



Desert Hills

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Quail Notes

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Epiphany January 6: *The Visit of the Magi, the Revelation of Christ to the Gentiles*

Over 50 Already Enrolled

New Member Class Starts Jan. 19

Thursday, Jan. 19 Pastor Overson begins leading a new group of people who are ready to further explore making Desert Hills Lutheran their church home. The series is six weeks of one-hour meetings offered at 9:30am or 6:30pm (*choose the time convenient for you*). Classes are designed to help inquirers become better acquainted with the mission of this congregation and to offer the tools to help decide if Desert Hills is the best fit for them. Class subjects include Introduction and Life Journeys; DHLC's Three-Part Mission; Get Connected; Lutheran Beliefs 101; Spiritual Gifts; and ends with a Welcome Dinner Feb. 23. If you'd like to consider formalizing your relationship with DHLC as a full-time member, an associate member, or winter member (*the later two options include retaining your membership at a church "back home"*) call the church office, check off the box on the front of the weekly pew **CONNECTION CARD**, or send an e-mail to dhlc@dhlc.org. Use the same contact modes if you have questions you'd like to raise.

All Aboard!

THE GRACE EXPRESS DINING CAR IS OPEN

Some DHLC family members missed out on the great fellowship offered at last month's Grace Express dinners, so an additional opportunity is scheduled Sunday, Jan. 29, at 12noon, in the fellowship hall. Enjoy a delicious dinner served by members of the Congregation Council, and provide input on ways to implement DHLC's proposed three-year plan. Buster Keaton silent movie clips will bring a smile. Pr. Overson will

talk about the free ride God offers us through grace and our opportunities to respond joyfully and with thanksgiving. Reserve your spot in the Grace Express "dining car" by calling the office, sending an e-mail, or writing a note on a pew **CONNECTION CARD**.

Greetings Friends and Members

Happy New Year! I've always enjoyed the start-over feeling of the New Year. This year here at Desert Hills we will be looking forward to the completion of our construction and our open house for the community. It is the community that we hope will benefit the most from our new construction. How many ways can we find to use the space for local ministry here in our neighborhood?

In the New Year we will be starting a healing service once a month at 12noon on the fourth Sunday following our 11am worship. The intent is to offer a brief time of prayer for anyone facing medical and personal issues. If you attend services at other times during the weekend, feel free to stop in at noon for a time of prayer and renewal. More information will be coming.

That is all for now. I hope you have your New Year Resolutions in hand. Blessings to you all in 2012!

Pastor Martin

Amber Norgaard in Concert at DHLC Jan. 24

Unexpected Grace

Amber Norgaard is celebrating the release of her new album, "Unexpected Grace," with a concert Tuesday, Jan. 24, at 6:30pm, in DHLC's sanctuary. Amber is a featured vocalist and instrumentalist in the ensemble which provides weekly music at our 5pm Saturday *PRAISE* worship service. This is her fourth full-length album, and much of it was inspired by her musical journey at Desert Hills over the past two years. The album features other members of DHLC's Praise Team including Joe Ferguson and Taylor Jenkins.



The evening's concert, free and open to the community, will feature Amber's performance of songs from the album and more. She will be accompanied by Michael Ronstadt on cello, Joe Ferguson on acoustic guitar and vocals, and Taylor Jenkins on vocals. Copies of the CD will be available following the performance.

Amber is known for her passionate vocal/piano/guitar delivery and eloquent lyrics that inspire a sense of hope. Prior to launching her music career in 2004, Amber worked as a registered nurse in southwestern Alaska for six years. During this time, she lived 400 miles off the road system and was immersed within the indigenous population. It was here that she learned to use music as a source of connection to transcend language and cultural barriers. This discovery was what ultimately led her to pursue her passion—using music as healing art to foster compassion, spirituality, and promote positive social change.

Amber plays throughout southwestern Arizona and tours nationally. She has opened for Judy Collins and performed from California to Boston and Texas to Alaska. In addition to performing musically, Amber speaks on the topic of "Music as a Healing Art & Instrument for Social Change" at colleges.

Isn't it Strange . . .

Isn't it strange how a 20 dollar bill seems like such a large amount when you donate it to church, but such a small amount when you go shopping?

Isn't it strange how two hours seem so long when you're at church, and how short they seem when you're watching a good movie?

Isn't it strange you can't find a word to say when you're praying, but you have no trouble thinking what to talk about with a friend?

Isn't it strange how difficult and boring it is to read one chapter of the Bible, but how easy it is to read 100 pages of a popular novel?

Isn't it strange how everyone wants front row tickets to concerts or games, but they do whatever possible to sit at the last row in Church?

Isn't it strange how we need to know about an event for Church two to three weeks before the day so we can include it in our agenda, but we can adjust our plans for other events at the last minute?

Isn't it strange how difficult it is to learn a fact about God to share it with others, but how easy it is to learn, understand, extend, and repeat gossip?

Isn't it strange how we believe everything magazines and newspapers say, but we question the words in the Bible?

Isn't it strange how everyone wants a place in heaven, but they don't want to believe, do, or say anything to get there?

Isn't it strange how we send jokes in e-mails and they are forwarded right away, but when we are going to send messages about God, we think about it twice before we share it with others?

--Al Saterbak, *Stewardship Team*

CONNECTIONS THROUGH CHRIST CARE



New participants are welcome to join one of three ChristCare groups with openings at this time: a new group is beginning Thursday, Jan. 5, at 7pm, in the church library, led by Connections Director Claude Chatterton; space is also available starting Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 10:30am when the video, *A Clear View of Christ's Birth*, will be shown with discussion led by Alice Sullivan; and, beginning Jan. 10, the 8am Tuesday group meeting at Shelby's Bistro in Tubac

welcomes new members to their study of Max Lucado's book on Hebrews.

ChristCare groups are gatherings of 5-12 people who meet regularly to care for and support one another, study God's Word together, grow in faith, and find ways to reach out to others with God's love.

The number of ChristCare groups at DHLC is growing. With two additional groups starting in January, *additional facilitators/leaders are needed to help continue the growth*. ChristCare Leader/Facilitator Training is being planned for later this winter. It is important to have people in those positions whose spiritual gifts will lead small groups effectively while personally experiencing joy in this service by "making a difference" in the lives of others. Questions? Call the church office at 648-1633, e-mail connections@dhlc.org, or write a note on the back of a pew *CONNECTION CARD*. Director of Connections Claude Chatterton will contact you with more information.

Fresh Tamales!

We have a wonderful way to enjoy helping our neighbor, San Juan Bautista Lutheran Church in Tucson. The weekend of Jan. 7/8, you will be able to order hand-made, fresh tamales which will be delivered to us Jan. 15 and 21. We're talking really fresh -- they'll be made by the ladies of SJB the night before we get them!

Four varieties of filling will be available -- chicken, vegetarian, beef, and pork. They will be sold for \$15 per dozen, or \$7.50 for six. When you place your order, you need to ask for at least six of one variety. Preference is for payment at the time of order, but paying at the time of delivery is possible.

DHLC's Social Concerns Ministry is sponsoring this project which is a fundraiser planned by the SJB ladies as a way to help support their mission congregation. Look for the table "staffed" by Social Concerns Ministry members in the lobby before and after services Jan. 7/8. You can also order by calling Carolyn Chaussee (777-7764) or Joyce Nielsen (625-3132).

Tamales are a favorite comfort food in Mexico, eaten at breakfast, lunch, and dinner. They begin with a dough made from ground corn, and are wrapped in husks before being cooked. The filled tamales are steamed until firm.

Help make a difference by supporting this fast-growing Hispanic church. The delicious tamales are simply a bonus!

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

- ◆ As of the end of November DHLC members and friends had donated over 3,126 pounds of food and personal/home care items and \$10,700 to the Green Valley-Sahuarita Community Food Bank. Additionally, Wylie Shimel, DHLC member and Food Bank board member, estimates nearly 40 DHLC members regularly volunteer at the Food Bank. DHLC's Social Concern's Ministry gathers donations from our congregation the first weekend of each month. A list of the most pressing needs is posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall each month.
- ◆ The DHLC "Donation Closet" (double doors on the south side of the fellowship hall) is especially in need of coats, blankets, and warm clothing this time of year as well as athletic or walking shoes. Sorry, we are no longer in need of egg cartons, but hope you will recycle them instead.
- ◆ Four volunteers from DHLC are needed to prepare and serve lunch for about 100 people helped by Crossroads Mission in Nogales, AZ, the third Friday of each month. The menu depends on what is in the pantry -- usually donations from area grocery stores and produce dealers. Sometimes it is just a sack lunch, and other times it is a warm meal. Carpools leave from the church parking lot at 8am and return about 1pm. If you are able to help one time or often, call the church office, e-mail, write a note on the weekly pew *CONNECTION CARD* or call Social Concerns Ministry project coordinator Jan Logan, 609-9197.
- ◆ Thanks to all who have faithfully donated books and toys to Valley Assistance Services (VAS) for the children of their clients. It is now also possible to make monetary donations to this program using a pew envelope for cash or checks (made out to DHLC with "VAS books and toys" in the memo line). This on-going project of the Social Concerns Ministry will continue to accept toy and game donations the second Sunday of each month in the box in the lobby.

Find a Perfect Volunteer Opportunity

Make a resolution to Make a Difference in our community by sharing your talents in a variety of capacities. One way to find a perfect match is to attend the fifth annual Volunteer Showcase Friday, Jan. 20, from 2-4pm, at Green Valley Recreation's West Center. Representatives from over 40 organizations will be there to describe their work and volunteer opportunities. Or in the comfort of your own home, check out www.gvsvolunteering.org or call 399-1256. The website is a clearinghouse for volunteer opportunities in our communities.



The ladies of DHLC's Pass it Forward certainly know how to Make a Difference! Pictured left is part of the group that engaged the intergenerational gathering of children from Los Ninos del Valle and adults from the Casa Community Health Day Care program before Christmas.

Celebrating Grace, Making Disciples, Making a Difference

Jan. 9 Scandinavian Group Speaker

“A Journey of Grace” by Herbert Chilstrom

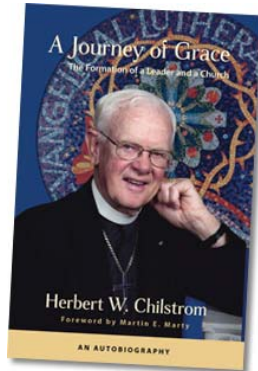
Rev. Herbert Chilstrom, first presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, will be guest speaker at the monthly gathering of DHLC’s Scandinavian Group 5pm, Monday, Jan. 9, in the fellowship hall.

Bishop Chilstrom will discuss the history of the Scandinavian church bodies in America and reference his newly published autobiography, *A Journey of Grace*. Originally a pastor within the Swedish/Augustana/LCA church body, he is in a unique position to discuss this church history. All are invited to attend and participate in the accompanying potluck supper. Bring a dish with 10-12 servings to share and your own place settings.

Bishop Chilstrom and his wife, Rev. Corrine Chilstrom, are winter residents of Quail Creek and have been frequent

worshippers at Desert Hills Lutheran for nearly a decade.

With the subtitle “The Formation of a Leader and a Church,” *A Journey of Grace* was published this past fall, and is an autobiography that is a valuable read on many levels. In it Herb describes how he grappled with issues ranging from his career as a pastor, as bishop of the Minnesota Synod of the former Lutheran Church in America, and as ELCA presiding bishop, to the church's dealings with



gay pastors, budget-cutting, and ecumenical relationships.

The book also shares accounts of his family life, including the role of his wife, Corinne, who is also a pastor; the tragedy of their son Andrew's death; and the impact of his developmentally challenged brother.

Bishop Chilstrom will speak again at DHLC in a congregation-wide forum sponsored by the Education Committee Friday, Feb. 24, when he will continue the conversation more broadly about his life's journey in the church.

Copies of his book will be available to purchase at both DHLC events. It is also available at The Book Shop in Green Valley.

German Heritage Group Program Jan. 23

GERMANY TODAY



Speaking at the German Heritage Group Monday, Jan. 23, at 5pm, in the fellowship hall, will be University of Arizona professor Dr. Albrecht Classen. His topic will be the economy and politics of Germany today. Dr. Classen spoke at DHLC last year and numerous requests have been received for his return. A

potluck supper will be shared. Guests are asked to bring a dish to with 10-12 servings to share on the buffet table and your own place settings. All are encourage to attend this event to share in the fellowship and learn more about Germany's role in the world today.

More Fun

- ◆ Two DHLC members, Eddie Peabody and Dick Gardner, play the ukulele and are looking for more DHLC members to join a group that plays once a week for fun and practice. If interested call Dick at 207-9133.
- ◆ *How to Talk Minnesotan*, a musical set at Lost Walleye Lodge, is playing at the Red Barn Theatre, Jan. 6-29, 948 N. Main Ave., Tucson. Tickets are \$10-16. Box Office: 887-6239

Gaslight Theatre Jan. 31

Sixty lucky, fast-acting, souls will be attending the next DHLC Fellowship Committee event -- the Gaslight Theater's production of *The Two Amigos* Tuesday, Jan. 31. The theatre is nearly sold out so securing more tickets has not been possible. Now knowing how popular this event is, next time double the tickets will be reserved so no one will be left out. If for any reason your plans have changed since you made your reservation, please call the church office as there is a waiting list of people who would still like to attend.

For those holding prepaid reservations, a chartered Bee Line bus will be in the back church parking lot at 5pm and depart at 5:15pm to arrive at the theatre by 6:15pm. Gaslight tickets will be handed out as you board the bus. Once at the theater food may be ordered from the menu of the on-site diner.

Looking ahead to March, the Fellowship Committee is planning a “Senior Prom,” so consider digging up an old prom dress (or not), and plan to dance the night away to music from another era. More details next month.

Preparing for the Loss of a Loved One

Mark your calendars for Thursday, Feb. 23, from 10am to 12noon for a seminar titled *Navigating Through Stormy Seas, Preparing for the Loss of a Loved One*.

This presentation represents DHLC member Emilie Odde's personal journey of coping with the terminal illness of her husband, and is interwoven with practical and useful information. Her comprehensive presentation will cover medical, long term care, legal, organizational/financial, final arrangements, care giving/hospice, and grief issues. A panel of experts and resource materials will be available. Invite your friends and neighbors to attend this very informative seminar.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

- ◆ The Health and Wellness Committee would like to ask all doctors, nurses and/or paramedics in the congregation if they would be willing to identify themselves to ushers when they attend the service of their choice. In that way if there is an emergency, valuable time will not be lost treating the person because a trained professional is available.
- ◆ Friday, Jan. 13, at 10am, in the fellowship hall, the Men's Prostate Wellness Group will meet for its usual question and discussion format. A support group, not an advisory group, experiences are shared and sources for information offered for men with prostate difficulties. Open to the community. Contact: Dave Schmidt, 399-0154.
- ◆ Women with all stages of breast cancer are invited to attend a community-wide support group meeting Saturday, Jan. 14, at 9:30am, at Risen Savior Lutheran Church, GV. The monthly group listens, learns, dilutes fears, and supports one another. DHLC contact is Bev Cantrell, 648-3757.
- ◆ Falls are preventable, but statistics show: ① One out of three adults 65 years and older fall each year. ② Up to 30% of seniors who fall suffer severe injuries. ③ One in four individuals restricts their activities for socialization because of the fear of falling. Through SHIM (*Safety and Health in Motion*) a GVFD Fire Corps volunteer and a nurse volunteer will make free home visits, fall prevention assessments, encourage increased communication with your physician identifying health conditions and medications, and connect you to community resources to promote socialization, exercise, and independence to remain safe in your home. The program provides handyman support and free safety devices such as nightlights, bathtub/shower treads and a reach stick. If you've had a fall or want to know if you are at risk, call 625-5966 to schedule a SHIM visit.

This program is a partnership with Valley Assistance Services, Green Valley Fire District, and the Green Valley Council. Funding is provided through a grant from Freeport McMoRan.

Time to Review HIPAA

(Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act)

Know that Desert Hills Lutheran Church is a caring and compassionate congregation, ready to serve you during your time of need, and that you are always in our thoughts and prayers whether wellness, illness, a life crisis, or personal journey.

If you are a volunteer in the community, you may have signed a confidentiality agreement there, not to disclose names, cases, or situations outside the organization. Please keep this in mind: Without the specific consent of the individual, churches cannot publish in any of its printed material, the names of church members, family or friends who are hospitalized or ill. Any disclosure of information of a private, sensitive or potentially embarrassing nature,

without the consent of the person named, could constitute as an "invasion of privacy" under the HIPAA federal law.

What is HIPAA? It is a federal law covering a number of confidentiality/privacy-related issues pertaining to one's medical health and records.

How does this affect Desert Hills Lutheran Church, and what have we done to be in compliance with this law? HIPAA Privacy Rule does not apply to churches' disclosure of health related information about its parishioners in the context of publicizing prayer requests and prayer lists. However, if the congregation is providing health care, such as a Parish Nurse, the privacy rules apply. Our policy here at DHLC is to abide by a

professional standard to maintain confidentiality, and the staff and all chairpersons of committees have signed a confidentiality agreement statement.

It is a fine line between complying with the law as a licensed professional and reaching out with caring and compassion to our fellow members when they are in need. The basic premise is to *always* get the permission of the person before adding a name to the prayer list or announcing a medical condition to others. When in doubt, contact Parish Nurse Anna, Director of Connections Claude Chatterton, or a member of the Health and Wellness Committee for direction.

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

Women's Ministry News

Bible Study Tuesday, Jan. 3.

Experience the award-winning documentary "Pray the Devil Back to Hell," which is based on one Lutheran woman in Liberia who organized a



peaceful movement of Muslim and Christian women to take back their country after a long civil war. Leymah Gbowee, a 2011 Nobel Peace Prize winner, narrates the film. In her Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech, Gbowee states "There is no time to rest until our world achieves wholeness and balance, where all men and women are considered equal and free."

Gbowee's recent book, "Mighty Be Our Powers" is available in the church library. All women are welcome to attend **Tuesday, Jan. 3, at 9am**, for this moving account of how one woman made a difference in her country, and now around the world.

Luncheon Monday, Jan. 9

Two fun-filled skits will start a new year of Women's Ministry Luncheons with good laughs, **Monday, Jan. 9, at 11:30am**, in the fellowship hall.

Members of Women's Ministry will present the skit "Ten Lutheran Women" which discusses issues of involvement. DHLC's Pass It Forward group will present "Decade of Fashions" modeling clothing from the 20s to 80s. All women and guests are invited to come for a catered sandwich platter lunch, Caprese and potato salads, and cheesecake for dessert. Tickets are \$10 in the church office. There is no project for this month.

Meals for Primavera

Primavera in Tucson provides services to help homeless men find meaningful employment. The emergency men's shelter, a 107 bed facility, provides meals, laundry, and showers in a clean, sober setting. DHLC Women's Ministry helps Primavera through monthly monetary donations collected at the

Women's Bible Study, and by providing lunches on the second Wednesday and Thursday of each month. More volunteers are needed to prepare lunches or to deliver the meals to Primavera. You will be reimbursed for your expenses. Please call Mary Ogren at 520-207-9370.

Angel Tree Thank You

Many thanks to all who took angels and bells from the Angel Tree last month and so generously purchased Christmas gifts for children in need. There were many happy faces on Christmas morning thanks to those who participated in this project. You truly Made a Difference!

Sewing Bee Successes

Updated totals from fall Boutique sales have been released: The arts, crafts, jewelry, and quilt portion of the sale realized \$10,300 and received a donation of \$1,000 from Thrivent Financial Services, enabling us to present checks for \$2,825 to each of four selected charities: Aviva Children's Services, Genesis House Women's Shelter, The Sheriff's Auxiliary Volunteers and Valley Assistance Services. The food and bake sale portion of the sale sent a check for \$1,656 to Navajo Lutheran Mission School.

Most asked question: *How many quilts did you sell at Boutique?* 54

Throughout the year the Sewing Bee constructed and donated an additional 195 quilts of various sizes to those in need. This included five baptismal quilts to youngsters at DHLC. Charities receiving quilts were: Valley Assistance Services, Aviva Children's Services, Genesis House Women's Shelter, Casa Paloma, New Beginnings for Women and Children, Youth On their Own, Casa de Esperanza, St. Andrew's Children's Clinic, Naco Orphanage and the Navajo Lutheran Mission School. Additional handmade items were given to these and other charities including

Global Missions, Springboard for Young Women, The Lutheran Thrift Shop, Crossroads, and Lutheran World Relief.

Second most asked question: *Where do you get your fabrics?* We rely on donations from the congregation and friends of DHLC. Batting is purchased in bulk with funding from generous donations, and the few quilts we sell throughout the year to church members for special occasions. We are not a line item on the annual DHLC budget.

As we begin a new year we wish to express our thanks to all of you for your prayers, donations, and support in our continuing endeavors to help Make a Difference. The date has been set for the next Boutique sale: Nov. 3, 2012. See you there or any Wednesday morning in the fellowship hall from 9am -12noon!

Thankoffering Service

The Thankoffering tradition started in the early 1900s when women placed coins in small Thankoffering boxes whenever they received a special blessing throughout the year. DHLC's Women's Ministry continues this tradition, annually collecting a Thankoffering during worship -- this year Feb. 18/19. Desert Hills women join hands with our national organization to distribute the Thankoffering. Our 2012 Desert Hills proceeds will go to the Revs. Herbert and Corrine Chilstrom Scholarship Fund for Women Seminarians, and The Women of the ELCA Domestic Grants for Women and Children in Crisis, and health projects in the United States and internationally.



Pictured L-R receiving Sewing Bee checks are: Bonnie Demorotski of Aviva Children's Services, Wilma Ludwig of SAV and Chris Kang of VAS. DHLC Sewing Bee members Mary Brazwell, Diane Johnson, and Ina Huggenvik made the presentations.

Abiding in God's Eternal Care

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the families of

Marguerite Brockmann
who died Nov 12, in Bellingham, WA

Ken Rasmussen
who died Nov. 15, in Green Valley

Hank Backlund
who died Dec. 13, in Green Valley

Marion Johnston
who died Dec. 17, in Tucson

"The Lord
is my ROCK,
my FORTRESS,
and my
DELIVERER
-- Psalm 18:2 --

With Grateful Hearts

♦ Thank you for the prayer shawl -- I have felt so loved and cared for by the Desert Hills congregation. God has been good to me providing me great medical resources and healing.
-- Carol Halverson

♦ Dear church family: Thank you so very much for the altar flowers, prayer shawl, pastoral visit, and many prayers during my recent hospital stay. You're the best!
-- Candy Gardner

♦ The message at a recent worship service included two vital characteristics of the Christian life -- rejoicing and thanksgiving. That is our feeling upon receiving the fruits of love and concern during our illnesses this past year. It is one of our Lord's great blessings to us that we are a part of this congregation whose expressions to us have been so meaningful and encouraging.
-- Darlene and Bill Biedermann

♦ You have made a difference in our lives. The beautiful, soft, warm, prayer shawl brought smiles to Hank's face. The altar flowers brightened our home. The phone calls of concern from Pastor Martin and Pastor Karen and Pastor Dick all spoke of God's love. Thank you!
-- Dot Backlund

♦ There has not been a day that I have not used my beautiful prayer shawl. It has taken me through a lot, but knowing the love and prayers within, it helped me along. Thank you so much.
-- Bruce Kabat

♦ I was totally surprised when I opened a package from Desert Hills Lutheran and found an absolutely gorgeous prayer shawl. My broken shoulder is healing, and you have cheered me up so much. Sadly I've moved from Green Valley to California, but I am so pleased to be remembered by my special church family.

♦ On behalf of the children, our staff, and the community of Rock Point, thank you for your kindness, generosity, and support to the Navajo Lutheran Mission. Without a congregation like yours, our ministry to the Navajo people would not exist.

-- Rev. Lynn Hubbard, Director

♦ Thank you for your donation. Your generosity impacts the lives of many of our neighbors.

-- The Amado Food Bank

♦ Thank you for the recent donation of \$400 to Valley Assistance Services from Desert Hills Lutheran's Social Concerns Ministry. VAS has seen an increase of more than 20% in the number of seniors and families we have served this past year. Your support allows us continue to offer a helping hand forward for those in need.

-- Chris Kang, VAS Director

♦ Thank you to Desert Hills Lutheran Church Global Mission Committee for the recent gift of \$500 in support of the work of ELCA missionaries Dirk and Sarah Stadlander serving in Senegal, West Africa. Your generosity allows us to do more of God's work in the world.

--Rev. Twila Schock, ELCA Missionary Support Director

♦ The recent gift of \$100 from your Social Concerns Ministry to the ELCA Disaster Response Fund means the church can continue to efficiently and effectively offer help now and hope in the future to those neighbors hurt by disasters around the corner and around the world. -- Rev. Daniel Rift, ELCA Disaster Appeal Director

Book Group Choice

Faith Club

Following the attacks of 9/11 three young New York City mothers – a Muslim, a Christian, and a Jew – met to discuss their differing faiths and how they might learn to live together in peace. The *Faith Club* (Idliby), published in 2006, is the result of their many discussions. Now, 10 years later, DHLC's Ladies Literary League will focus on this book for the 1pm, Friday, Jan. 27 meeting. Whether the reader agrees or disagrees with the women's conclusions, one is enriched by their journey of faith. Join the conversation in the DHLC library.



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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 for next month's edition by the 15th of each month to quailnotes@dhlc.org. *Limit your article to 300 words or less.* The editor reserves the right to edit submissions.

Smile Pretty for the Camera . . .

Make your photo directory portrait appointment now if you have not already done so. Photographers return Tuesday, Jan. 10, and will be here through Jan. 23. Because time slots are filling quickly, additions have been made to the schedule so all can participate -- members (full-time, associate, winter) and all frequent visitor/friends. The directory is a very valuable tool to get to know our DHLC family by putting names with faces. There is no charge for the photo session. Make your appointment one of the following ways: Put a note on today's *CONNECTION CARD* and the office will call you; call the office during the week at 648-1633; go online to www.dhlc.org, click on the directory link, and make the appointment yourself.

DHLC Foundation Sets Annual Dinner/Fundraising Event

GROWING SEED FOR THE FUTURE

The DHLC Foundation has chosen Feb. 27, 2012, at the Lavender Restaurant in Green Valley for its annual Dinner/Fundraising Event. Preliminary plans include a gourmet dinner, several quality raffle items, and entertainment by "The Desert Hills Barbershop Quartet." Tickets and detailed information will be available beginning January 21.

The theme for this year's event is "Growing Seed for the Future Through DHLC Foundation." The parable of the mustard seed in Matthew 13:31-32 reads: "*The Kingdom of Heaven is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field; which indeed is smaller than all seeds. But when it is grown, it is greater than the herbs, and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in its branches.*"

Our Foundation began with a small "seed," and we as elected stewards of the Foundation have watched the investments grow to a current value of over \$350,000.00. The principal remains intact with only the interest and dividends distributed to local and regional charitable organizations. The eligible distribution by the Foundation to date is \$24,854. \$1,794 remains to be distributed prior to March 31, 2012. An application for a distribution consideration may be obtained from a DHLC Foundation board member including John Bentley, Shirley Johnson, and Rob Bonnema. This is all made possible through your generous donations and making provisions through estate planning. On behalf of the Foundation we thank you!

Raffle Items Sought

Large and small donated items are being sought for the Foundation raffle Feb. 27 including: a used car, golf cart, time-share or condo stay, golf clubs, quilts, artwork, dinners for a group, handyman, yard, or painting services, rounds of golf, theme baskets, etc. Put a note on the back of a pew *CONNECTION CARD* or call John Bentley at 393-3679.

Featured Music
Sunday, Jan. 29
during
11am Worship:
*Mariachi
Luz de Luna*

Construction is on a Roll!



Pouring the new south entry sidewalk



Final packing of the sheetrock

Many, many, more great photos of our construction project are posted on our website at www.dhlc.org/construction.

Above photos by Bruce Magnuson



Holiday Cheer

Pictured on the right, top to bottom:

Paul and Kaye Klueber coordinated Thanksgiving Day dinner for 140 guests in the fellowship hall!

Carolers Rich Borstad, Marilyn Kabat, Sandy Lehrke, and Hal Youngren greeted nearly 300 guest to DHLC's first Hanging of the Greens, Sunday, Dec. 11.

Cheyenne and Kylie Boze led the audience in Hark the Herald Angels Sing during the Hanging of the Greens.

This year the Swedish St. Lucia Mary Ogren paid a visit to the Women's Ministry Advent Tea Monday, Dec. 9.

Photos by Bruce Magnuson and Jerry Marrison

Congregation Council Meeting Minutes

DECEMBER 14, 2011

Present: Pr. Overson, Pr. Lind, Ron Smeltzer, Don Brown, Ron Smeltzer (President), Ralph Swenson, Ed Bonderson (Treasurer), bb Haywood, Janice Mounce, Jane Brunckhorst, Dick Gardner, (Secretary). Not Present: Kelly Walters, Barry Haber.

Ron Smeltzer called the meeting to order at 5:02pm following the Council's ChristCare meeting and an opening prayer by Claude Chatterton.

Treasurer's Report: Ed Bonderson reported our envelope collection remains slightly behind 2010, and expenses continue slightly below projections. Attendance was up in November, nearly identical to 2010. The Council discussed the merits of changing to a calendar year, but the advantages outweigh the disadvantages. We will continue on a fiscal year calendar for budgeting, but continue, as this year, on a calendar year for pledging and capital drives. Ralph Swenson reported the Finance Committee will begin preparing the 2012-2013 budget early in January. In an effort to assist David Thatcher, the finance committee will discuss with congregational committees what level of funding can be made available to support their ministries. Following discussion by the Council, the initial budget should probably show no changes in the level of expenditures from the current year. If the "Grace Express" increases offering income, additional funding will be available on a prioritized basis. Committees do not need to completely spend-down their 2011-2012 budget to receive the same expense authority next year.

Secretary's Report: Approved as presented

Pastor's Report: Beginning in January 2012, there will be a Healing Service from 12-12:30pm on the fourth Sunday of each month after the 11am service. Also beginning in January the 11am service will undergo minor changes. The Grace Express dinners and programs have been very well received. Pastor will report on the ongoing results each of the next two Sundays.

Action Items:

Committee Chair Invitation Letter: Tabled

Committee Chair Temple Talk: Tabled

Discussion Items:

Construction Update: Rainstorms last week set us back a couple days, but the Columbarium and most of the sidewalks have been poured. The carpeting in the Narthex and other areas will not be installed until most of the construction is complete. Final completion is scheduled for the last part of January or early February.

San Juan Bautista Update: Although our congregation was ready to assist with volunteers for their Sunday school programs, they were able to put together their own teachers to handle a large group of Sunday school children. They will have a homemade tamale sale in January. (These are good.)

Council meeting time and lengths: The Council decided to change the date and time of our meetings to the second Tuesday each month from 5:30-8pm and have pizza for dinner. The Executive committee will meet the first Wednesday each month.

Stewardship Evaluation: See Pastor's report.

Three-Year Plan: The Council discussed the Three-Year Plan that will be presented to the congregation in April 2012. Council President Ron Smeltzer is asking each Council member which goal they would like to be involved in.

Council Retreat: We discussed our Council retreat goals and Ron is asking each Council member which project they would like to work on. A Dash Board will also be set up to follow progress. (Janice to get a copy for review.)

Connection Card Usage: The congregation's use of the Connection Card was discussed. It is not regularly filled out by all parishioners indicating attendance, but is being utilized very well as a communication tool by members and visitors. Pastor particularly likes the information members give and it helps in easily providing a place for member requests. Pastors will discuss during the upcoming services.

Advertise the Church: We discussed how to utilize local publications to increase awareness regarding the many programs offered by DHLC. This will be an ongoing discussion.

Madera Highlands: Tabled

Committee Reports:

Evangelism Committee: In order to better describe their committee and its duties, the Evangelism Committee has requested information on the method to change their name. Since this is a statutory church committee, any change must be approved by the congregation at the annual meeting.

Education Committee: The annual Seder Dinner was approved.

Annual Meeting: The annual meeting will be April 22, 2012.

The Council adjourned at 6:30pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dick Gardner, *Secretary*

JANUARY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 <i>Food Bank Collection</i> New Year's Day 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 9:30 AM Blended Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Blended Worship</p>	<p>2 BUILDING & OFFICES CLOSED</p>	<p>3 8:00 AM NO Tubac ChristCare 9:00 AM Faith & Fellowship 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study 10:00 AM Construction Team 10:00 AM Prayer Ministry 10:30 AM NO ChristCare Group 11:00 AM WELCA Board 6:30 PM ChristCare</p>	<p>4 7:45 AM Bookmen 8:00 AM Exercise 9:00 AM Sewing Bee 9:30 AM Bible Fellowship 1:00 PM ChristCare 1:00 PM Clarinet Choir 1:00 PM Executive Committee 3:00 PM Global Mission 6:30 PM Bible Fellowship PM 6:30 PM Chancel Choir</p>	<p>5 9:00 AM Foundation Event Committee 10:00 AM Pass It Forward Rehearsal 1:00 PM Staff Meeting 2:00 PM Joy Ringers Rehearsal 2:00 PM Worship Planning 4:30 PM Voices of Miriam 6:30 PM Celebration Singers 7:00 PM ChristCare Group</p>	<p>6 Epiphany 8:00 AM Exercise 8:00 AM Foundation Board 9:00 AM Evangelism Committee 9:30 AM ChristCare 1:00 PM Quail Creek Study Group Organization</p>	<p>7 Tamale Ordering 1:00 PM Johnston Memorial 2:00 PM Johnston Reception 2:30 PM Confirmation Class 3:00 PM Praise Team 5:00 PM Praise Worship</p>
<p>8 Tamale Ordering <i>Fair Trade Coffee Sales</i> <i>VAS Children's Book Collection</i> 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 9:30 AM Blended Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Blended Worship</p>	<p>9 8:00 AM Exercise 10:00 AM Brass Choir 11:30 AM Women's Luncheon 1:00 PM Woodwind Quintet 2:00 PM Library Open. Staffed 5:00 PM Scandinavian Heritage Group</p>	<p>10 Directory Photos 8:00 AM Tubac ChristCare 9:00 AM Faith & Fellowship 9:30 AM Education Committee 10:00 AM Construction Team 10:00 AM Prayer Ministry 10:30 AM ChristCare Group 11:00 AM Odde Committee 4:00 PM ChristCare - Council 5:30 PM Congregation Council 6:30 PM ChristCare</p>	<p>11 Directory Photos 7:45 AM Bookmen 8:00 AM Exercise 9:00 AM Finance Committee 9:00 AM Sewing Bee 9:30 AM Bible Fellowship 11:00 AM Worship Committee 1:00 PM ChristCare 1:00 PM Clarinet Choir 1:00 PM Worship Arts Team 6:30 PM Bible Fellowship PM 6:30 PM Chancel Choir</p>	<p>12 Directory Photos 9:00 AM Social Concerns Ministry 1:00 PM Staff Meeting 2:00 PM Joy Ringers Rehearsal 2:00 PM Worship Planning 4:30 PM Voices of Miriam 6:30 PM Celebration Singers 7:00 PM ChristCare Group</p>	<p>13 Directory Photos 8:00 AM Exercise 9:30 AM ChristCare 10:00 AM Prostate Health Group</p>	<p>14 Directory Photos Tamale Pick-up 3:00 PM Praise Team 5:00 PM Praise Worship</p>
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