appointment on Fridays only.

Wally sees people for grief counseling, marriage counseling, family related issues, depression, anxiety, spiritual struggles, etc. All sessions are totally confidential from church staff and others. Sessions vary from a single consultation to several months. If in doubt, feel free to discuss this with Wally.

Contact Wally @ his home 520-625-2682 for information or an appointment.



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#### Worship Times

Saturday — 3 & 5pm  
Sunday — 8, 9:45 & 11:15am  
*Healing Prayer Service  
at 12:15 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 / October—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 May issue by April 15<sup>th</sup> to [quailnotes@dhlc.org](mailto:quailnotes@dhlc.org).

**THE HEALING PRAYER SERVICE** is held on the fourth Sunday of every month at 12:15 pm (following the 11:15am worship service.) The service is held in the chapel (the first room on the right, as you enter the church from the North entrance.)

The service is a simple and brief service of Scripture and prayer followed by an opportunity for those attending to come forward for an anointing of oil for healing and wholeness.

The service provides an opportunity for members and friends of DHLC to join with members of their Christian family to seek healing of body, mind and soul. Many in attendance come forward for the anointing, not only for themselves, but also for friends and loved ones who are in need of healing prayer but are not able to attend. Attendance varies from four or five individuals to twenty of thirty.

You are invited to join us for your own healing or to support others who are struggling with their own lives.





## Abiding in God's Eternal Care

*Gene A. Walters*  
February 22, 2017

*George Johnsen*  
March 4, 2017

*Elsa Sreenivasam*  
March 15, 2017



Hi Pastor Overson,  
Thank you so much for the support that you, your staff, and the congregation at DHLC has provided to Global Dental Brigades at the University of Arizona. The fundraiser you organized was a huge success, and critical to the trip our members just made to Nicaragua. During the trip, two dentists performed free care over the course of three days, and hundreds of children were educated about oral health. In all, 900 children were provided with a toothbrush, toothpaste and floss, and hundreds of patients had fillings and extractions. Dental health is very poor in Central America, so again, your help is deeply appreciated.



Best wishes and God bless, Craig Killian, Global Dental Brigades (President)

**The drive for travel-size toothpaste and dental floss (especially needed) will be held at DHLC the weekends of April 22/23, 29/30 & May 6/7. There will be a table in the Narthex to collect the donations.**

**SOCIAL CONCERNS — ANOTHER WAY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

**WILLIE AND ANNE LANGDJI** serve as the ELCA Madagascar, West and Central Africa Regional Representatives. Anne



focuses on support to health ministries and Willie on development and capacity building. They help to maintain strong relationships between the ELCA and the churches in Nigeria, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Senegal, Central African Republic, Cameroon, Rwanda and Madagascar. Willie also serves as liaison for Lutheran World Federation projects in West Africa. They live in Yaounde, Cameroon.

Contact: Willie and Anne Langdji | B.P. 2209 | Messa Yaounde, CAMEROON  
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**YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE! HERE'S HOW TO GIVE:** By check: Make payable to "ELCA Global Church Sponsorship" with "Langdji MSG0260" in the memo line. Give through your synod

office or mail your check to: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Gift Processing Center, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009.

By credit or debit card: See <https://community.elca.org/Cameroon> or call 800-638-3522 and specify "Langdji MSG0260".

By automatic monthly bank withdrawal, or to establish a covenant of prayer, communication and support: Contact 800-638-3522, ext. 2657, or [globalchurch@elca.org](mailto:globalchurch@elca.org)



**Companion Care @dhlc**  
Trained volunteers providing non-medical respite  
so Care Givers can take a break!

### **SPEAKER SERIES**

April 26, 2017 - Fall Prevention with  
Sandy Wahl from Southern Arizona  
Lifeline Systems



**FIRST MONDAY, APRIL 3 – 9-10:30AM – FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Continuing our study of the book of Galatians (from your bible), Barb Rapp will lead us in a discussion of Christian Faith and Christian Freedom which was featured in the January issue of Gather Magazine. Merle Fedje and Jewel Golberg will be our hostesses.

**TEAM MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING BIBLE STUDY IMPORTANT FOR ALL!!!**

If monthly luncheons, retreats, special projects (Trafficking, Domestic Abuse, LWR, LSS, girl's orphanage, Christmas, etc.) are to continue after December, we need volunteers to take over these tasks. Now would be a good time to share your ideas and learn how to make a difference with other women, yourself, and many others around the world. Many hands make easy work. Come and see where you could help this vibrant ministry continue to serve.

**SECOND MONDAY, APRIL 10**

**'SURPRISED BY SALADS' LUNCHEON, 11:30AM-1PM**

Patti O'Berry, from Genesis House (home for abused women and children) will be bringing us an update on the expansion which will enable trafficking victims to find safety and shelter in the southern Arizona area. We have already met the quota for twin sheets for the new beds. Now we invite you to bring to the luncheon either a pillow or twin mattress pad. And, if your last name begins with any letter from A-K, you are invited to bring a salad to serve 6-8 women. Think Spring.



**DO YOU HAVE AN AMAZON PRIME ACCOUNT?**

Did you know that you can now direct a portion of eligible purchases from Amazon as a donation to our Grand Canyon Synodical Women's Organization by using Amazon Smile? Sign on to smile.amazon.com. . . enter Grand Canyon Women's Synodical Organization in the charity

search box and 'voila' a percentage of your purchases will then go to help provide more programs for women on the Synod, National and Worldwide level.

**THIRD TUESDAY, APRIL 18**

**PRAYER SHAWL GATHERING, 1-2PM**

You may have noticed that many in the Green Valley community are in need of comfort and love. If you enjoy knitting or crocheting, we hope you will join us to make prayer shawls to distribute to those in need. If you don't knit or crochet, but would still like to support this much needed ministry, we are always happy to accept yarn donations and prayers. We have instructions and would love to have you join us.



Over 2,200 women have signed up to make the pilgrimage to Minneapolis this summer and hear dynamic speakers (Lemah Gbowee, Noble Prize Winner), attend workshops, see first run movies, and learn what women are doing around the world. For more information: welcatg.org or randiv@cox.net.

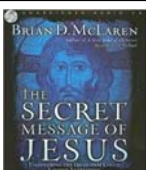
**PLAN AHEAD**

**OCTOBER 20-21 – WELCA GRAND CANYON SYNOD RETREAT**

"Transformed: A New Katie" has been chosen to honor the 500th anniversary celebration of Luther's Reformation. Romans 12:2 . . . be transformed by the renewing of your mind will be the focus when we meet at the Franciscan Renewal Center in Paradise Valley, AZ. A very special Friday evening with Sherry Koopot, a docent from the Phoenix Art Museum will highlight art during the time of the Renaissance and Reformation. Rev. Dr. Marta Poling-Schmitt will introduce us to Martin's Katie, and we will also be meeting some new 21st Century Katies. Many other surprises are in store for all attendees. This is one you won't want to miss! Watch the Canyon Echoes for more details. [www.grandcanyonwomen.org/events.html](http://www.grandcanyonwomen.org/events.html)

**LADIES LITERARY LEAGUE**

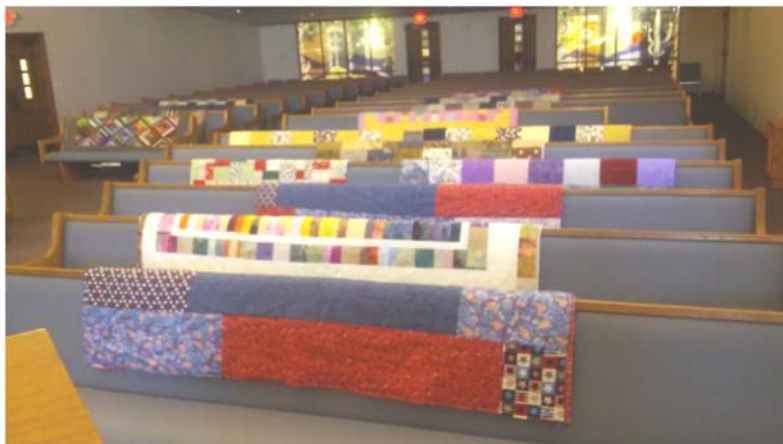
April 28 The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead  
May 26 The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls



**THE CHRISTIAN WRITERS BOOK STUDY GROUP** has taken a break during the Season of Lent, but will resume on Wednesday, April 19 at 3:30pm We will be studying the book: "The Secret Message of Jesus, the Truth that Could Change Everything" by Brian McLaren. The author asks the reader to take a fresh look at what Jesus was trying to say about His Kingdom on earth here and now and his kingdom of the future." It is best if the class participants are familiar with the Bible. Please order your own book on Amazon.com or pick one up at a local book store. Also, please let Pastor Barb Rapp know of your intent to attend the class at bjrappppgolf@gmail.com or 815.858.4523.



## BUZZINGS FROM THE BEE AND BOUTIQUE BANTER



An amazing amount of interest resulted in the sale of 34 quilts after services on ThankOffering Weekend. As always, 100% of sales totals will be included in our 2017 Fall Boutique gifts to charities at that time.

We are constructing 5 patriotic quilts for the May Honor Flights Program as Veterans return from Washington DC. Previously our patriotic quilts have gone to the "51 Homeless Veterans Program" and the Fisher House, both in Tucson.

Bee members donated cash to provide the new expansion of Genesis House with needed linens.

We continue to welcome fabric donations and Thrivent Action Team gift cards for purchasing batting, fabrics, and miscellaneous supplies.

You are encouraged to work on your arts and crafts items for the Boutique coming November 11. Work may be done at home or at our Wednesday morning meetings from 9-noon all year.— Contact: Diane Johnson, 399-2810

### THE "AFTER PEOPLE"

People often ask, "What is a Stephen Minister?" One way to answer that is to say they are the "After People." That's because Stephen Ministers are here . . .

- . . after the phone call you hoped you'd never get.
- . . after the memorial service, when everyone has left and the emotions you've held back come crashing down on you.
- . . after the relationship falls apart and the bottom falls out of your life.
- . . after the doctor says, "I'm sorry, there's nothing more we can do."
- . . after the nursing home administrator says, "Welcome to your new home."
- . . after the last child leaves home and the house suddenly seems empty.
- . . after the gavel comes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
- . . after the baby arrives demanding more attention than you ever imagined.
- . . after you get a pink slip with your final paycheck.
- . . after your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.



Stephen Ministers are the After People. They are ready to walk alongside you – or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives – and provide comfort and support for as long as needed. To learn more about partnering with a Stephen Minister, contact Stephen Minister Leaders Wally or Faye Mohr at 520-232-3352 or fayemohr@cox.net, or Emilie Odde at 612-710-9444 or eodde@earthlink.net.

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE:** Tuesday, May 9 from 9am-2pm in the Fellowship Hall. To schedule your donation appointment visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter Sponsor Code: Desert or call 1-800-RED-CROSS or the Parish Nurse, Anna

#### APRIL ESTATE SALES:

April 6,7 at 1274 W. Camino Lucientes in Desert Hills II

April 20,21 at 1664 W. Rio Mayo in Spring Point



**Thank you** to all of the participants in our Spring Concert. It was a wonderful afternoon. Judy Starr

This month we continue our journey to the cross with more beautiful music. What a wonderful time of year.





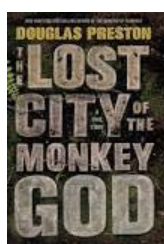
**FOUNDATION CORNER** — How can I make an effective gift to the Desert Hills Lutheran Foundation?

1. By making an outright gift of cash such as a memorial or current gift.
2. You could make a gift of appreciated stock and avoid capital gains tax.
3. You could name the Foundation as a beneficiary of your will.
4. You could name the Foundation as a recipient of an insurance policy, annuity or IRA.
5. 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 \$30,000 and we are committed to increase this amount annually. Recently our congregation was able to meet two seminary students who have received scholarship grants from the Foundation. Development of Christian leadership for the future of our church is a high priority for our Board. Please contact Neal Engbloom, Board President who can direct you to expert advice for planning a tax wise charitable gift.

**MEN'S MINISTRY AT DHLC**



**BOOKMEN** — The Bookmen meet **Wednesdays weekly at 7:45am** at Manuel's Restaurant for breakfast, fellowship and lively book discussion. All men are invited to join the group.

The current book: **THE LOST CITY OF THE MONKEY GOD** by Douglas Preston

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY THURSDAYS AT 1PM IN ROOM 207**

Please join Bob Dahm, facilitator



**MEN'S BREAKFAST** April 27, 2017 – Dr. David



Ulmer, *"The Changing Nature of Medical Care"* Breakfasts are the fourth Thursday of the month @ 8:30am Fellowship Hall. All men are welcome.



**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: every Monday at 7:30 am at the church.**



**MEN'S HEALTH:** Monday, April 10 at 8:30 a.m. Speaker will be Cynthia Valencia of Prestige Assisted Living.

**Handy Man Services** is here to provide help to members and frequents visitors of Desert Hills Lutheran Church. If you would like to request services please contact either Marv Berke at 520 425-7229 and msberke@msn.com or Ruben Heeszal at 520 903-7188 and RHeeszal@gmail.com.



**MEN'S PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP**

Do you have an interest in photography? You are invited to join our group.



We strive to meet once a month except during the summer...the first Monday of the month at 1:30 pm in the Patio Room at the church. Our next two meetings will be April 3rd and May 8th. We usually conclude our meetings by 3:00 pm. We typically bring up to 10 photos on a thumb drive for viewing and critiquing at our meeting.

We have completed a project for our church's picture directory...taking pictures of various DH activities that were considered for enhancing our directory pages. Also, we are frequently asked to take various photos at services or special events. We also strive to have a field trip during the year.

Currently, one member volunteers to select a theme for the following meeting based on Bible scripture. Our topics have included; Churches, Water, Doors, Flowers, Rock, Psalms 23, Snow, Seed Bearing Plants, Critters and Birds, Light, Children and recently Windows.

The photos can be those you have in your archives or new ones, your choice. If time permits at our meetings, we discuss photo editing, framing, printing and other photography-related topics.

You can bring some photos or just attend, listen and watch to ensure what we do aligns with your interests. For more information, call Bruce Magnuson at (520) 240-0517 or e-mail him at blmag@cox.net.

**SCANDINAVIAN GROUP:** Our April Scandinavian Fellowship Group meeting will be Tuesday, April 11, at 5pm in the Fellowship Hall, our program for the evening will be presented by the "Strolling Players" of Green Valley. Duh program will be skits oriented to humorous aspects of our Scandinavian Heritage. Come share Food and Fun vit us!! "UFF DAH"!!! All are welcome. As usual potluck 5pm, Please bring a main dish, salad or dessert for hungry Vikings. And don't forget the place settings.



*Incorporating spiritual values into health education*

Parish Nursing is a growing specialty practice of nursing, recognized by the American Nursing Association. It is also a ministry that is embraced by many different Christian denominations. Parish nursing acknowledges the need for Holistic Health Care. We are all complex beings, consisting of many parts that make us who we are. A Parish Nurse seeks to address some of these issues.

The acronym HEALTH may be used to describe the role of the Parish Nurse:

**H** = Health Professional (Licensed Registered Nurse)

**E** = Educator of Holistic Health (mind, body & spirit)

**A** = Advocate/Resource person (provides prayer and advocacy between you and your healthcare agency, your doctor or hospital. Assists families in exploring options for sick, elderly or disabled care, model healthy styles in life in relationship to self, to family and to the church, including the life of prayer)

**L** = Liaison to Community Services (assists with providing referrals/resources and services available in the community)

**T** = Teacher/Facilitator Volunteer/Support Groups (develop/recruit volunteer groups in promoting an understanding of the relationship between faith, lifestyle, and health)

**H** = Health/Wellness Counselor (makes confidential home and nursing home visits to monitor health status, provide emotional support, discuss health concerns, encourage compliance with medical treatment, is in consultation with the Pastors to provide spiritual guidance)

Contact the Parish Nurse if you...

- \* Have questions about a medical condition, treatment, medications or symptoms
- \* Have been admitted or released from the hospital to set up Pastoral visit, Lay Ministry companion or Communion
- \* Feel lost in our increasingly complex health system
- \* Need help and don't know where to turn
- \* Need the reassurance and personal touch of a medical professional that will take the time to listen

A Parish nurse does not replace the Pastor, professional services such as a physician or hospice, make medical diagnoses or prescribe medications, replace home health care or hospital nursing care, give daily baths, fill insulin syringes, perform tasks assigned to other home health care providers, perform invasive procedures such as giving injections, change dressings, etc.

A Parish Nurse is on staff at Desert Hills Lutheran Church Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am-2pm.

God's Blessings and Good Health... Anna Tometzak, RN, Parish Nurse



**GERMAN HERITAGE:** The German Heritage group will meet on April 24 at 5 pm in the fellowship hall. Please bring a dish to share along with your own place setting. The program for the evening will be a presentation on Martin Luther by Pastor, Dennis Nelson.

**THE ALTAR GUILD** meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2017 at 9:00 am. We encourage all members to attend and any one who is interested in serving on the Altar Guild please feel free to attend.



## *Footloose Singles*



Friday, April 21, Border Patrol Tour of the Nogales Station. Deadline to sign up is April 10th, so a background check can be done on you. Sign up sheet is on the Fun and Fellowship bulletin board in Fellowship Hall and you must also sign up at the church office and provide your full legal name, birthday, citizenship and the last 4 digits of your Social security number. Tour is limited to 20, and you must be a U.S. citizen or hold a green card. Tour of the facility is 1-1 and a half hours with talks by the border patrol agents and a video will be shown. Meet at church at 9am to car-pool. Have your ID with you. Lunch at the Santa Rita Grill at the Splendor Resort at Rio Rico.

**Looking Ahead Mark your calendars** for Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 5pm, our popular indoor picnic and game night at Aggie Porter's.

# Holy Week Schedule



**MAUNDY  
THURSDAY**

April 13, 2017  
7pm

## **GOOD FRIDAY**

April 14, 2017

Noon: Traditional  
3pm: Country Gospel  
7pm: Traditional



## **EASTER WEEKEND**

Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>

All Country Gospel  
1pm, 3pm, & 5pm

Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>

6:30am Sunrise Service (Sanctuary)  
8am, 9:45am, & 11:15am  
Communion 11:15am only

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