

CELEBRATING GRACE, MAKING DISCIPLES, MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Dear Friends and Members of Desert Hills Lutheran,

The month of April, spring is upon us. To all who are traveling north or west or east, enjoy the summer and fall and we look for your return. This year Easter falls in the second half of April. During Holy Week we will hold a Maundy Thursday Service at 7 pm. Pastor Dennis Nelson will be preaching. It is the night we remember the commandment to love one another and the institution of Holy Communion. On Good Friday, when we remember the cross, we will hold services at 12, 5 (Country Gospel Trio) and 7 pm. Pastor Ken Nyhusmoen will be bringing the message. We celebrate Easter both on Saturday at 3 and 5 pm and on Sunday. Sunday will have a sunrise service at 6:30 am and then services at 8, 9:30, and 11:00 am. Pastor Ken will preach at 6:30 am and I will take the other five services. Come celebrate the grace of Holy Week and Easter.

Thank you all again for the affirming comments on my 40th anniversary of ordination in March. I'm still basking in the grace given me. Thank you. My first congregation Valier Lutheran Church in Valier, Montana sent me a poem with some signatures. We never know how we make a difference. My first Sunday as a Pastor was April 1, 1979 at Valier Lutheran Church.

WE ALWAYS SAY THAT GOD WORKS IN A MYSTERIOUS WAY
AND THE PROOF WAS ON APRIL FOOL'S DAY
IT WAS 40 YEARS AGO HE CAME
BACK THEN, "PASTOR MARTY" WAS HIS NAME.
HE CAME TO US AS A FIRST TIME PREACHER
BUT ALSO FOUND HIM TO BE QUITE A TEACHER
HE TAUGHT US HOW TO LAUGH, CRY, AND TO LOVE
AND CONSTANTLY REMINDED US OF OUR SAVIOR ABOVE.
HIS LOVING WAYS TRULY TOUCHED OUR HEARTS
WE THINK OF HIM AND CONGRATULATE HIM EVEN THO WE ARE MILES APART!

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME WITH US!!! VALIER LUTHERAN CHURCH

See you at worship. The next forty years has begun! Pastor Martin

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Desert Hills Lutheran Church Council

<i>John Martin President</i>	<i>Judy Gunson Vice President</i>	<i>Tom Royer Treasurer</i>	<i>Barbara Southard Secretary</i>	<i>Martin Overson Pastor</i>
<i>2nd row left to right Rob Bonnema, Jane Brunckhorst, Mark Catlin</i>				

Notes from Council Meeting March 19, 2019

John Martin called the meeting to order, and Council presented Pastor Martin with a gift to commemorate the 40th anniversary of his ordination. Pastor then led us in prayer. We discussed the book “Canoeing the Mountains,” the devotional book we are reading. Rob and Pastor shared God stories. The minutes of the March Council meeting were unanimously approved. Pastor expressed thanks to Jan and Pastor Ken for covering for him while he was sick last month. Council will have a retreat Thursday, March 28, at church from 9 am -12 noon. Melissa stated that February giving was up from budget. Combined with expense savings, the financials are in good shape. We have 4 years and 1 month left on our mortgage. The capital expenditures completed thus far have come in under budget. We discussed the Council Goals for 2019 and approved them as amended. The next meeting will be April 16th.



Please remember the food needs of Cross-Roads Mission as you are preparing your winter home to be vacant over the summer or clearing out a rental. DHLC volunteers travel to Nogales most Fridays, but Crossroads serves lunch six days a week and are always in need of food donations such as canned fruit and vegetables, pasta, mac & cheese, powdered milk, sugar, rice, canned beans, jelly, peanut butter, and tomato sauce are all useful items. Clothing is also needed. If you are able to Contribute, please bring your items to the donation closet in the west hallway.

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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.
Sunday School at 9:30 am grades 1-6
October thru April

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 May issue by April 15th to quailnotes@dhlc.org.**



Memorial Service / Celebration of Life Pre-Planning

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



The following will be addressed:

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

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

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

Highlights from our YAGM Maddie's March Newsletter

Work Highlight: The Dairy Farm



According to my supervisor, Bassirou, the purpose of Fedannde Jollof is first and foremost to support women in local villages who have their own cows. The laiterie

receives milk from these women throughout most of the year, but during the dry season many of their cows stop producing milk. In order to continue functioning, Fedannde Jollof has its own herd of cows so that they can produce milk, and soow, even during the dry season, which lasts 9 months out of the year. I work there 3 nights weekly.

Keeping in Touch

If you are interested in hearing more stories about the people I am getting to know, the ways of life I am encountering in Senegal, and how God is acting through this year, check out my latest blog posts by visiting the site:

<https://madelinlindahl141.wixsite.com/yagmblog>

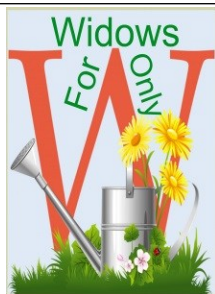
Fête de l'Eglise: celebration in the Lutheran Church of Senegal

On February 17th, all members of the Lutheran Church of Senegal (ELS) were invited to attend the annual celebration of their church. As participants in ELS congregations this



year, we YAGMs were invited to attend. We dressed up in our nice Senegalese outfits, and attended the 2-hour service. There was a lot of music to accompany our worship, and a highlight was that we got to join our congregations to dance up our collective offering to the altar. Some congregations brought 50-kg bags of rice, and live goats, in addition to their monetary offerings. After the service and a few speeches, we shared a delicious lunch of ceebuyapp (rice and meat with onion sauce and other vegetables) and had the chance to chat with other members of the church. It was a joyful event, and clear to see the Senegalese take pride in their church.

Thank You! I would like to say how much I appreciate all of your support. Thank you to all of you who have supported me with donations, prayers, well-wishes, driving me to the airport, anything. Peace!



Widows' Fellowship

Widows' Fellowship is an informal gathering of women whose life journey includes the death of their husband. We have been using Sheryl Sandberg's book Option B as a starting point for discussion.

A recent topic was the "mum effect." All too often people are mum rather than speak of the death of our loved one or they hesitate to even mention our loved one's name. Often this "mum effect" comes from a fear of inducing tears or sadness or reminding us of their death. In truth, for many of us widows, it is very comforting to hear others talk about our loved one by name and share memories—it helps us to know that someone else carries our loved one's memories and remembers them. So don't be afraid of our tears, there's a smile peaking thru!

Please note: in April Widows Fellowship will meet only the 1st Sunday from 2-3 in DHLC library. We will NOT meet the third Sunday, since it's Easter. If there's any questions, please contact me -- Debi Shippy 405-7005.

The Singles Fellowship

Friday, April 12. Border Patrol Tour of the Nogales Station. Deadline to sign up is April 5th, so a background check can be done on you. Sign up on the sheet on the Fun and Fellowship bulletin board in Fellowship Hall and you must also sign-up at the front desk, listing your full legal name, birthday, citizenship and the last 4 digits of your Social Security number. Our tour is limited to 20 and you must be a U.S. citizen or hold a green card. The tour of the facility is 2 hours with talks by the border patrol agents and a video will be shown. Meet at the church at 9 am to carpool. You must have your ID with you. Lunch after the tour at Wisdom's DOS Café in Tubac.



Looking ahead: Mark your calendar for May 10th when we will tour Tumacacori Mesquite and have lunch at the Italian Peasant.

Abiding in God's Eternal Care

Doris Tufte

Roy Mastic

Elaine Hokanson

February 22, 2019

February 19, 2019

March 2, 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

Anna Tometzak, RN – ParishNurse

HEALTH AND WELLNESS EVENT:

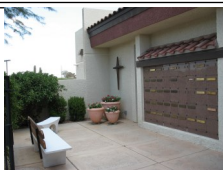
Dr Steve Grubb will be doing a presentation on Faith, Food and Farming. Thursday, April 11th, 12:30-2:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our current industrialized agricultural model is neither sustainable nor healthy for either the environment or the people. There is increasing evidence showing a direct correlation between the food generated by the industrial agricultural model and chronic diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, strokes, etc. Dr. Grubb will be discussing a sustainable agricultural model that produces much healthier food and a healthier environment.



PLEASE SIGN UP FOR THE ABOVE AT THE FRONT DESK IN ADVANCE.

MUSIC MINISTRY *We Inspire*

A big thanks to all of the singers for our 2019 Spring Concert. It was a joyful event. Also thank you to everyone who came and supported our music ministry for the concert. April has us continuing the journey to the cross. All the groups are preparing wonderful music for the services during Lent and Holy Week. This is a special time of year. In addition to Gordon Swanson, the Desert Mountain Brass will again join us on Sunday for the 8 and 9:30 am services. Lorelei and Ray Conrad will also play at the Sunrise service. Come and join us during this special time.



COLUMBARIUM

One of our shade sails was damaged in the last snow/ice storm we had. A replacement will be installed in 4-6 weeks. Please excuse the appearance while we wait for our new sail to be made.

HERE'S A CHANCE FOR YOU TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

The Adult Day Care Center at La Posada needs volunteers in the afternoon on April 26 to make their annual Caregiver Day event a success. You can help provide a wonderful day off for caregivers in your community who give unselfishly every day to their loved ones with memory issues.

Simply send an email to Mike Touzeau (mtzo@cox.net) that you would like to help and someone will contact you with the details.

Thanks so much for your willingness to make a difference in your community!



German Heritage Group



A hearty welcome for all to attend the next German Heritage Group on April 29th. The pot luck will begin at 5 pm so bring something that is 8 - 10 servings and bring your own plate and silverware. The guest speaker will begin at about 6 pm; Christa Nicklas is a retired German school principal and her presentation title is "Munich and Life in Bavaria Today". Come and invite a guest if you can.



Women's Ministry Luncheon—Wednesday, April 3 is the absolute deadline to purchase your tickets for the April 8



catered luncheon when we will welcome Patty Charley from the Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission in Rock Point, AZ. With the recent unexpected passing of Lea Begay, many adjustments are being made at the Mission. Patty will share their hopes and needs during this difficult time. In Kind gift suggestions are teacher's supplies (pencil

sharpeners, paper cutters, pencils, copy paper, construction paper, writing tablets, rulers, erasers, etc) and sports equipment for the kids (baseballs, basketballs, soccer balls, whistles, jump ropes, outdoor games). Financial donations for library books are also encouraged (make checks payable to Women of the ELCA-GCS with a note of NELM). Patty will be driving over 800 miles to bring us the message of the Navajo people. Let's fill her truck and bring some smiles to the faces of the teachers and kids at the Mission.

A record \$5,000.00 was collected on Women's Ministries Week end for the **Thankoffering**. This money will be sent to CWO-WELCA and divided equally between the Herb and Corinne Chilstrom Scholarship Fund for Women Seminarians and grants for Women and Children in Crisis.

Help: Women volunteers are needed to become a coordinator for our WELCA team and women's mini-retreat chair for 2020. Contact M.J. Schroeder 920-284-7666 for more information.

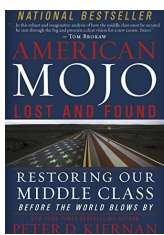
WELCA Booklet 2019 is available. Pick one up at the church. Women use this to know what WELCA events are happening at DHLc.

DON'T FORGET TO LET THE CHURCH FRONT DESK KNOW YOUR ADDRESS CHANGE WHEN YOU RETURN TO YOUR SUMMER ADDRESS.

VERY IMPORTANT FOR ANY COMMUNICATION WE MAY NEED TO SEND YOU.

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. Currently reading: "American Mojo: Lost and Found: Restoring our Middle Class Before the World Blows By," by Peter D. Kierman



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets every Thursday at 1 pm. All men are welcome



MEN'S PHOTOGRAPHY will meet on Monday, April 8th at 1:30 pm. (note date change for April, 8th instead of 1st)

The Men's Photography Group typically meets the first Monday of the month at 1:30 pm at the church. Each month we select a Bible-based theme, bringing photographs that fit the theme to share with the group. If you have an interest in photography, you are welcome to attend.



THE MEN'S COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is now meeting Monday mornings at **8 am** through April, except for the 3rd Monday, which will be 7:30 am before Men's Health at 8:30am. All men are welcome



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Meets the 4th Thursday of the month. Our April meeting is on the 25th, our speaker will be Brett Blum, Santa Rita Experimental Range



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 520-425-7229



MEN'S HEALTH GROUP: Men's Health will meet through the winter. Our April 15th topic will be Medication Management. Presenter will be Pam Wigginton, RN, Nurse Practitioner.

CORNER FOUNDATION



ECONOMIC UPDATE:

Stock Market Up's and Down's Making You Feel A Little Crazy?

Desert Hills Lutheran Church Foundation will be sponsoring an "Economic Update" presentation on Monday, April 15 at 12 noon in Fellowship Hall. Matt Gigstad and David Petz from the La Paloma Group of Thrivent Financial in Tucson will discuss the market turbulence and give us some ideas on how to cope along with some other financial information to help us prepare and deal with our financial futures during these unsettled times.

A free lunch will be served! In order that we may appropriately plan for lunch, participants will need to register in advance by April 12th by calling the church front desk at 520-648-1633. Seating will be limited so please call early to ensure a set. *(No products will be sold at this event)*



At last, our e-Bible collection is on the shelf. Interested in trying the electronic format? Find the collection on the north wall of the library area under the sign "Hymnals and Reference". To check one out, sign your name and phone number on the attached card and leave the card in a check-out box. The Library Committee is eager for your feedback and preferences. Our thanks to Jack and Arleen Klund who have generously funded this new ministry.

DONATION CLOSET

There are new guidelines re: the recipients of your generous donations. All items will be given to those most in need; the homeless and poor in Tucson and Mexico.

Needed items:

Clothing: Men's, women's & children's pants, shirts, sweatshirts, jackets in sizes Sm to XXL. Better clothing will be given to Gospel Rescue Mission to assist those when they have a job interview.

Shoes: Tennis shoes with good tread, walking and other closed toe shoes in good condition.

Undergarments: Underwear, bras & socks in good condition.

All items should be clean.

Personal products: shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, women's sanitary supplies & adult diapers (for the Asilo de Ancianos Nursing Home in Mexico).

Bedding: Sheets, pillows, pillowcases, mattress pads & blankets; Twin & standard size. Please no king size.

Pillow cases: Leave clean cases in good condition on the shelf labeled "LaVonne". Most are made into sundresses and donated to agencies as St. Andrew's Clinic or brought to the Sewing Classes in Nogales Sonora where the women are taught to make them.

Linens: Towels & washcloths.

Grocery Bags: Plastic & paper. They are given to the Food Bank to lower the cost of purchasing them.

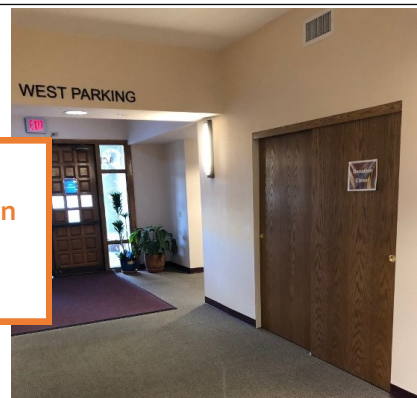
Please: NO kitchenware, appliances, electronics or knickknacks!!!

Crossroads Mission: Non-perishable foods are always welcome; even opened containers along with outdated canned goods. This is a good way to empty your pantry before you leave for the summer.

The Social Concerns Ministry thanks for your kind generosity. You truly "Make a Difference" in the lives of those less fortunate.

LaVonne Johnson, Chairperson, 218-452-1854

Donation
Closet



We are a Stephen Ministry Church

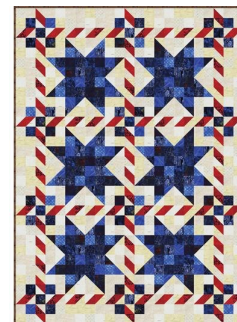
God's love in
action



BUZZINGS FROM THE BEE AND BOUTIQUE BANTER

The Sewing Bee has selected the 4 charities to receive funds at our November 9, 2019 Boutique: Genesis House, Youth On Their Own, 51 Homes for Veterans and RISE Scholastic Achievement in Nogales, Mexico. We give thanks for the generous donations of fabrics and financial support from the congregation.

One of the joys of Green Valley has to be the presence of many talented ladies who join us for Sewing Bee while they winter in Arizona. They multiply the number of quilts we are able to prepare for our charities as well as enriching the good times for all of us. In March we gave 10 quilts to the Naco, MX orphanage and another 10 quilts to Lutheran World Relief. The Veteran's Honor flights received 5 quilts.



Stop in on Wednesday mornings from 9 - noon in the Fellowship Hall and discover the fun and friendship at Sewing Bee, coffee and conversation at 10:15. Information: call Diane Johnson, 399-2810

Christmas Joy delivered to Haitian children by DHLC member Norma Baker through Louie Guthmueller's wooden toys.



THE SCANDINAVIAN FELLOWSHIP GROUP'S April meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9th starting at 5 pm. Always great food and fellowship with a reminder to first time attendees to bring your own plate and eating utensils and food to share in the potluck serving line. Business meeting to vote on requested funding applications followed by Carlyle Haalan's power point presentation: "Part 2 of The Earliest Scandinavian Immigrant Missionaries in China 1890-1904." Carlyle's vocational and avocational experiences on the subject matter were evident in his part 1 presentation given last year.



A Big Thank You to Alice and Paul Bedney who head –up the Fair Trade Product's group for Global Mission selling Fair Trade products the 2nd and 4th Weekends at our church. It is DHLC's second year in a row that our Global Mission/Fair Trade group are in the top 5% of all churches to sell the products. The Bedney's are also responsible for keeping the inventory and ordering the products.

OUR FAIR TRADE SUPPLIER

At Equal Exchange we all walk around like we own the place. That's because we all do! Our co-op has over 120 worker-owners, each with an equal stake - and an equal vote - in our business. We believe that we should expect no less from ourselves and each other than we demand of our farmer partners. For that reason we have organized ourselves as a democratic worker co-operative, now one of the largest in the country.

The concepts are quite simple:

- the right to vote (one vote per employee, not per share);
- the right to serve as leader (i.e. board director);
- the right to information;
- the right to speak your mind.



Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday 7 pm

Good Friday 12, 5 (Country Gospel Trio), & 7 pm

Easter Weekend

Saturday 3 & 5 pm

Sunday 6:30, 8, 9:30, & 11 am

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