

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

- Prayers for all churches in Tucson

Health and Healing

- Ralph Retter who has had 2 stents placed and will have 2 more in January (req. by Connie Retter, wife).

Praise and Thanksgiving

- For the 60th wedding anniversary of Toni & Duane Schlecht.

Comfort and Peace

- For the family and friends of Max Hairell, 20-years-old, who passed away (req. by Brenda McDowell, family friend).

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

Cake is being served today in honor of the 60th wedding anniversary of Toni & Duane Schlecht.

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.



Fourth Sunday in Advent-Love

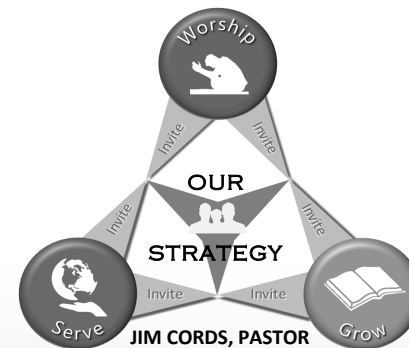
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8:30 Song	<i>I Could Sing Of Your Love Forever</i>													
Invocation and Prayer														
Confession														
Song	<i>O Come, O Come, Emanuel</i>													
Scripture	Isaiah 7:10-17 (ESV) Romans 1:1-7 (ESV)													
Gospel	Matthew 1:18-25 (ESV)													
Sermon	"God's Work: Us!"													
Song	<i>Forever</i>													
Prayers of the People														
Confession of Faith	Apostles' Creed													
Offering Song	<i>O Holy Night</i> Vanessa League, harpist													
Holy Communion														
Lord's Prayer														
Communion Song	<i>Of The Father's Love Begotten</i>													
Benediction														
Announcements														
Song	<i>Everlasting God</i>													
Dismissal														
Readers:	8:30 Paula Knauss 10:30 Bill Gaube													
Communion Assistants:	8:30 Sue Gigax, Gary Smith & Brenda McDowell 10:30 Linda Kress, Lori Fabbri & Terry Bredehoft													

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THESE EVENTS

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

- 22 Sun Desert Hope Praise Team Rehearsal, 7:30am
Worship, 8:30 & 10:30am
Sunday School, 10:30am
ARISE Youth Group will not meet
- 23 Mon *Prayer Team will not meet*
- 24 Tue **Christmas Eve Worship, 5pm and 7pm**
- 25 Wed **Merry Christmas**
Christmas for Cops, 9-11am
- 26 Thu Desert Hope Praise Team will not rehearse

Additional information on these events available at deserthope.org



JIM CORDS, PASTOR

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

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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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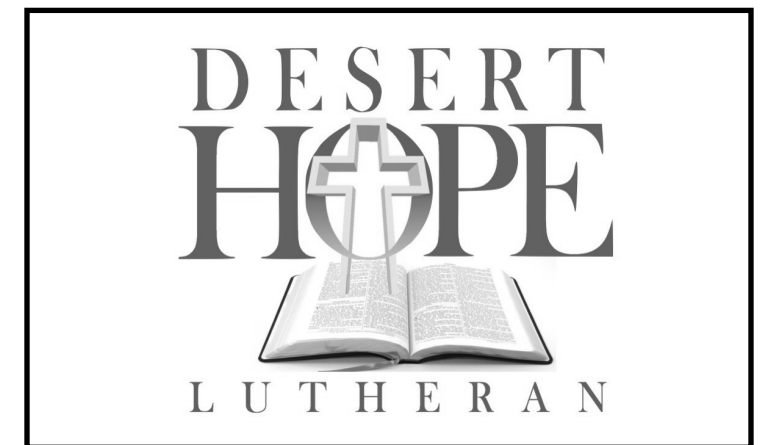
WELCOME

WORSHIP GROW SERVE
TOGETHER

TODAY'S MESSAGE:
"God's Work: Us!"

December 22, 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!**

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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 23

Mon, Dec 23 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Genesis 17:15-22; Galatians 4:8-20
 Tue, Dec 24 Luke 1:46b-55; Isaiah 60:1-6; Luke 1:67-80
 Wed, Dec 25 Isaiah 62:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-4; John 1:1-14
 Thu, Dec 26 Psalm 148; Acts 7:59-8:8
 Fri, Dec 27 Psalm 148; Proverbs 8:22-31; 1 John 5:1-12
 Sat, Dec 28 Psalm 148; Isaiah 49:13-23; Matthew 18:1-14
 Sun, Dec 29 Isaiah 63:7-9; Psalm 148; Hebrews 2:10-18;
 Matthew 2:13-23

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

ARISE YOUTH GROUP

ARISE Youth Group will resume Sunday, January 5, with a discussion of "Can I be a Christian and Believe in Evolution?" This discussion will be led by Heather, and we will look at Genesis 1-11. Bring a friend and your opinion! All thoughts and sides are welcome! Questions? Contact Heather at 979-1563 or Heather@DesertHope.org.

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS RESUMING IN 2020

Groups meet at Desert Hope unless indicated otherwise.

ON TUESDAY:

- **Women of the Word (WOW) Bible Study**, Chick-fil-A, 6675 E Grant, 9am. Contact: Brenda McDowell, 444-0535 or bmcdowe@comcast.net.
- **Tuesday Evening Study Group**, meet in members' homes, 6pm. Contact: Linda Kress, 721-7181 or lakress@cox.net.
- **Tuesday Knights**, led by Pastor Jim, 7pm. Contact: Terry Bredehoft, 751-4115 or tbredehoft@cox.net.

ON THURSDAY:

- **Thursday Women's Bible Study**, 11:30am. Contact: Amy Martin, 299-2475 or agigaxmartin@gmail.com.

ON FRIDAY:

- **Friday Women's Bible Study**, led by Pastor Jim, 9:30am. Contact: Diane Scholinski, 298-3981.

Please prayerfully consider joining one of these groups in the new year. Feel free to contact the leaders for more information regarding their studies.

Plan to Come and Invite a Friend

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CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

Tuesday, December 24, 5 & 7pm

Nursery is available at 7pm only.

CHRISTMAS FOR COPS

Each year Desert Hope provides Christmas dinner for city and county law enforcement officers and their families. We prepare 'to-go' meals at Desert Hope that we will deliver to the substations for law enforcement personnel.

You can help by providing dessert, monetary contributions for dinner costs and help packing or delivering on Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25, 9-11am. If you can assist with these meals, contact Patti Thibaut, 906-8116.

END OF YEAR GIVING

Next 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.

DESERT SCROLLS CHRISTMAS EDITION

Check your email for the final Christmas edition of Desert Scrolls with stories about how God shows up where we least expect. Advent is a season of expecting God to work. Check out these stories from our brothers and sisters:

"Unexpected Grace"

"Unbelievable"

"Why Me, God?"

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS & GIFTS

Blessings and thank you to everyone for the donations of time, food, gifts, clothing and money for our delivery of Christmas cheer to 25 families. Thank you to Thrivent Financial for their action team donation.



DHLC FINANCIAL DASHBOARD

2019 Actuals	November	YTD
Actual Income	\$34,277.23	\$380,290.76
Actual Expenses	\$34,209.01	\$365,325.88
Income vs. Expenses	\$68.22	\$14,964.88
2019 Budget	November	YTD
Budgeted Income	\$35,659.00	\$385,678.00
Budgeted Expenses	\$35,220.00	\$381,856.00
	\$439.00	\$3,822.00
Average Weekly Giving	2019	2018
November	\$8,532	\$8,708
Jan-November	\$8,004	\$7,480

TAKE TIME FOR THE WORD OF GOD

The Scriptures give us hope and encouragement as we wait patiently for God's promises to be fulfilled. Romans 15:4 NLT

- When preaching on the importance of reading scripture daily, Martin Luther pointed to these words of the Apostle Paul. Luther visualized scripture as an ideal garden, a paradise, where the ultimate protection from the spiritual threats of this broken world are found. He pointed his flock to the Word of God as their primary source of truth and hope in times of suffering as well as joy. For Luther, the Scriptures were "sufficient to comfort the afflicted, confront the sinner and cheer the saint."
- One of Luther's greatest gifts to Christianity was his translation of the Bible from the original Hebrew and Greek into the common man's German. With the help of Gutenberg's printing press, Luther democratized the World of God for all.
- In the new year, Desert Hope will renew our congregation's commitment to reading scripture daily. We will encourage tracking our personal journeys through scripture with journals. Many members have found journaling success using the S.O.A.P. Method (Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer). This tool helps us express Biblical concepts in familiar terms while exploring their application to everyday life.
- Please take this opportunity to prayerfully consider how you will broaden your personal connection with the Word of God.

Walking
With
Jesus
Together
We're
Making a
Difference

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SERMON NOTES:

December 22, 2019

Scriptures for Next Sunday:
Isaiah 63:7-14; Galatians 4:4-7;
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