

GUESTS:

REGARDING HOLY COMMUNION

We share communion every Sunday to provide an opportunity to receive Christ anew in this Holy Sacrament. All who trust in Jesus for eternal life are welcome to participate. The ushers will direct you. You will be given a wafer; you then dip the wafer into either the wine or white grape juice. *Gluten free wafers are available at the station on the right side of the altar.*

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Church of the Week

- Fellowship Bible Church

Health and Healing

- Carol Rupnik as she is in rehab at St. Joseph's after a fall. She is having trouble speaking. Also, prayers for comfort and peace for Linda Paul, Carol's daughter and advocate to the rehab staff.
- Ron Loomis for good results on clinic procedures to relieve GI tract pain.

Praise and Thanksgiving

- For the 6th birthday of Harlow & Isla Knauss, daughters of Daniel & Jenna Knauss (req. by Dan & Paula Knauss, grandparents).
- For the success and safety of the Agua Prieta team building walls in the rain and cold for the Solas family (req. by Frank Fountain).

Comfort and Peace

- For Will Damschroder and his wife, Eva, and family.
- For the family and friends of Sheila Murphy who passed away (req. by Linda Fountain).
- For the family and friends of Sara, daughter of John Lemon, who passed away (req. by Pastor Jim Cords, friend).
- For Pam Endrihs as she travels to Alabama for the memorial service for her father, Ed Endrihs.

Long Term & Military Prayer Lists are available at the Prayer Table. The Prayer Team prays for all on these lists each week.

Prayer requests can be submitted at the Prayer Table in the Narthex or added at www.deserthope.org. Please make sure you have permission for prayers printed in bulletin.



Third Sunday in Advent-Joy

Prelude
 Advent Candle Lighting
O Come O Come Emanuel
 Welcome and Invocation Pastor Jim Cords
 Songs *Joy To The World (Unspeakable Joy)*
You Are Good
Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers
 Confession
 Readings Zephaniah 3:14-20 (NLT)
 Philippians 4:4-7 (NLT)
 Gospel Luke 7:18-28 (NLT)
 Children's Message
 (Sunday School, K-5th grade, in Youth Room, 10:30 service)
 Sermon **"Seeking Assurance" according to the promise**
 Song *What A Beautiful Name*
 Prayers of the People
 Confession of Faith Apostles' Creed
 Offering Song *Shout For Joy*
 Dr. Greg Silverman & Bernie Läubli, violinist
 Holy Communion
 Lord's Prayer
 Communion Song *Depths*
 Benediction
 Announcements
 Song *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*
 Dismissal

Readers:

8:30 Donna Burman
 10:30 Ray Pulsifer

Communion Assistants:

8:30 Donna Burman, Eva Damschroder & Brenda McDowell
 10:30 Bill Gaube, Dee Allen & Ray Pulsifer

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THESE EVENTS

All events will be at the Desert Hope Lutheran Church Mission Center unless otherwise noted.

- 16 Sun Desert Hope Praise Team Rehearsal, 7:30am
 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30am
 Sunday School (K-5th grade), Youth Room, following
 Children's Message at 10:30 worship
Arise Youth Group, Christmas Party, home of Heather Stein, following 10:30 service
- 17 Mon Prayer Team, 8:30am
- 18 Tue WOW Bible Study, Chick-fil-A, 6675 E Grant Rd, 9am
 Tuesday Evening Study Group, call Linda Kress for location, 6pm
 Tuesday Knights, 7pm
- 19 Wed Desert Hope Praise Team Rehearsal, 6pm
 Voices of Hope Rehearsal, 7pm
- 20 Thu **Christmas Food Baskets Delivery, 9am**
Thursday Women's Bible Study will resume January 10
- 21 Fri **Friday Women's Bible Study Potluck, home of Paula Erdos, 9am**
- 22 Sat *No scheduled events*

Additional information on these events available at deserthope.org

Upcoming Events:

- **One Worship Service**, Sunday, December 23, 9:30am
- **Christmas Eve Worship**, Monday, December 24, 5 & 7pm
- **Deadline for End-of-Year Giving**, Sunday, December 30
- **Church Office Closed**, December 24 & 25 and January 1



JIM CORDS, PASTOR
 HEATHER STEIN, CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY COORDINATOR
 LORI FABBRI, CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

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WORSHIP 8:30 & 10:30AM
Nursery provided at 10:30

Find resources that help you connect with God and with others at DHL.

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WELCOME

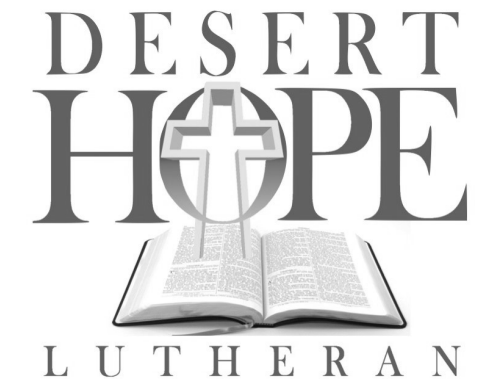
WORSHIP GROW SERVE
 TOGETHER

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

"Seeking Assurance" according to the promise

December 16, 2018

HOPE NOTES



OUR MISSION:

To Be TRANSFORMED As We Follow JESUS Daily,
 Leading Others to Do the Same

If you are a first-time guest, please visit our Welcome Table. Our greeters will provide you with a gift and information about Desert Hope.

We encourage you to join us after worship for refreshments. **Please worship with us again!**

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**BIBLE
READING PLAN**



Scripture In my Bible, I read...
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Prayer My prayer regarding it...

**WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS
Week of December 17**

Mon, Dec 17 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
 Tues, Dec 18 1 John 4:7-21; Romans 8:31-39
 Wed, Dec 19 John 3:16; Romans 5:8; Jeremiah 31:3;
 1 John 4:7,19
 Thu, Dec 20 Hebrews 10:23-25; John 13:34-35;
 Matthew 22:34-40
 Fri, Dec 21 John 15:9-17; Ephesians 4:1-6; 2 Corinthians 5:14;
 Luke 15:11-31; John 3:16-17

These Bible readings are from New Living Translation (NLT)

ARISE YOUTH GROUP

Today, Sunday, December 16, ARISE Youth Group is having its annual Christmas party at Heather's house. Students can ride with leaders after the 10:30am service and parents can pick them up at Heather's house at 2pm. Students should bring a \$10 white elephant gift to exchange at the party.

We know families are busy over the Christmas break. Students, enjoy this time with your extended family! We will resume our ARISE group on Sunday, January 6, after the 10:30 am service with lunch, fun, and games as we take on the topic of *Junction: Where Pain Meets Progress*. Questions? Contact Heather at 979-1563 or Heather@DesertHope.org.

NATIVITY/CRECHES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

In Sunday School the children are learning about the Nativity and are creating their own. We would like to display Nativities/ Creches from around the world at the 5pm service on Christmas Eve. If you would be willing to share one of yours made in a different country, please contact Heather at 979-1563 or Heather@DesertHope.org. Thank you for your help! Nativities will be monitored so that small hands do not touch them.

FRIDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Friday, December 21, 9am, Friday Women's Bible Study will have a potluck at the home of Paula Erdos. For address or directions contact Paula Erdos, 760-1962 or marinewife7911@gmail.com. This will be the last meeting of this year, resuming on Friday, January 11.

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CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Next Sunday, December 23, 9:30am
 Only one worship service
 Monday, December 24, 5 & 7pm
 Christmas Eve Worship

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS AND GIFTS

Delivery is Thursday, December 20. Hams and drivers are still needed. Monetary donations are appreciated to cover cost of fresh foods. Make checks to Desert Hope with Food Baskets in memo. All food items and gifts need to be brought to church by today, Sunday, December 16. Thank you to everyone who has provided food and gifts for these families. Contact Linda Fountain, 299-4325 or lfountain@comcast.net or Delna Falk, 749-1287 or lfalk20@comcast.net.

CALLING ALL COOKIE BAKERS

We would like to do a special Christmas Cookie Table after each service on Christmas Eve. You can help by bringing 4-6 dozen homemade cookies to church on Sunday, December 23. Please leave a note with your cookies identifying what kind you have made along with your name. This will be a special treat for all of our families, guests, and children, young and old. Thank you for participating. Contact Cathy Skow, 749-3749 or mommymonster265@comcast.net.

CHRISTMAS FOR COPS

Each year Desert Hope provides Christmas dinner for city and county law enforcement officers and their families. This year we will prepare 'to-go' meals at Desert Hope that we will deliver to the substations for law enforcement personnel. You can help by providing cookies or dessert or helping to pack the meals. If you can spare a couple of hours Christmas morning, Tuesday, December 25, to assist with these meals, contact Stan or Patti Thibaut, 906-8116.



LEGACY OF FAITH

You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit... I am praying not only for these disciples, but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message.
 John 15:16, 17:20 (NLT)

God continues using us as His instruments in transforming this broken world. Jesus' charge is clear, to produce lasting fruit. In the end, our legacy will be far greater than just what we say or do during our short time in this world. Our greater legacy will be the dreams and aspirations we help inspire in others of this and future generations. The Holy Spirit plants seeds of dreams and aspirations deep within us each day. He then gives us parents and pastors, teachers and mentors, family and friends who see the potential of our dreams. Then with prayer and words of unconditional encouragement, they give us the courage to take those critical first-steps to make God-inspired dreams reality. With this Advent Season upon us, it is a wonderful time to reflect on our many blessings. It is also the perfect time to pray and dream of the opportunities God will place before us in the New Year.

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DHLC FINANCIAL DASHBOARD

2018 Actuals	November	Jan-Nov
Actual Income	\$34,833.17	\$352,978.01
Actual Expenses	\$28,339.15	\$336,156.85
Income vs. Expenses	\$6,494.02	\$16,821.16
2018 Budget	November	Jan-Nov
Budgeted Income	\$25,995.00	\$329,306.00
Budgeted Expenses	\$30,022.00	\$342,184.00
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Average Weekly Giving	2018	2017
November	\$8,708	\$6,552
Jan-Nov	\$7,446	\$6,958

END OF YEAR GIVING

The final day to have your donations count towards 2018 giving will be Sunday, December 30. Donations made after that date will process in 2019. Please contact the church office, 722-9134, if you have any questions.

Walking With
JESUS
 Together
 We're Making a
DIFFERENCE

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SERMON NOTES:

December 16, 2018

Scriptures for Next Sunday:
 Micah 5:2-5; Hebrews 10:5-10;
 Luke 1:39-45

DESERT SCROLLS

The December *Desert Scrolls* is now available online. Read some of the wonderful Christmas Blessings our people have experienced and other items to bless you this Christmas. If it didn't show up in your email, check your Spam Folder. If you have not received it, please contact the church office, 722-9134.

PRAYER ROOM IN PASTOR JIM'S OFFICE

Use it as a quiet place for personal prayer, or ask a Prayer Team member to join you to lift up concerns.