

Bible Studies/Groups Updates

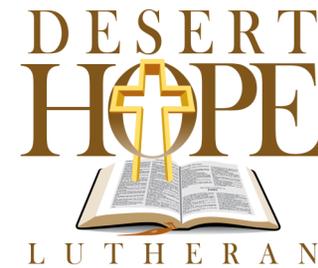
- **Confirmation Class**, meets Wednesday, 4:15pm, Pastor’s Office. They will not be meeting December 31.
- **Prayer Team** meets Monday, 10am, Youth Room. Leader: Judy Strong.
- **Tuesday Evening Study Group** meets Tuesday, 6pm, Youth Room. They will be on break until January 6. Leader: Jim Kress.
- **Tuesday Knights Bible Study** meets Tuesday, 7pm, Hope Center. They will be on break until January 6. Leader: Jeff Dowling.
- **Quilters** meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 9am, Hope Center. Leader: Lucy Dahn.
- **Thursday Morning Bible Study** meets Thursday, 9am at Francine Rienstra’s residence. Leader: Francine Rienstra at fgrienstra@gmail.com.
- **Thursday Women’s Bible Study** meets Thursday, 12-1:30pm, Hope Center. They will be on break until January 8. Leader: Amy Martin.
- **Friday AM Women’s Bible Study** meets Friday, 9:30am, Hope Center. Leader: Wanda Johnson.

For detailed information relating to topics of study, please refer to our website calendar at deserthope.org.

FINANCIAL DASHBOARD

Nov-25		
2025 Actuals	Nov 2025	YTD 2025
Actual Income	\$ 27,918	\$439,480
Actual Expenses	\$ 37,767	\$412,494
Net Income	\$ (9,849)	\$26,986
2025 Budget	Nov 2025	YTD 2025
Budgeted Income	\$ 27,235	\$428,910
Budgeted Expenses	\$ 37,756	\$425,067
Net Income	\$ (10,521)	\$3,843
Budget vs Actual Variance		\$23,143
YTD Giving		
November 2024	\$ 393,070	
November 2025	\$ 425,750	
Variance	\$ 32,680	

NOTE: These numbers reflect contributions to DH’s regular operating budget. Designated/restricted contributions are not included.



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WEEKLY WORSHIP GUIDE

Sunday, December 28, 2025

Welcome from the Friendliest Church in Tucson!

We are glad that you are worshipping with us today. Our goal is to grow together in faith and love for God and others. Please let me know if you have questions about Desert Hope or about your relationship with Jesus Christ.

Pastor Kent Groethe, Lead Pastor
218-731-5215 • pastorkent@deserthope.org

Please pick up an *Invitation to Worship* card at the Welcome Center. Pass the word of this marvelous opportunity to worship Jesus and enjoy our fellowship.

Nursery is available each Sunday at 9:15am until the end of service.

Sunday School is for elementary aged students. They can sit with their family in the worship service and will be escorted to the youth room after the hymn and before the readings.

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Visit us online at deserthope.org

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Sunday, December 28, 9:30am

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements Patti Thibaut

Call to Worship Dr. Greg Silverman

Song *Light Of The World*

Confession and Forgiveness

Song *For The Beauty Of The Earth*

Children Dismissed for Sunday School

Special Music *Let The Peace of Messiah (Colossians 3)*

Scripture Readings (NIV) Susan Lee Whittemore
1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26
Colossians 3:12-17
Luke 2:41-52

Message **“Growing in Wisdom, Stature and Favor”**
Pastor Fred Baum

Song *Holy Forever*

Prayers of the People

Apostles’ Creed

Offertory *Immanuel*

Holy Communion/Lord’s Prayer
Bill Weiss, Patti Thibaut and Dee Allen

Songs *Give Thanks • Holy, God Almighty*

Communion Blessing

Song *There’s Nothing That Our God Can’t Do*

Sending

Postlude

Prayer Requests

Comfort and Peace: For the family and friends of Karen Rosenau who passed away on Christmas Afternoon.

Health and Healing: Larry and Lydia Neal; and Susan Harty.

For Resources & Help: For those at Gridley Middle School living below the poverty line.

Protection, Wisdom and Guidance: For the leaders of our country, all world leaders, people in countries facing outside aggression and the military and their families.

Church of the Week: Hope City Church

Prayers for Unbelieving Loved Ones

We pray for our loved ones who do not yet know Christ that you would stir in them faith in Jesus Christ.

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

Submit prayer requests at www.deserthope.org or the church office at 520-722-9134. *Please make sure you have permission for prayers printed in the Worship Guide.*

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

Worship & Special Events Calendar

Sunday, December 28: Sunday Worship, 9:30AM. Guest Pastor Fred Baum.

Wednesday, December 31: Game Night, 6:00PM.

Thursday, January 1: Church Office Closed for the Holiday

Sunday, January 4: Sunday Worship, 9:30AM.

Sunday, January 11: Sunday Worship, 9:30AM.

Saturday, January 17: CPR/AED Training, 11:00AM.

Sunday, January 18: Sunday Worship, 9:30AM. Guest Pastor Dave Drum.

Friday, January 23: The Jesus Shaped Way—Bob Rognlien, 6:00PM.

Saturday, January 24: The Jesus Shaped Way—Bob Rognlien, 9:00AM.

Sunday, January 25: Sunday Worship, Guest Pastor Bob Rognlien, 9:30AM.

Sunday, February 1: Sunday Worship, 9:30AM.

Sunday, February 1: Congregational Forum, 10:45AM.