

**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**

- Northminster Presbyterian Church

**Health and Healing**

- Elaine Boxeth for recovery from hip replacement surgery.
- Toni Joyce who is in critical condition following additional surgery (req by Dorothy McLean).
- Linda Goode for complete and speedy recovery for broken wrist.
- Sherrie Elliott for diagnosis and treatment for balance and falling problems.
- For all who are fighting colds and flu.

**Praise and Thanksgiving**

- For Steve Schumacher who is at home and continued prayers for recovery (req. by Francine Rienstra).

**Travel Safety**

- For all travelers during this holiday season.

**Comfort and Peace**

- For wife, Pat, and family & friends of Joel Lamb who passed away.

**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](http://www.deserthope.org). Please make sure you have permission for prayers printed in bulletin.*



**Third Sunday in Advent-Joy**

Prelude														
Welcome	Pastor Jim Cords Heather Stein	8:30 10:30												
<table border="0"> <tr> <td>10:30 Opening</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Song</td> <td><i>Pray About Everything</i></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Children's Message</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Song</td> <td><i>Let's Get A Little Crazy</i></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>			10:30 Opening			Song	<i>Pray About Everything</i>		Children's Message			Song	<i>Let's Get A Little Crazy</i>	
10:30 Opening														
Song	<i>Pray About Everything</i>													
Children's Message														
Song	<i>Let's Get A Little Crazy</i>													
Invocation and Prayer														
8:30 Song	<i>You Are Good</i>													
Confession														
Song	<i>Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee</i>													
Scripture	Isaiah 35:1-10 (ESV) James 5:7-11 (ESV)													
Gospel	Matthew 11:2-15 (ESV)													
Sermon	<b>"God's Work: Shepherds"</b>													
Song	<i>Hear Our Praises</i>													
Confession of Faith	Apostles' Creed	8:30												
Baptism	Amanda Brianna Spezia	10:30												
Offering Song	<i>Enter Zion With Singing</i> Words: Isaiah 35, Psalms 8-9 - Music: Dr. Greg Silverman													
Prayers of the People														
Holy Communion														
Lord's Prayer														
Communion Song	<i>Desert Song</i>													
Benediction														
Announcements														
Song	<i>Joy To The World (Unspeakable Joy)</i>													
Dismissal														
<b>Readers:</b>	8:30 Dewayne Vorderbruggen 10:30 Linda Goode													
<b>Communion Assistants:</b>	8:30 Donna Burman, Kris Hubbard & Brenda McDowell 10:30 Dee Allen, Eva Damschroder & Linda Kress													

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THESE EVENTS**

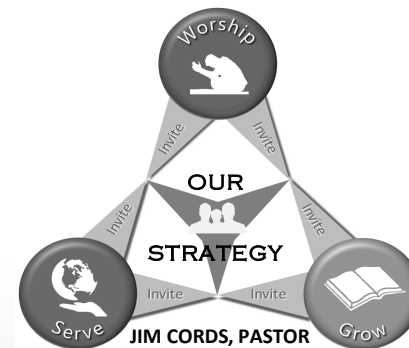
*All events will be at Desert Hope Lutheran Church unless otherwise noted.*

- 15 Sun Desert Hope Praise Team Rehearsal, 7:30am  
Worship, 8:30 & 10:30am  
Sunday School, 10:30am  
**ARISE Youth Group Christmas Party, Home of Heather Stein, following 10:30 service**
- 16 Mon Prayer Team, Youth Room, 1pm
- 17 Tue *WOW Bible Study resumes January 7*  
*Tuesday Evening Study Group resumes in January*  
*Tuesday Knights resume January 7*
- 18 Wed *Desert Hope Quilters will not meet*  
*Family Dinner & Mid-Week Programs for 2<sup>nd</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> graders resume January 8*
- 19 Thu **Christmas Food Basket Delivery, 9am**  
*Thursday Women's Bible Study resumes January 9*  
**Parents' Night Out, 6-9pm**  
Desert Hope Praise Team Rehearsal, 6pm  
**Rehearsal for Christmas Eve Worship, 6:30pm**  
Voices of Hope Rehearsal, 7pm
- 20 Fri **Friday Women's Bible Study Christmas Brunch, Home of Paula Erdos, 9am**

*Additional information on these events available at [deserthope.org](http://deserthope.org)*

**Upcoming Events:**

- **Christmas Eve Worship**, Tuesday, December 24, 5 & 7pm



HEATHER STEIN, CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY COORDINATOR  
DR. GREG SILVERMAN, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC • LORI FABBRI, CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR  
LYNNEA WHEELER-FERTAL, VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

**DESERT HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**MISSION CENTER**  
7474 E SPEEDWAY BLVD  
520-722-9134  
[office@deserthope.org](mailto:office@deserthope.org)

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

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

Connect with us @ [deserthope.org](http://deserthope.org)

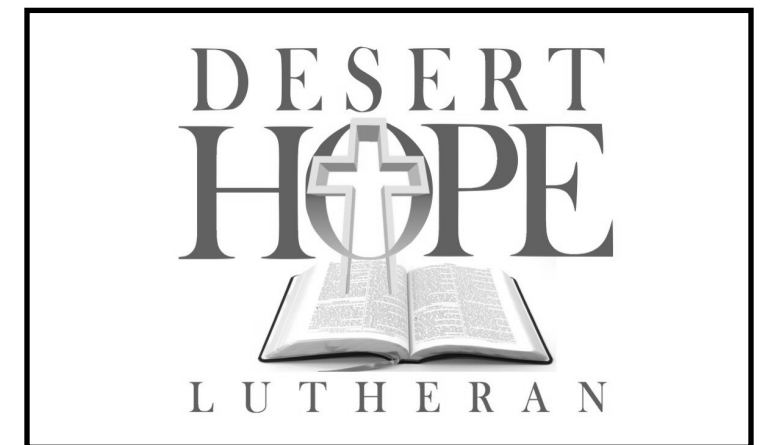
**WELCOME**

WORSHIP GROW SERVE  
TOGETHER

TODAY'S MESSAGE:  
**"God's Work: Shepherds"**

December 15, 2019

**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!**

**Inside This Issue:**

Parents' Night Out
ARISE Christmas Party
Christmas Eve Worship
End of Year Giving

## BIBLE READING PLAN

**Scripture** In my Bible, I read...

**Observation** This is what I noticed...

**Application** How it looks in my life...

**Prayer** My prayer regarding it...



### WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

#### Week of December 16

Mon, Dec 16 Psalm 42; Isaiah 29:17-24; Acts 5:12-16  
 Tue, Dec 17 Psalm 42; Ezekiel 47:1-12; Jude 17-25  
 Wed, Dec 18 Psalm 42; Zechariah 8:1-17; Matthew 8:14-17, 28-34  
 Thu, Dec 19 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 2 Samuel 7:1-17;  
 Galatians 3:23-29  
 Fri, Dec 20 Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19; 2 Samuel 7:18-22;  
 Galatians 4:1-7  
 Sat, Dec 21 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 2 Samuel 7:23-29; John 3:31-36  
 Sun, Dec 22 Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Romans 1:1-7;  
 Matthew 1:18-25

These Bible readings are from English Standard Version (ESV)  
Bookmarks are available in the Narthex.

## FRIDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

Friday, December 20, 9am, Friday Morning Women's Bible Study will meet at Paula Erdos' home for a Christmas Brunch. Please bring a dish to share. Questions? Contact Paula at 991-6513.

## ARISE YOUTH GROUP

Today, Sunday, December 16, is our last Sunday examining Christmas carols. Today we are looking at *Joy to the World*. We have been looking at the words of the carols to learn what they are about. We have also been celebrating Jesus as the Savior and seeing how His coming impacted the Israelites and how Christmas still offers hope to our world today. Our lesson today will take place at Heather's house with a Christmas party to follow. Find a youth leader to carpool with following the 10:30am service. Parents can pick up their students at 3pm at Heather's house.

ARISE Youth Group will resume Sunday, January 5, with a discussion of "Can I be a Christian and Believe in Evolution?" taught by Heather. Questions on either event can be directed to Heather at 979-1563 or Heather@DesertHope.org.

Plan to Come and Invite a Friend

## CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

Tuesday, December 24, 5 & 7pm

Nursery is available at 7pm only.

## CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS AND GIFTS

Delivery is Thursday, December 19, 9am. We still need drivers that morning. All food items and gifts need to be brought to church by today, Sunday, December 15. Thank you to everyone who has provided food and gifts for these families. Thank you to Thrivent Financial for their donation. Contact Linda Fountain, 299-4325 or l.fountain@comcast.net or Delna Falk, 749-1287 or lfalk20@comcast.net.

## PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

RSVP required by today, Sunday, December 15.

Thursday, December 19, 6-9 pm, Desert Hope will host Parents' Night Out. This is a time for parents to drop off children at the church so parents can enjoy some last minute Christmas shopping, present wrapping or a quiet dinner. Children will have pizza for dinner, watch a movie and do crafts. Send your kids in pajamas, or send pajamas & a toothbrush, and we will wrap them for bed by the time you pick them up! Cost is \$5 per child. Signup sheet is on the counter in the Narthex or RSVP to Heather at 979-1563 or Heather@DesertHope.org.

## DESERT SCROLLS SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EDITIONS

We continue our Advent Theme of "Where has God shown up you never expected?" Three more of our church families share their stories to encourage us this Christmas Season. If you are not getting these, check your spam folder. This weeks stories:

"A Near Death Experience Heals Old Wounds"  
"The Struggle for a New Heart"  
"When God Shows Up"

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Do you have a gift that is hidden away? Would the use of that gift benefit our church family and bring glory to God? We are always in need of volunteers for our many Desert Hope ministries and would love to welcome you to one of them. Please see Lynnea Wheeler-Fertal or call her at 344-1757.

## END OF YEAR GIVING

Sunday, December 29, is the final day to have your donations count towards 2019 giving. Donations made after that date will process in 2020. Contact the church office, 722-9134, if you have questions.

## A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD

You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 1 Peter 2:9 NIV

- As we reflect on being part of
- Christ's priesthood of believers, let
- us focus on our role in this broken
- world. Just as God used the Israelites
- in the Old Testament to be His
- chosen instruments, He has chosen us to proclaim the gospel
- of hope and salvation to all. We are called to live the light of
- Christ for all to see.
- In his teachings regarding the priesthood of all believers,
- Luther emphasized congregational life—believers who openly
- supported their brothers and sisters in Christ. Communities of
- believers would gather to worship together, grow through
- study of scripture together, and go beyond their
- neighborhoods sharing the message of the Gospel together.
- Luther stressed that we are to work for the Lord not as islands
- but as a caring supportive community.
- This Advent season let us take our Lutheran heritage to heart.
- Let our entire Desert Hope family look to each other for
- encouragement as we serve others in the name and glory of
- the Christ Child.
- 
- 

Walking  
With  
**Jesus**  
Together  
We're  
Making a  
**Difference**

1 PETER 2:9

## SERMON NOTES:

December 15, 2019

Scriptures for Next Sunday:  
Isaiah 7:10-17; Romans 1:1-7;  
Matthew 1:18-25

Plan to Come and Invite a Friend

Plan to Come and Invite a Friend