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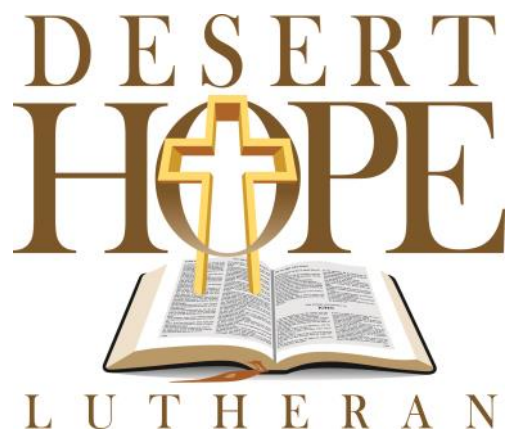
W O R S H I P G R O W S E R V E

T O G E T H E R

TODAY'S MESSAGE:
"A Call to Persevere"

March 26, 2023

HOPE NOTES



OUR MISSION:

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

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**Sunday, March 26, 9:30am
4th Sunday in Lent**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Kent Groethe

Call to Worship

Dr. Greg Silverman

Song *Daniel's Song (Daniel 6)*

Confession and Forgiveness

Song *All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name*

Children's Message

Dell Hammond

Scripture Reading (NIV) Daniel 3:19-25
Acts 4:13-20

Gospel Reading (NIV) Matthew 16:21-23

Sermon **"A Call to Persevere"**
Pastor Kent Groethe

Song *Another In The Fire*

Prayers of the People
Church of the Week: Shining Light Baptist Church

Apostles' Creed

Offertory

Holy Communion/Lord's Prayer

Song *Be Still My Soul*

Communion Blessing

Song *Friend Of God*

Benediction

Pastor: *Grow in Faith*

Congregation: *Impact The World!*

Postlude

Reader: Paula Knauss

Communion Assistants: Donna Burman, Linda Kress & Terry Bredehoft



WORSHIP AT DESERT HOPE

Worship in-person is on Sunday at 9:30am.

The service will be live streamed, <https://www.youtube.com/user/DesertHopeTucson>.

SUNDAY SERMON SERIES

Pastor Kent is continuing the sermon series entitled, *Preaching the Books of the Bible*. Members are challenged to read the book of the Bible for the next Sunday's sermon. During Lent he will preach on the books of the major prophets on Sunday and on the minor prophets at Wednesday Lenten Worship:

March 26-*Daniel*; April 2-*Zechariah*

LENTEN WORSHIP AT DESERT HOPE

The final midweek Lenten Worship is on **Wednesday, March 29 at 6:30pm**. The focus is on the minor prophet, Haggai, and includes the Holden Evening Prayer. This week's Lenten Character is the servant girl who encountered Peter sitting out in the courtyard of the high priest's home. What will she share and how will it impact her life? Come join us to learn of her encounter.

Evening Lenten services will be live streamed, including Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. The service at noon on Good Friday will not be live streamed.

EASTER FLOWERS

This year you can purchase a flowering plant in memory or in honor of someone. Forms are available on the table in the Narthex. Please fill out a form and include your payment of \$10. Mark *Easter flowers* on the check memo or cash is welcome. **Sunday, March 26 is the deadline.** Questions? Call Janet Bredehoft, 520-751-4115.

<p>HE IS RISEN!</p>	<p>HOLY WEEK WORSHIP</p> <p>Maundy Thursday, April 6, 7pm Good Friday, April 7, Noon & 7pm Easter Sunday Sunrise Worship, 6am Easter Sunday Worship, 9:30am</p>
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PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

On Sunday, April 2, Pastor Kent will commission Eva Damschroder; Wanda Johnson, Judy Martin and Judy Strong as Pastoral Care Assistants. These ladies will visit shut-ins, hospital patients and nursing home residents offering a listening ear accompanied by a hug and communion.

Plan to Come and  a Friend

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 March 26

Sun, Mar 26	Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11
Mon, Mar 27	Psalm 143; 1 Kings 17:17-24; Acts 20:7-12
Tue, Mar 28	Psalm 143; 2 Kings 4:18-37; Ephesians 2:1-10
Wed, Mar 29	Psalm 143; Jeremiah 32:1-9, 36-41; Matthew 22:23-33
Thu, Mar 30	Psalm 31:9-16; 1 Samuel 16:11-13; Philippians 1:1-11
Fri, Mar 31	Psalm 31:9-16; Job 13:13-19; Philippians 1:21-30
Sat, Apr 1	Psalm 31:9-16; Lamentations 3:55-66; Mark 10:32-34

Bookmarks are available in the Narthex.



MORNING DEVOTIONS

Join Pastor Kent Groethe for Morning Devotions, Monday through Thursday at 8:30am.

Morning devotions are available live via the Desert Hope Facebook page at

[Facebook.com/DesertHopeLutheran](https://www.facebook.com/DesertHopeLutheran).

Devotions can also be viewed at Desert Hope YouTube channel:

[https://youtube.com/playlist?](https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLQOTwQVq50w1fofJuWVKVfZM0kaJbtE5)

[list=PLQOTwQVq50w1fofJuWVKVfZM0kaJbtE5](https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLQOTwQVq50w1fofJuWVKVfZM0kaJbtE5).

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Wednesday nights in Lent, begin with a Soup Supper in Hope Center at 5:30pm. The last Soup Supper on Wednesday, March 29, is being hosted by Thursday Women's Bible Study & Friday Women's Bible Study. Contact: Joy Karr, 520-722-9134 or officemanager@deserthope.org.

LENT CHALLENGE

Pastor Kent challenges you to read *Miracles, One Congregation's God Stories* by Kent Groethe. The stories in this book come from one congregation, Living Word Lutheran Church in Milbank, South Dakota. In this book he shares some of these epiphanies that are sure to deepen your faith in Jesus Christ and remind you of the awesome presence of God and His ability to care for His children. *A free copy is available in the Narthex for each family.*

THURSDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

On Thursday, March 30, 12:30pm, Thursday Women's Bible Study will meet in Hope Center for lunch and a movie, *Redeeming Love*, which is based on the book of Hosea. **Please bring your own lunch.**

There will be no meeting Maundy Thursday, April 6. A new study will begin on Thursday, April 13, 12:30pm in Hope Center. Contact: Amy Martin, 520-591-9771.

DHLC YOUNG ADULTS ARE ACTIVE

On Sunday, April 16 at 5pm, our Young Adults, those in their early 20's & 30's, will be gathering at the home of Pastor Kent and Kay Groethe for pizza and conversation.

Contact: Pastor Kent, 520-722-9134.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS & ASSISTANTS NEEDED

Sunday School teachers and assistants are needed in April. *Sunday School will not meet on Easter Sunday, April 9.* Sunday School children leave with the teachers during communion. Sunday School is 30 minutes long in the Youth Room.

Contact: Kay Groethe, kaygroethe@gmail.com.

VOICES OF HOPE REHEARSAL SCHEDULE:

- ♦ Wednesday, March 29, 7:30-8:30pm, Rehearsal #3
- ♦ Tuesday, April 4, 7:30-8:30pm, Rehearsal #4*
***Note: this rehearsal is on a Tuesday**
- ♦ Sunday, April 9, 8:30am, Warm-Up & Sound Check
- ♦ Sunday, April 9, 9:30am, Easter Worship

Contact: Dr. Greg Silverman: 626-375-3383.

Plan to Come and  a Friend



EASTER FOOD BASKETS

Desert Hope will again provide an Easter meal plus food for several days to 30 families at Gridley Middle School. ***We are in need of hams. Sign-up sheets for hams and drivers are available in the Narthex. All food items should be brought to church by Palm Sunday, April 2.***

Needed Food Items:

- cereal
- peanut butter
- jelly
- rice
- snack bars

- dried beans
- brownie mixes
- tuna
- boxed mac & cheese
- canned fruit

- canned vegetables
- canned soup, chili & stew
- pasta
- pasta sauce
- canned pasta

Pickup/Delivery will be Monday, April 3, 8:30am. We need money to pay for the fresh food. Monetary contributions can be placed in the offering plate with *Food Baskets* on the memo line. Thanks in advance for your contribution. Contact Linda Fountain, 520-299-4325 or l.fountain@comcast.net.

USHERS MINISTRY NEEDS YOU

- ◆ Do you have a Servant's Heart?
- ◆ Do you have a Warm Smile?
- ◆ Do you reflect a Gentle Godly Spirit to all that you serve?

Then join the Usher Ministry in providing the first impression of Desert Hope and it's Ministries.

Goal: To build a cheerful, engaged and *Serve You With a Smile* atmosphere.

If interested, please call Joy at the Church Office, 520-722-9134.

DESERT HOPE TREASURER

We are prayerfully looking for someone to hear God's call to replace Keith Kuehn as our Church Treasurer. If this is a role you are interested in exploring and would like more information, please contact Terry Bredehoft.

We are blessed and grateful to have a strong Finance Team: Beth Phillips, Deputy Treasurer; Nancy Schaffer, Bookkeeper and Sue Gigax, Financial Secretary. While we discern who the Holy Spirit is calling to be the new leader of this talented team, be assured that they remain firmly committed to the careful stewardship of the monetary gifts God provides this church. They will have the Council's full support during the transition to new leadership.

MONETARY SUPPORT

Your continued monetary support is essential to the mission we share at Desert Hope. Currently we have options for making online contributions through bill pay, Zelle or the Desert Hope website, deserthope.org. You can also mail contributions to: Desert Hope, 7474 E Speedway, Tucson, AZ 85710. ***Please Note: When writing a check only use a blue or black pen.***

2022 Giving Statements can be printed on CCB under *Giving/My Giving/Individual or Family/Giving Statement*. If you have any questions or issues please call the church office at 520-722-9134.



NUMANA FOOD PACKING EVENT

Come together as we SERVE the hungry in El Salvador.

Desert Hope Lutheran Church is coordinating with Numana, Inc., once again to prepare meals for the poor and needy during an event on **Saturday, April 29**. This is an important part of Desert Hope's **INVITE** strategy and presents a wonderful opportunity for us to invite family and friends to join us for a fun and rewarding experience. Children age 5 and over are welcome to participate.

Volunteers are needed!!!

Packers: Morning Shift—10am to 11:45am
Afternoon Shift—1pm to 2:45pm

(Sign up at Church or online at deserthope.org/foodpacking)

Front of House: Check-in, table leaders and cheerleaders
(Sign up on green sheets in the Church Narthex)

Back of House: Heavy lifters and runners
(Sign up on green sheets in the Church Narthex)

DHLC has already met 64% of the funds necessary to host this event. An additional \$7,000.00 is needed to meet our goal. Please donate online at deserthope.org/foodpacking or checks can be made to Desert Hope with *Numana* on the memo line.

Don't miss this opportunity to be "the hands and feet of Jesus."

Call the Church Office with any questions, 520-722-9134.

Walking

With

JESUS

Together

We're

Making a

DIFFERENCE

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 to the altar. You will be given a wafer and an individual cup of wine or white grape juice.

Please let the ushers know if you want communion brought to your seat. If you are worshipping at home, gather wine or grape juice and bread and take communion during the same time.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Daily Prayer

- Please hear us as we pray at lunch time each day for spiritual renewal churchwide and wisdom for our leadership.

Health and Healing

- Dan Knauss who is in rehab following back surgery.
- Dave Strong for recovery from hip replacement surgery on Monday and relief from pain.
- Julia Colosi for recovery from breaking her leg in two places (req. by Bev Hall, grandmother).
- Juan and Becky for recovery from injuries in a car accident in Mexico. They are cousins of Lindsey Gonzalez, a friend of Joanna Jongsma.

Praise and Thanksgiving

- For Isaac Sample and his fellow soldiers who returned safely from deployment (req. by Jarret & LeeAnn Sample).

Comfort and Peace

- For Deb Irwin Brix and family & friends of Marge Irwin, who passed away (req. by Dell Hammond, friend).
- For Justine and family & friends of Ruth Ann Forbes who passed away (req. by Dell Hammond, friend).

Wisdom and Guidance

- Michelle Watts and Robert Watts (req. by Thomas Kocher).
- For the leaders of our country and all world leaders.
- For the people in the countries that are facing outside aggression.
- For military and their families on alert or deployed.

Direction and Blessing

- For the Desert Hope Leadership Council: Terry Bredehoft, Margo Caylor, Pastor Kent Groethe, Delna Falk, Joanna Jongsma, Dan Knauss, Judy Martin, Beth Phillips, Patti Thibaut, Scott Wooster.

Long Term & Military Prayer Lists are available at the Prayer Table or by request.

The Prayer Team prays for all on these lists each week.

Prayer requests can be submitted at www.deserthope.org or by calling the church office, 520-722-9134. Please make sure you have permission for prayers printed in the bulletin.

PRAYER VIGIL

Saturday, April 8, 10am-5pm, there will be a Prayer Vigil at Desert Hope in the Narthex. Two people are needed to commit to each time period of one hour of prayer between 10am & 5pm. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you are available for one hour during this time. Contact: Pat Lamb, 610-564-6346 or patlamb6@comcast.net.

Pastor Kent is inviting everyone in the congregation to participate during this time when able. Any amount of time you can offer to Jesus that day is wonderful. Come to pray for our church, our city and our world.

Would you like to receive a special prayer?

Do you have a particular prayer request?

Following the service, there will be a Prayer Team member at the front of the sanctuary on the right for you to receive one-on-one prayer for yourself or a loved one.

PLEASE JOIN US

Sunday, Mar 26	Sunday Worship, 9:30am (in-person & live streamed) Nursery, 9:15am Sunday School, Youth Room
Monday, Mar 27	Prayer Team, Youth Room, 2:15pm Monday Evening Study Group, Hope Center, 6pm
Tuesday, Mar 28	WOW Bible Study, Hope Center and via Zoom, 9am <i>Tuesday Knights will resume April 11</i>
Wednesday, Mar 29	Toby Mac Concert, Tucson Convention Center, 7pm <i>Confirmation Class will resume April 12</i> Lenten Soup Supper, Hope Center, 5:30pm Lenten Worship, 6:30pm (in-person & live streamed) Voices of Hope Rehearsal #3, 7:30pm
Thursday, Mar 30	Thursday Women's Bible Study, Hope Center, 12:30pm
Friday, Mar 31	Friday Women's Bible Study, Hope Center, 9:30am

Live Streaming can be accessed at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/DesertHopeTucson>

Upcoming Events:

Easter Food Baskets Delivery	Monday, April 3, 8:30am
Maundy Thursday Worship	Thursday, April 6, 7pm
Good Friday Worship	Thursday, April 7, 12pm & 7pm
Prayer Vigil	Saturday, April 8, 10am-5pm
Sunrise Worship	Sunday, April 9, Memorial Garden, 6am
Easter Worship	Sunday, April 9, 9:30am
Numana Meal Packing Event	Saturday, April 29

Please note: For people with health issues who feel they need to park a little closer to the Sanctuary entrance, there are marked Reserved parking spaces in the Desert Hope parking lot. These are in addition to the marked Handicapped spaces. Please respect those needing the use of these spots.



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Find resources that help you connect with God and with others at DHLC

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