Dear Members and Friends of Desert Hills Lutheran,

I was reading a book about Protestants for a sermon back in May. The book entitled, *The Protestant Faith* by George W. Forell, talked about the five great themes of Protestants. Those five are: Grace, Faith, the Bible, Priesthood of all Believers, and Stinkers. The list is Forell’s but some of the language is mine.

1) We believe in the grace of God. We believe we are forgiven and chosen and loved by grace. This isn’t our doing, God has pursued all of us.

2) Faith is our trust in Jesus. We are justified by faith or our trust in Jesus.

3) The Bible is our rule of faith. It is our authority but we don’t worship it. It can even trump the writings of Martin Luther.

4) We believe in the Priesthood of all Believers. In baptism we are all made priests and we make ourselves a living sacrifice to God as our spiritual worship.

5) Finally, we are all, both as individuals and institutions stinkers, or sinners. This means we are fallible and remain humble and ready to repent at all times.

So there are five things to think about during the warming up of our summer here in Arizona as we wait the monsoons.

See you at worship,

Pastor Martin

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Summer Bible Study—See Through the Scriptures is a concise biblical overview that underscores the importance of understanding all that preceded Jesus in order to grasp the truly immense nature of His life and ministry. This Bible overview was developed by Dr. Harry Wendt who Pastor Martin considers the best Bible instructor he has ever had. Claude Chatterton will lead this six week study beginning Thursday, June 5 at 9:30am and 6:30pm. Please use the back of the CONNECTION CARD to sign-up for this class.

Caregivers Support Group will meet Thursday, June 5 from 10:30-11:30am and Thursday, June 19 from 10:30-11:30am. All caregivers are invited to join the group. For more information, contact Anna Tometczak, Parish Nurse at 648-1633.

DHLC Web Site Sermon Videos Starting in June
Beginning in June we will have videos of the weekly sermons on our web site, www.dhlc.org. Thanks to our Technical Director, Troy Justesen for all of his hard work with this project! They will be a wonderful addition to the web site.

Stephen Ministry is about making a difference through a one-on-one, caring, and supportive ministry to those who are experiencing difficult times. If you are interested in having a Stephen Minister or learning about becoming one, please talk to one of our Stephen Ministers. Contact 520-648-1633 for more information.

ChristCare has currently six active groups at Desert Hills Lutheran. I have heard it said by members “the group is like their home away from home.” They have been there to help each other through some of the toughest times in their lives. They have also shared the joys that come in their lives and study Christian works, pray, and they select a project together to “Make a Difference.” please contact Claude Chatterton at Connections@dhlc.org.
Parish Nurse Notes

“The hearing ear and the seeing eye, The LORD has made both of them.”

Proverbs 20:12

June is Cataract Awareness Month. During the normal aging process some physical changes can occur which can cause a gradual decline in vision. Certain eye disorders and disease are more common as we age. It is important to continue caring for our eyes even though you have good vision now. Regular (yearly) health check-ups and eye examinations (every 2-3 years) can help detect problems early. Eye examination should include a vision (glasses) evaluation, eye muscle check, a check for glaucoma and thorough internal and external eye health examination. If you have diabetes, or a family history of eye disease, seek more frequent eye health care.

There are two types of eye doctors: ophthalmologist and optometrists. Optometrists are medical professionals but not physicians. Their focus is vision services such as regular vision care, eye exams and the ability to diagnose eye conditions, prescribes eyeglasses and contacts, provide vision aids, and work together with ophthalmologists in pre- or post-operative care. Ophthalmologists are physicians that did additional internship and residencies specializing in eye care. The eye doctor you choose depends on your needs and vision problems. Referrals can always be made if needed. The most common eye diseases in the aging are Cataracts, Glaucoma, and Retinal disorders (macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, or retinal detachment). Cataracts usually develop gradually with symptoms of dulling in vision, and/or problems with glare. Some remain small and do not affect vision, however if a cataract becomes larger or denser, it can be surgically removed. Cataract surgery is an elective procedure and generally a safe procedure and almost always successful. The procedure in done under local anesthetic and overnight hospitalization is not needed. Always discuss the risks and benefits with your eye specialist.

Whenever you experience signs such as loss or dimness in vision, eye pain, excessive discharge from the eye, double vision, or redness or swelling of the eye or eyelid, make arrangements for care immediately. Problems detected early are treatable so that good eyesight can be maintained well into our 80’s and beyond.

“The eye is the lamp of the body. So if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light…”

Matthew 6:22

Resources:
Information from National Institute of Health, National Institute of Aging

Anna Tometczak, R.N, Parish Nurse
We continue to bring you as much special music as we can during the summer months. Summer Singers have fun bringing joy to the service with their singing. Some services may have extra hymns when no special music is available, but being the hymn warriors that you are, you will continue the tradition of good hymn singing. Celebrate the wonderful Lutheran tradition of good hymn singing. The DHLC Music Academy summer session will begin on May 28th and continue until July 3. We have completed brochures that have been given to music students at the local schools. Teachers donate their time for this worthy endeavor. Brochures are available for you to see by the front desk. Summer Bells will begin the last week of May. It is a good time to learn bells.

Pictured are two academy students playing at the 8:00 am service in May.

Saturday Night Suppers
Saturday Night Suppers will continue through the summer. If you are here this summer and interested in helping out with the meal please make a note on the back of a CONNECTION CARD or let Claude Chatterton know by emailing him at Connections@dhlc.org. We look forward to the continued fellowship these meals provide.

From the Erickson Library
The DHLC Library Staff is always happy to have a wide variety of materials available to the many readers in the congregation. When the “Snowbirds” arrive, shelf items seem to diminish even more! The colorful hallway book carts are still proving popular additions for DHLC readers. It appears a large portion of borrowing and returning occur at these locations. However, there are many folks who enjoy browsing the shelves within the library. Checkouts are averaging between 50-60 items each month. A move to the Narthex area for November’s book sale proved an excellent option. Display tables were full and sales were busy with plenty of space to look over materials. The tithe from the sales was given to the Green Valley Sahuarita Community Food Bank. The library staff thanks all who donated and purchased items that day. The sale income allows the Library Staff to choose new items to add to the collection. Remainders were given to the Lutheran Thrift Shop in Tucson. Thanks also to DHLC Custodial Staff who were an immense help in setting up and taking down the tables and moving many, many boxes of books! The library staff is inviting folks who would like to join the “library team” to come help an hour or so each week. Tasks are done on Monday afternoons and are easy to learn! (Snowbirds are welcome!)

Submitted by the Library Staff—Gail Brendemuehl, Jane Brunckhorst, Carla Laib, Patty Schmidt, Duke Southard...and dearly missed, Gayle Plienis. (The above report was inadvertently omitted from the annual report)

A big Thank You to Pat Schmidt for all her service to our library. Our best wishes go with her as she moves on.

Pictured are some new titles for you to explore.

All-You-Can-Eat Pizza Party
A Fellowship get together will be held on Friday, June 13, at 11:30 am for an all-you-can-eat pizza party. There will be a large selection of different kinds of pizza available. Price is $8.00 each get your tickets NOW!
DON’T DELAY - Rooms are filling up FAST!

Saturday, September 6  Transforming Life and Faith
Grace Lutheran Church
1134 N. 3rd Street, Phoenix, AZ — $25.00/All day registration/meals
Carol Schersten LaHurd, author of 2014-2015 Gather Bible Study
Holiday Inn Express, 620 N. Sixth Street — 800 254-2022
Some women are planning to drive to Phoenix on Friday, spend the night, attend the bible study and drive home Saturday.

Friday-Saturday, October 24-26 — W-ELCA Grand Canyon Synod Convention

Conference Center, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ
Moravian Bishop Kay Ward, Keynote Speaker — "Lifetime Connections"
Drury Inn Hotel ~ 800 325-0720/Ask for 'Grand Canyon Women of the ELCA' room block
(It’s also Homecoming week end at NAU and the W-ELCA Suites are already full!!  Call today!) What could be nicer than Flagstaff in the fall.

Victoria’s Secret — Summer Project
If you attended the May luncheon you heard Alma Cota de Yanez speak briefly about Casa Hogar para Ninas — "Madre Conchita" in Nogales, Sonora.  These girls, ages 2-18, are desperately in need of panties and sanitary pads.
Let’s fill the box in Mother Hubbard’s closet with these items!  Look for more information on this project in the fall.

Did you know???  There’s a bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall that has all sorts of information regarding Women’s Activities!  Want a Registration Form for the October convention?  You will find it on the Board.  You will also find copies of Meeting Minutes and the Treasurer’s Report.  You will also find out how you can become involved with this VIBRANT group of women.  Any questions, call President Judy Gunson, 625-1151.

Summer Calendar

For our planning purposes, if you would like to attend any of these events, please sign up on the Connection Cards or call the Church office.  Your name will be put on a list and you can pay at the door.  $5.00 for each luncheon. NO charge for the movie.

June 9 - 11:30am  Friends in Deed:  People Helping People; Mark Dec, President — Luncheon - Taco Salad
July 14 - 1:00pm  Afternoon Movie — 'Courageous’ — Popcorn and Lemonade — NO charge — Open to Public
Aug. 11 - 11:30am  "Biking from San Diego to St. Augustine" — Special tales told by Joan and Tom Fava — Luncheon
Sept. 8 - 11:30am  "Prevent the Fall" — Chris Kang, Valley Assistance Services — Luncheon

What a good time this would be to invite your 'left behind' friends and neighbors to some interesting gatherings.
Summer Beauty on our Walls

Over the summer months our church lobby will have an exhibit of exquisite quilts – all made by our members and hung on the walls. Be sure to take notice! You will be dazzled by the artistry of colors, patterns and (if you look closely) quilting. Perhaps you think of quilts as only something to cuddle up with on a cold wintery night. These art quilts, however, are made to appeal to your sense of beauty and not so much for warmth. Check out the incredible detail in these quilts and imagine the hours of labor devoted to constructing them. The fine quilters who will have works in this show are: Mary Braswell, Betty Elfers, Lois Horton, Diane Johnson, and Jan Ulrich.

MEN’S MINISTRIES

The Bookmen

The bookmen are still meeting at 7:45 am Wednesdays. The next meeting we will be reading Operation Paper Clip, by Annie Jacobsen.

Handy Man Services

continues to provide help to members and friends of Desert Hills Lutheran Church. Although we will have fewer men to help out during the summer we will continue to be Handy Men for those friends and members of DHLC who need these services. During the summer the contact person is Mike Staples at 269-8630 or Staples.mg@gmail.com. He will decide if this is a project the group can do and if so he will then email the men to see who is available to help with your project.

Men’s Fellowship Breakfast

Men’s Breakfast Fellowship is scheduled for June 26th at 8:30am in the fellowship hall. Our speakers for June will be Dennis & Lilly Klepp, from Harvesters Reaching the Nations. This organization is helping Women & Children in remote regions of the World. They will be joined by others from their group so let’s plan on a great turnout to learn how they are making a difference around the world. The Men’s breakfast will continue throughout the summer.

Men@Work

Men@Work will be getting together on Saturday June 21st at Green Valley Lanes located at 1100 Beta St. for a few lanes of fun. If you like to bowl please plan on joining us at around 10am. We will have a lunch together during our time at the lanes. We look forward to seeing you there. We also will be having our regular meetings on June 3rd and 17th at 7pm in the patio room of the church.

Men’s Bible Study

Men’s Bible Study will be taking a summer break beginning in June as several members have or are heading north while others here year round will be taking some summer vacations.

Lutheran Disaster Relief - US Tornadoes

Several tornadoes have ripped through multiple states causing loss of life and massive devastation. Hundreds of people must now find a way to rebuild their lives, homes and communities after the tornadoes destroyed almost everything they had. Lutheran Disaster Response is at work, assessing the immediate and long-term needs of those affected by the tornadoes.

Go to http://elca.org/ustornadoes to learn more about what you can do to help.
GLOBAL MISSION

GLOBAL MISSION TEAM
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Everyone About Missions
(T.E.A.M.), to respond to
God's call to serve and
send workers, to raise
awareness of world
needs, and to respond prayerfully and
financially. Currently supported are ten
missionary families in eight countries, as well
as many mission projects through the ELCA
Good Gifts and World Hunger, Lutheran
World Relief, and Lutheran World Federation.
They meet the second Wednesday of the
month.

Contact: Dick Gardner, 207-9133,
Rgar946308@aol.com

SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

Did you know?
Pastor frequently mentions social justice in his sermons and in encouraging us
to "make a difference". I have never thought that we Lutherans were strong
on social justice. As Garrison Keillor says "Lutherans are just too shy to mingle
with the poor and those in need." We would really rather leave that to the
Unitarians and the United Church of Christ. Consequently I was pleased to
learn the depth of DHLC's contribution to the Santa Cruz Valley community.
The council generously budgets a considerable amount of funds for local social
concerns and then delegates to this committee to research and evaluate
organizations who need monetary as well as volunteer support.
Following is a list of the organization helped by DHLC.: Green Valley Food
Bank, Valley Assistance, Crossroads, Amado Youth Center, Navajo Mission,
Casa Community Services, Hands of a friend, Refugee connect. If you would
like to join this committee and learn more about these services please contact
me. It is with pride that I can say I belong to DHLC and we are a giving force in
the community.
Look for descriptions of these organizations in future Quail Notes.

submitted by Maggie Ramlow

Crossroads Mission Volunteer Opportunity
The Social Concerns Committee continues to support the Crossroads Mission in Nogales, by
volunteering to cook lunches for 70 – 90 needy people two or three Fridays each month. These
volunteers are both members and friends of Desert Hills Lutheran church. There is an ongoing
need for volunteers, especially now that our winter members and visitors are “heading north” for
the summer months. If you are interested in helping make a difference for those less fortunate,
please contact the Social Concerns Committee volunteer coordinator, Helen Ford, at 520 300
6614 or hlen4d@gmail.com. You will find this to be a rewarding experience!

FOUNDATION CORNER

Top 10 Reasons to Update Your Estate Plan

1. New Children, Grandchildren or Other Heirs
2. Move from a Different State
3. Sale or Purchase of a Major Asset
4. Reaching Age 70½
5. Your Selected Beneficiary is Deceased
6. Divorce or Remarriage
7. Substantial Change in Value
8. Adding a Major Property to a Living Trust
9. Selected Executor or Trustee Not Available
10. Passage of Time

For information on how to receive a “Will and Trust
Workbook and other concerns or assistance in reviewing
your legacy plan, contact our gift planner, Greg Shepherd
at: (909)910-6823 or gregory.shepherd@elca.org

Congregation Council May Meeting Summary

Elected the following officers: Jane Brunckhorst, President;
bb Haywood, Vice-President; Ron Smeltzer, Treasurer; Betty
Colongione, Secretary.

Approved the formation of the new Estate Sale Committee,
co-chaired by Susan Berke and Phyllis Nelson. Other
committee members are Sherman Waltner, Ruth Huston,
Linda Bloomquist and Donna Strohman.

Recommended the recipient of the Desert Hills Lutheran
Church Seminary Scholarship Fund.

Authorized roof repairs as recommended by Professional
Roof Consultant, Inc., Tucson, not to exceed $60,000. Bid
specifications will be prepared by this firm and sent out for
bids. These costs will be covered by the Capital Fund Appeal
and Maintenance Reserve.

Pastor Overson, Don Brown and Jane Brunckhorst will
represent DHLC at the 2014 Grand Canyon Synod Assembly
in Oro Valley, June 13-14.

submitted by Maggie Ramlow

Global Mission Team
Works to Teach
Everyone About Missions
(T.E.A.M.), to respond to
God's call to serve and
send workers, to raise
awareness of world
Questions about the Singles group? Call Chuck Shall, 399-4951, Marilyn Kabat, 399-2961 or Yvonne Steinbring, 399-2523. Contact Norm Dolin, stormingd@cox.net to be added to the e-mail list for reminders of activities.

June 1 the Footloose Singles will celebrate Uno de Junio (instead of Cinco de Mayo) with a taco lunch at 12:30 in the library area of the fellowship hall. We'll play a version of bingo after lunch and leave by 3:00 pm. Cost $3 per person. Please sign up by May 28 so we know how many to plan for. We'll also plan the activities for July and August at this gathering, so we won't need to have separate planning meetings during the summer.

June 21--The first day of summer! Let's meet at the church at 11am and carpool to the Hotrod Café on Houghton Avenue for lunch and fellowship. Sign up in the fellowship hall by Wednesday, June 18 so we know how many will be going.

LADIES LITERARY LEAGUE
The June Meeting will be held June 27th at 1:00 pm.
We will discuss "I am Malala: The girl who stood up for Education and was Shot by the Taliban.
Learn how Malala Yousafzai held her ground for education for women in a Muslim country.

Tables for Eight
The sign-ups for Tables for Eight are now complete although we will try to include any latecomers. Your response has been outstanding!
We are now creating each of the groups of eight people. The next step to kick off the program will be a “Meet Your Group” potluck dinner for all participants in Fellowship Hall at the church on Thursday evening, June 19, at 6:00 pm. At that time, we will distribute your rosters of who else is in your group.
We will also review the protocol for each group to follow. Mark your calendars! More details to follow. If you’re unable to attend that evening, we will make sure you still get the roster for your group.

Please RSVP for the potluck or get questions answered by calling Joan and Tom Fava at 520-647-9732 or emailing to jtfava@cox.net.

It’s time to start getting excited about the fun opportunities you’ll experience with Tables for Eight!

Ladies Sewing Bee
In May we donated one quilt to Lutheran World Relief, another to the Women’s Ministries meeting in Sierra Vista, and additional quilts to Youth on their Own.
Quilting projects continue all year and we welcome new members and would be happy to have you join us for a visit or as a regular helper. We meet every Wednesday from 9 am until noon in the back of the fellowship hall. Coffee and homemade treats are shared at 10 am during our social time. If you can’t meet with us, consider sewing quilt tops at home. We will provide the fabric and instructions.

For information contact Mary Braswell, 625-3742

We need additional volunteers—more Ushers, Greeters, and Communion Servers—at the Saturday 5pm and Sunday 8, 9:30 & 11am services. You can “Make a Difference” at your service time! If you can help out just once a month, please contact Linda Suitor at SUITORL@aol.com and she will forward your request to the appropriate individuals.

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I was born in Viroqua, WI many years ago and the third of six children. I was baptized Lutheran and was confirmed in 1966 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Lacrosse, WI. I married Jeanette Bissen in 1976. We have two sons Gabriel, who lives in Pennsylvania and Timothy who lives in Connecticut. We have five grandchildren. During our 38 years of marriage we have lived in Nebraska, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Connecticut and Arizona. As we moved around Faith played a very important role in our lives. Through illness along with moving, including Jeanette having cancer, we believe God is guiding us on our journey.

I worked in retail for 40 years for Montgomery Ward and Western Auto, now Advance Auto Parts. We moved to Tucson in August, 2007 so Jeanette could continue her career with Southwest Airlines. I took a job driving a school bus in Tucson and completed training for driving coach (tour bus) throughout May 2013.

Over the years I have held many positions within the churches we’ve attended. I have been a custodian, usher, a trustee, deacon, elder, and vice president. I assisted with communion and filled in for a service when a pastor was on vacation. I have been a reader, assisted at funerals and special service’s during Lent and Advent. I visited members in hospitals and nursing homes.

I first came to Desert Hills in April, 2013 and decided to become a member. I wanted to be involved and became a Stephen Minister. I usher, serve communion and do readings. I am a hospice volunteer and consider myself blessed. When I was asked to pray about and consider being the Visitation Minister for DHLC this summer, the answer was obvious to me. God continues to guide me.

Anthony Potter