

# Desert Hills LUTHERAN CHURCH *Quail Notes*

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Don't Miss This "Extravaganza" Sunday, Nov. 18

## **Celebrating Arizona's Centennial**

The 50-member, mixed voice Catalinas Community Chorus, the western music men's group Vocal Seniority, rope twirlers from the Tucson Boy's Chorus, Mariachi Corazon de Tucson, and the Trail Dust Town stunt team will join together to present the



program **"Arizona Sings — The Land, The People, The Music"** 3:30pm, Sunday, Nov. 18, at DHLC. The program will be narrated by Guy Atchley, well-known local news anchor, photographer, and historian. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the church office M-F, 8:30am-4pm, and Sunday, Nov. 11, following all services, or by phone at 303-6474. The program has been presented numerous times throughout the state to sell-out crowds.

It is designated by the state as an official Arizona centennial event and is open to the community. The event is presented at DHLC by the Catalinas Community Chorus.

The all-volunteer Catalinas Community Chorus will present music from Arizona composers, Arizona singers, movies filmed in Arizona, and songs about Arizona. Music will include westerns, love songs, spirituals, rock and roll, and feature numbers made famous by Linda Ronstadt, Paul McCartney, Glen Campbell, and many more notable musicians. DHLC has connections to the Chorus members through former DHLC interim Pastor Ken and Marge Ahlstrand, and former DHLC Director of Worship and Music Cyndee Chaffee.

**Come, Ye Thankful People, Come**

## **Thanksgiving Worship and Dinner**

**Thursday, Nov. 22, during worship at 9:30am "we gather together to ask the Lord's blessing."** The Chancel Choir will provide special music, and DHLC member and retired pastor Rev. Wally Mohr will provide the message. Our modern culture uses this holiday to encourage us to once a year "be thankful" while seldom, if ever, saying to whom. Yet everything we have, down to our most recent breath, is grace, a gift from our loving God. Our service of thanksgiving at Desert Hills Lutheran will provide an opportunity to thank the Giver and Source of all we have and are. Later that day at **3pm a Thanksgiving dinner** will be served. Tickets (\$12 donation) are available in advance from the church office. A team of 26 helpers is needed: Volunteer on the pew **CONNECTION CARD** or call the church office, 648-1633. Many hands make work light.

*(Pictured right is 2011 volunteer Sonny Schneider)*



*Greetings  
from Pastor Martin*

Dear Friends and Members  
of Desert Hills Lutheran,

It is so much fun to have faces that have been gone for the summer re-appear every week. Attendance has been very good, and we are all looking for a strong finish to 2012.

In November we again hold the time to focus on stewardship. Our lunches and dinners begin at the end of the month. Last year the theme was *The Grace Express*. For fun we started with the movie *The Polar Express* and used that as a jumping off point to look at our mission.

This year for fun the movie is *The Blues Brothers*. Two brothers are on a mission from God to help an orphanage remain solvent. Their plan is to put the band back together. Look for Blues Brothers stuff in the future. Our stewardship program will conclude Dec. 9. We too are on a mission from God.

Marian Kaiser has chosen to retire in November. She is going to be greatly missed on staff, although she will remain

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**More From Pastor Overson**  
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part of the congregation. If you ever passed the church at night and there were lights burning late, it was usually Marian, who has been absolutely dedicated to her job and this congregation these last nine years. When I introduced her to new members through the years I often said, "This woman knows more about what is going on here than anyone else." Marian was especially gifted in handling memorial services and the advertising for the church. Her gifts are many. I will miss having her great eye for excellence and her ability to see more things as possibilities for this congregation. When you see her be sure to thank her for her work with us these past years. Nov. 3 & 4 we will have a time of thanksgiving for her following worship.

*See you at worship!*  
*Pastor Martin*



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**Worship Times**

Saturday at 5pm

Sunday at 8, 9:30, & 11am

Holy Communion is celebrated the first and third weekends at all services

Sunday School Classes at 9:30am  
September-May

**Office Hours**

8:30am to 4pm Monday-Friday

**Pastoral Staff**

Rev. Dr. Martin N. Overson, *Senior Pastor*  
Rev. Dr. Richard Lind, *Associate Pastor*

**Quail Notes** newsletter is published monthly for members and friends of DHLC. E-mail articles for consideration by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month to [quailnotes@dhlc.org](mailto:quailnotes@dhlc.org). *Limit articles to 300 words or less.* The editor reserves the right to edit submissions.

**Just Announced: Kitchen Dedication Nov. 10 & 11**

**CELEBRATE WITH A PANCAKE SUPPER AND BREAKFAST**

You are invited to the dedication of our remodeled kitchen! What better way to do it than with . . . **FOOD!** **Saturday, Nov. 10, following 5pm worship** a celebratory pancake supper will be served, and **Sunday, Nov. 11, from 9am to 12:30pm**, a pancake breakfast will surround the official dedication at 9:30am in the fellowship hall. Help us plan for these events by writing "pancakes" on the pew **CONNECTION CARD** or call the church office, 648-1633.

**National Lutheran Magazine Highlights DHLC**

The November issue of the official national monthly news magazine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, *The Lutheran*, features a story this month titled "Aging Well." In it retired St. Olaf College psychology professor Dr. Bruce Roberts writes, "The church is one of the very few organizations in our culture that offers the critical components of well-being: a sense of belonging, a feeling that people care about me and I care about them; and a sense of contribution, a feeling that I am still able to do things for other people that are meaningful."

Desert Hills Lutheran members Patty and Dave Schmidt are summer neighbors of Dr. Roberts in Northfield, MN, and they've shared their enthusiasm for what our congregation offers. In the article Dave comments, "members are just tickled to come [to DHLC] to learn more. Almost all of our friend come from the church."



"There is something going on all the time," Patty said. "We have a very healthy older group of seniors who are doing 100 different things." The article notes the holiday dinners DHLC has for those not with family, and mentions The Bookmen and their make-a-difference projects including Crossroads Mission and San Juan Batista Lutheran Church. Desert Hills Lutheran is a place "where everyone comes from someplace else. . . . That's why our congregation is so welcoming to new people," Patty related.

DHLC offers to all members of the congregation a subscription to *The Lutheran* magazine. If you are not currently receiving it and would like to, e-mail [frontdesk@dhlc.org](mailto:frontdesk@dhlc.org). To read the complete *Aging Well* article on the internet, go to [http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm?article\\_id=11071](http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm?article_id=11071).



**New Saturday Small Group Forming**  
**Connecting Through ChristCare**

Interest in participating in a ChristCare small group is on the rise with our "migration from the north" in full swing. These groups will help you grow as a disciple as well as develop strong personal relationships with other participants. Group members also place an emphasis on making a difference, a key emphasis of our congregation. A new ChristCare group is now being formed to meet at church 3-4:30pm Saturdays — ending just in time to attend worship at 5pm. DHLC member Shawna Hansen will lead the group. The following current groups still have room for new people:

Tuesday 8am: *at Shelby's-Tubac; leader Eric Reinhard; topic "Gospel of John"*  
Tuesday 10:30am: *at DHLC; leader Alice Sullivan; topic "Prayer"*  
Thursday 6:30pm: *at DHLC; leader Claude Chatterton; topic TBD by group*

For more information or to join a group contact Claude Chatterton, Director of Connections, at 648-1633, or at [connections@dhlc.org](mailto:connections@dhlc.org), or on the pew **CONNECTION CARD**, or contact one of the facilitators listed above.

# FootLoose! Singles' Events

The movie "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel," starring Judi Dench, is the next Footloose singles' event **Sunday, Nov. 11, at 2pm**, in the fellowship hall. This recent popular film is reviewed in the

November issue of *The Lutheran Magazine* where it points out that the movie's message is **you can**

**teach an old dog new tricks . . . and that change opens people up to new possibilities.** While essentially a comedy, the film covers major themes of one's older years: life review, health crisis, financial shortfalls, relationships, loneliness, and spiritual openness. If you've seen the movie before, this is one worth seeing again. Popcorn and soda available; \$1 donation. Advance sign-up is helpful via the *CONNECTION CARD* or by calling the church office. Consider bringing a make-a-difference gift of shampoo or shaving cream for families served by area Food Banks.



## **GASLIGHT THEATER in JANUARY:**

Those participating in our trip to the Gaslight Theater in October unanimously requested a repeat of that event. SO . . . **Sunday, Jan. 13, at 4:30pm, a chartered bus will take us to the Gaslight again** to see "The Lone Stranger," a spoof on you-know-what. Tickets are \$27 per person including round trip charter bus transportation from DHLC. Do not delay: Reserve your seats now at the church office. Bring friends!

# Forum Starting Nov. 8 *Preparing for Christmas*

What will your Christmas look like this year? Plan to attend a thought-provoking four-part Advent series to help sharpen your focus on celebrating Christmas in a more intentionally meaningful way. **REVISED DATES ARE Thursdays, Nov. 8, 15, 29, & Dec. 6, 9:30-11am**, in the fellowship hall.

DHLC members Beth Brusius and Duke Southard will lead sessions loosely based on the *Advent Conspiracy*, a program by Zondervan Publishing.

The sessions will help us examine:

- ♦ *how media influences our perception of Christmas*
- ♦ *how the world views Christmas*
- ♦ *what Christmas looks like in 2012*
- ♦ *what should Christmas look like?*

Topics will include concepts such as consumerism versus compassion, packing away the spirituality of Christmas along with the tree; and spending less money but giving and receiving far greater gifts. Advance registration would be helpful by writing a note on the pew *CONNECTION CARD*, or calling the church office at 648-1633, M-F, 8:30-4. Or just come as often as your schedule allows!



## **MEN @ WORK**

This new younger men's group (under 65, working or retired) meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 7-8pm in the new "Patio Room" located in the corner of the new office wing. Monday, Oct. 29, they assisted at the Fall Festival for preschool children at Continental School. On a Saturday in November they plan to work on a Habitat for Humanity jobsite and will continue to look at future ways to make a difference in our community. If you are interested in becoming active and/or learning more about this group, contact Claude Chatterton at the church office at 648-1633 or via e-mail at [connections@dhlc.org](mailto:connections@dhlc.org) or contact Tim Warlick at 336-7567 in the evening.

## Abiding in God's Eternal Care



### **Evelyn Weismann**

*who died Friday, Oct. 5.*

*A memorial service was held at DHLC Saturday, Oct. 27.*

### **Bob Hoeckelberg**

*who died Saturday, Oct. 13.*

*A memorial will be held at DHLC 11am, Tuesday, Jan. 8.*

### **Hazel Plockelman**

*who died Sunday, Oct. 14.*

*in Milwaukee, WI.*

*Services were held in Wisconsin.*

### **Vernon Severson**

*who died Monday Oct. 15.*

*A memorial service will be held at DHLC in January.*

### **Catherine Rathjen**

*who died Friday, June 1.*

*A memorial service will be held at DHLC 1pm, Saturday, Nov. 17.*



November 17-December 9

# Alternative Christmas Market

We, at Desert Hills Lutheran, love to celebrate giving in response to the Grace we have received. After all, God gave us His Son and He asks us to give, too. Christmas is a wonderful time to plan your giving wisely and conscientiously.

Watch your mail for a delightful catalog from the ELCA with a little boy on the cover holding a pig. They're both laughing! If you don't receive the ELCA Good Gifts Catalog, we'll have some extras at our table in Fellowship Hall.

Each year DHLC's Global Mission Team makes available unique Christmas gifts for you to buy and give a gift card to someone you love telling

them about your gift. We call it the Alternative Christmas Market.

It's not like Macy's: We sell water wells, malaria nets, school fees for a girl, vaccinations, fruit tree seedlings, farming tools and training, blankets, and of course, everyone's favorites — lots of animals. We will sell anything out of the catalog you want!

Join us at the huge Christmas tree beginning Nov. 17-18 and each weekend though Dec. 9 to choose a gift that will really make a difference in someone's life.

A shocking statistic: The ELCA reports that last Christmas, Americans spent nearly \$471.5 billion. In

comparison, the U.N. estimates it would take \$300 billion to end world hunger. We can end world hunger. Let's.

## **Curious about Global Mission at DHLC?**

You are very welcome to attend our meetings to learn about our short term missions, educating the congregation, and to learn about our missionaries and projects! We meet the second Wednesday of the month at 10am in the Patio Room. You will be so welcome!

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Desert Hills Lutheran's Prayer Shawl Ministry is one group of our Health and Wellness Ministry. It meets at 1pm for one hour the third Tuesday of every month in the church library to knit, crochet, and admire completed projects. Friendship, laughter, and prayers are also an important part of the gathering. Creating a Prayer Shawl is a spiritual blessing for those who make them as they are shared with those suffering from illness, recovering from surgery, or grieving — all people who need to be surrounded by a warm hug and prayers. A label with a special message is sewn on each shawl.

DHLC's group started in 2008 and has so far given away over 250 Prayer Shawls. The national prayer shawl movement was started in 1998 by two graduates of the Women's Leadership Institute at Hartford Connecticut Seminary, and they now have made inspirational books, patterns, and prayers available to groups like ours.

A number of thoughtful DHLC members and friends have given Memorial Gifts to the Prayer Shawl Ministry to help with the purchase of yarn and postage for out-of-town members and relatives. Please feel free to contact us with names of members and relatives you feel would benefit from a Prayer Shawl. DHLC Prayer Shawl members are Jacqui Coble, Bonnie Knudson, Joyce Nielsen, Karla Neumann, Dorothy Orvosh, Roseann Greig, Gayle Plienis, Lil Pope, Flo Stendahl, Jan Thompson, and Coordinator Mary Ogren. We invite others who are interested to join us.

*Prosper the work of our hands, O God.  
May your work and will be done in and through us.*

## November Prostate Wellness Group Area Oncologist to Speak

The season's first meeting of the community Prostate Wellness Group will be **10am, Friday, Nov. 9**, at DHLC in the east multi-purpose room. **Dr. Curtis Mack, a radiation oncologist with Arizona Oncology**, will speak on "Prostate Cancer 2012 - An Update on Options" and will include significant time for questions and answers. Dr. Mack has received several research fellowships to look at how prostate cancer invades the body. He has particular interest in intensity modulated radiation and seed implants. For more information about the Prostate Wellness Group contact DHLC member and group coordinator Dave Schmidt, dpschmidt2@cox.net.

## DHLC Book Groups

If you have read Hemingway's *Movable Feast* or have seen the recent Woody Allen movie *Midnight in Paris*, you may enjoy the **1pm, Friday, Nov. 16, Ladies Literary League** discussion of Paula McLain's book, *The Paris Wife*. December's title is *Maise Dobbs*, by Jacqueline Winspear. The November/Decembers meetings will be the **THIRD** Friday to accommodate the holidays.

**The Bookmen** continue to discuss *Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy*, by Eric Mextas, when they meet **weekly Wednesdays at 7:45am** at Manuel's Restaurant for breakfast and fellowship.

# *“The Hope of Christmas”*

## **A Special Desert Hills Lutheran Holiday Event**

**Monday, Dec. 3, at 7pm AND Tuesday, Dec. 4, at 2pm**

This year all three of our Sunday morning choirs will come together for an unforgettable reminder of the hope of Christmas. Join us to celebrate the season with special music including choral presentations interspersed with narration of the miracle that led to the greatest story ever told. The concerts, supported by instrumental ensembles, congregational carols, special artwork, and visual effects, will be held Monday, Dec. 3, at 7pm, and Tuesday, Dec. 4, at 2pm. There will be no charge for these events, but numbered tickets will be available in advance to assure seating. A free-will offering will be taken at each concert with net proceeds going to support the ongoing work of the Desert Hills Lutheran Church music program.

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. — Romans 15:13*

## Grace Notes

by

Director of Music Ministry Judy Starr

This month I'm drawing attention to the great singing of our congregation. I've decided to dub all of you "Hymn Warriors." It is my joy to be in a church that has such great congregational singing. Even during the summer when our various services were lower in attendance the spirit to sing hymns is always alive. If a hymn is new it may take the congregation a couple of verses to catch on, but the spirit rises, and the hymn ends strongly. Remember not to lower your head and serenade the carpet, but lift your heads, lift your voices, and sing for the glory of God. It means so much to all of our musicians to hear you sing strongly as they play for you. They spend many hours practicing to give you the best musical support possible, and they are rewarded by your powerful singing.

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## Social Concerns Ministry News

### AMADO FOOD BANK

In case you missed the local newspaper article, the Amado Community Food Bank is seeking donations of 8-12 pound frozen turkeys for the holiday season. The food boxes will benefit families in the Amado, Tubac, Arivaca, Elephant Head, Tumacacori, Rio Rico, and Lakewood areas. Their offices are open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8am-1pm, and Thursday 8am-6pm. Perhaps you can even plan to go to lunch while down there. If necessary you can call 398-2479 or 398-2942 to schedule a pick up.

### OLE MOTHER HUBBARD

Things are looking a little sparse in the cupboard (Donations Closet) these days. Maybe all of our year round residents have rid themselves of excess

baseball caps, athletic shoes, and clothing. Well, if you have just returned from cooler climates and find your closets need a sorting out, don't forget the less fortunate. Contributions go to Primavera, Casa Poloma, and Crossroads each month and your reward is less clutter.

### AMADO YOUTH CENTER

The Center is looking for volunteer tutors in November. Homework Help is scheduled Mondays for kindergarten through 3rd grade, Tuesdays for middle school students, and Thursday for students age 12 through 18. Homework is scheduled the first hour and a half and is followed by crafts and games. Please call Youth Coordinator Jo Ann at 730-3377 or e-mail her at [lunvoceanwaves@yahoo.com](mailto:lunvoceanwaves@yahoo.com) for more information.

*Social Concerns Ministry Member Barry Haber is heading up our church-wide project to collect rolls of toilet paper for families served by our area Food Banks. With a goal of 2,000 rolls, at press time we are nearly at 3,000! Way to go DHLC! Food Banks can only use donated funds to purchase food items, so "taxable personal items" like this are in critical need.*

Photo courtesy  
Dan Shearer, Green Valley News



# Women's Ministry News

## **Bible Study 9am, Monday, Nov. 5**

"Red and yellow, blue and white, they are precious in His sight." But, what is the real meaning of all those different colors on the altar and around the church? Believe it or not, there is a unified system that has gradually been developed since the Middle Ages. Plan to attend the Women's Bible Study Monday, Nov. 5, at 9am, in the fellowship hall to discover and appreciate the liturgical colors that change for different seasons. DHLC member and summer visitation pastor Rev. Karen Nelson will lead the discussion.

## **Soup Luncheon 11:30am, Nov. 12**

A variety of soups will be on the menu 11:30am, Monday, Nov. 12, in the fellowship hall when all DHLC women are invited to learn more about the new Amado Youth Center from Director Amy Bass. The Center serves children grades K-8 with after school mentoring and summer programs. Tickets (\$5 suggested donation) are available between services or in the church office.

## **WELCA Makes a Difference at Lunch**

We bring more than our appetite to the women's monthly luncheons and Bible Studies. Each month, we bring monetary and in-kind donations to various community organizations and charities. At Bible Study we make monthly food and monetary contributions to Primavera, and each February we organized a Thankoffering which last year totaled \$3,681. This past year our luncheon donations totaled over \$1,176, and benefited Shepherd's Canyon Pastoral Retreat Center, US Army Nurse Corp, The Amado Youth Center, Amado Food Bank, Lutheran Campus Ministry, and Springboard for Girls.

## **Angel Tree**

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, the Angel Tree gives us another opportunity to "Make a Difference" in our community. The tree

will be in the fellowship hall starting the weekend before Thanksgiving. Your gifts will bring joy and blessings this Christmas season to those less fortunate. We will be supporting abused women and children cared for by Genesis House, children from Continental School, families who are served by Valley Assistance Services, and other area non-profits serving the underprivileged. Questions? Call Judy Gunson, 625-1151, or Carolyn Chaussee, 777-7764.

## **Save the Date**

The Saturday, Feb. 16, 2013, Women's Mini-Retreat will have the theme "Patchwork of Friendship." Early-bird ticket sales will start at the December Women's Bible Study and Luncheon.

## **Planning WAY Ahead**

Women of the ELCA are already gearing up for the Ninth Triennial Gathering to be held in Charlotte, NC, July 24-27, 2014. DHLC member Suki Kisling has been appointed Triennial Gathering Promoter for the Grand Canyon Synod. If you have questions, please contact her at 648-7648 or [sukingrnvly@live.com](mailto:sukingrnvly@live.com).



Pictured above: *Katherine von Bora Luther (aka DHLC member Neila Kozel) stimulated lively conversation when she appeared at October's Women's Bible Study.*

## Boutique News

*The shopping event you have been waiting and preparing for has arrived!*

**Saturday, Nov. 10, 8am-1pm**  
10<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Boutique  
Quilts, Arts and Crafts Sale, Bake Sale,  
Used Books, and More

Please bring your donations to the fellowship hall Friday, Nov. 9, between 9am and 12noon. The more donations, the more we can successfully support our charities with 100% of the sale's proceeds. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up at 8 am. We are featuring:

Born-Again-Beads  
Aprons Galore  
Baby Bargains  
Toddler Fashions  
E-reader Covers  
Designer Scarves  
Table and Home Décor  
Holiday Trimmings  
Hand-Crafted Quilts - 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. Have a cup of coffee and a pastry, take home some fantastic Lutheran Ladies baked goods and preserves, pick up a few well-priced used books for winter reading, then enjoy a pulled-pork lunch as you congratulate yourselves for completing your Christmas gift shopping so easily! Also look for RADA kitchen ware and Fair Trade foods.

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 make a difference. More info? Call Diane Johnson, 399-2810.

# Congregation Council Meeting Minutes

## OCTOBER 16, 2012

**Present:** Pastor Overson, Don Brown, bb Haywood, Jane Brunckhorst, Kelly Walter, Ralph Swenson (phone), Treasurer Ed Bonderson, Pastor Lind, Betty Colongione, Janice Mounce and Secretary Dick Gardner. Staff: David Thatcher

President Don Brown called the meeting to order at 6pm. Pastor Overson led the council in our opening prayer.

**Treasurer's Report:** Envelope offerings are up 14% over last year and 6.5% over budget. Non-member gifts are up \$30,000 year over year. Expenses are \$34,000 under budget principally due to an Associate Administrator not yet being hired. The total contributions received to date for the Capitol Fund Appeal is \$905,471. Total receipts are \$1,077,407. Total Restricted Fund balance is \$478,087.

**Secretary's Report:** The September minutes were approved as read.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Overson indicated that the theme for the upcoming Stewardship Campaign will be "Mission from God" using the movie the Blues Brothers. More to come. Dinners, similar to 2011 will be held starting Nov. 27 concluding with Bishop Talmage giving a guest sermon on Sunday Dec. 9, 2012. There are 22 new members in the next new member class and the Saturday night service continues to be well received with 169 in attendance last week. With regret we report Marian Kaiser has announced her retirement. We will have a "Thank You" event Nov. 3/4.

**Dashboard Report:** Dashboard report was reviewed. Attendance is up by 8.8%. Interviews for an Associate Administrator will begin shortly. Jayne Brunckhorst and Pastor have updated all job descriptions for DHLC Staff Position. Don Brown is updating Council job descriptions that will be reviewed at the Nov. Council meeting. San Juan Bautista Lutheran church has improved. We continue our \$500 a month support.

**Construction Update:** The kitchen remodel is essentially complete with the final punch list items being finished. The landscaping for the Columbarium and the parking lot is finished. The Fellowship Hall roof is the last major item that will be started in the near future. The permanent financing for \$1,500,000 with Thrivent Financial Bank will be signed by Dec.31, 2012. A **motion** was made and passed, based on a request from the Construction Committee that wheel bumpers be placed in the parking lot at a cost of \$8,000. New front sign proposals will be coming next week.

### Discussion Items

**Organ Task Force Update:** The Task Force has been working hard to arrive at recommendations for a possible new organ. We have been offered a Quantum 390 organ that will be used by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir for their summer U.S. concert tour by Heritage Church Organ Company. The Council had a lengthy discussion about this and the funding and drawings needed to determine the feasibility of replacing our current organ. We have asked for more information on design needs from Heritage. This will not be a decision to be made quickly and any Council decision must be approved by the Congregation.

**Freeport-McMoran Sierrita, Inc- recent purchase of Arizona State Land.** We have been notified that the State of Arizona has sold to Freeport 8300 acres of land basically from Encanto to Camino Casa Verde for additional expansion. This property is directly behind our church.

The Council adjourned at 7:30pm with the Lord's Prayer.  
Respectfully submitted, Dick Gardner, *Secretary*

## FOUNDATION CORNER

In the parable found in Matthew 25:14-30, a man leaving on a trip entrusts his servants with his property: To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. The first two servants doubled the talents given to them; the one receiving one talent dug a hole and placed the money in the ground. Upon his return the man found favor with the first two servants. The third servant drew the wrath of the man, who then cast him into darkness.

A Bible commentary suggests this parable is a warning to Christians to use the gifts bestowed on us by God, to their best advantage. The parable stresses the outward activities in which one's spiritual life reveals itself. The one who hides their talent is neither of benefit to others or himself.

The Message Bible states this is a story about investment. How is it we invest our time, talent, and treasure in furthering the Kingdom? The Foundation of DHLC may provide some possible answers to this question. Current Foundation officers include: John Bentley, Judy Gunson, Hart Holmberg, Karen Eble, and Arlene Miller.

## November/December Narthex Artist is Barbara Bentley



Displaying her artwork in our narthex during November and December is DHLC member Barbara Bentley. Her work and studies began in oil, evolved through illustration, but really came together when she started to explore watercolor.

"Watercolor is a medium that continually places you in the unexpected. I enjoy the challenge of conquering these situations, combining them with my training and knowledge, and producing a painting that can be enjoyed by others."

She has studied under Chuck Webster, Tom Lynch, and Zoltan Szabo, plus taught classes herself "helping others to develop their own personal styles." You are invited to view Barbara's exhibit and read more of her biography posted in the narthex.

### ***Desert Hills Lutheran is a BUSY PLACE!***

#### ***The calendar is constantly changing.***

Check the weekly calendar in the weekend worship bulletin. The most current monthly calendar is on our website which can be accessed at [www.dhlc.org](http://www.dhlc.org) and then clicking the calendar tab or by clicking the links at the top or bottom of each weekly E-Update. Schedule changes? Please e-mail [dhlc@dhlc.org](mailto:dhlc@dhlc.org).

10th Annual

# Fall Quilt, Craft, Bake, & Book Boutique

## Saturday, Nov. 10 8am-1pm

in the fellowship hall



Quilts of all Sizes  
Table-Top Fashions  
"Born Again Beads"  
Jewelry • Bake Sale  
Holiday Decorations  
Used Books • Cafè  
*and much, much more!*

all proceeds benefit area charities



Ten-percent of DHLC's capital appeal contributions are being given to organizations meeting the needs of people in our immediate community and to continue endowing the DHLC Seminarian Scholarship Fund. Your gifts to our Capital Appeal make it possible for our congregation to partner with community organizations that are making a difference. **Recently a \$5,000 check from Desert Hills Lutheran was presented to Hands of a Friend**, a local organization that addresses the prevalent issue of domestic violence. Hands of a Friend CEO/Founder Patty O'Berry (center) accepted the check from Bob Stevens (left), a member of DHLC's Capital Appeal Benevolence Task Force and Don Brown (right), DHLC Council President.

*Celebrating Grace, Making Disciples, Making a Difference*



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