

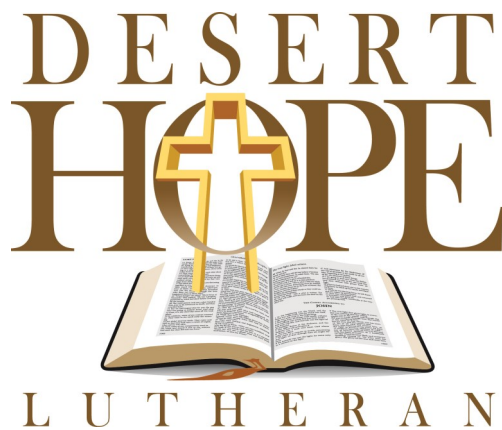
WELCOME

WORSHIP GROW SERVE
TOGETHER

TODAY'S MESSAGE:
"Fruit of the Spirit: Gentleness"

February 21, 2021

HOPE NOTES



OUR MISSION:

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

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**Sunday, February 21, 8:30 and 10:30am
First Sunday in Lent**

Prelude Bernie Läubli, violin

Welcome Pastor Steve Bergeson

10:30 Opening	Heather Stein
Song	<i>Fruit Of The Spirit</i>
Children's Message	

Invocation and Prayer

Song *Everlasting God*

Sung Confession based on Psalm 51

Song *Children Of The Heavenly Father*

Scripture Psalm 18:31-35 (ESV)
Colossians 3:12-17 (ESV)

Gospel Matthew 11:27-30 (ESV)

Sermon **"Fruit of the Spirit: Gentleness"**
Pastor Steve Bergeson

Special Music Bernie Läubli, violin

Song *This I Believe (The Creed)*

Prayers of the People

Confession of Faith Apostles' Creed

Holy Communion

Song *Thy Holy Wings*

Benediction

Announcements

Song *Desert Blooms*

Dismissal

Postlude

Readers:

8:30 Glenn Weber
10:30 Barb Kuehn



WORSHIP AT DESERT HOPE

Worship in-person is on Sunday at 8:30am & 10:30am. *The 10:30am service will be live streamed.*

To ensure that there are sanitary seats for everyone at each worship service, every other row of chairs in the sanctuary is ribboned off. Please sit in the open rows only. At the conclusion of the 8:30 service, the ribbons will be moved to the alternate rows to provide "clean" seats for the 10:30 worshippers.

Nursery will be open at the 10:30am service. If you would like nursery care for your child, please make arrangements with Heather at 979-1563 or Heather@DesertHope.org.

LENTEN WORSHIP

Lenten Worship with the Holden Evening Prayer Service will be
Wednesdays, February 24-March 24 at 7pm.

At services during Lent, we will be hearing God stories from members of Desert Hope. God is alive and active in His people. Their stories will inspire, challenge and comfort us.

On February 24, Darrell Higman will be sharing his God story.

Lenten services are both in-person and live streamed.

VOICES OF HOPE EASTER 2021

Calling all singers! We invite you to join Desert Hope's choir, Voices of Hope, for Easter Sunday, April 4, 8:30 & 10:30am worship services. We are a group of people who enjoy lifting our voices unto Jesus in worship. Contact Dr. Greg Silverman at 626-375-3383 or greg@gregsilverman.com for more information.

FELLOWSHIP ON THE PATIO

Weekly Patio Fellowship, Tuesday, February 23 at 10am. Please bring your own chair and anything you'd like to eat or drink. We will spend an hour in the fresh air enjoying each other's company. To insure that we can socially distance, please let Lynnea know if you plan to attend. Phone/text 344-1757 or lynneaks@hotmail.com.

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 or through the Desert Hope website, deserthope.org. You can also mail contributions to: Desert Hope, 7474 E Speedway, Tucson, AZ 85710.

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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 February 22

Mon, Feb 22	Acts 2:1-13; Psalm 27:7-14; Leviticus 1-3
Tue, Feb 23	Acts 2:14-47; Psalm 28-29; Leviticus 4-6
Wed, Feb 24	Acts 3; Psalm 30; Leviticus 7-8
Thu, Feb 25	Acts 4; Psalm 31:1-8; Leviticus 9-11
Fri, Feb 26	Acts 5; Proverbs 4:20-27; Leviticus 12-13

Bookmarks are available.

THURSDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM

Our next study, beginning Thursday, March 4, 7pm, will be on *Elijah* by Priscilla Shirer. Join us on this 7-session journey through the life and times of the prophet Elijah to discover how the fire on Mount Carmel was forged in the valley of famine. See how the emboldened, fiery faith you desire is being fashioned by God in your life right now.

You will need to purchase the book (or e-book) with the video access bundle for \$24.99 plus shipping, on *Lifeway.com*. If you don't already have an account on Lifeway, you will need to create one in order to watch the videos that will be posted each week. For those who have already purchased the book, you will need to purchase video access for \$9.99 on *Lifeway.com* if you didn't get the bundle.

Here is the link to the Elijah study: <https://onlinestudy.lifeway.com/v/ElijahOBS#products>. Click on purchase and choose one of 3 options: book with video access, e-book with video access or video access only. Questions: Contact Amy Martin at 591-9771.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES

Sunday School is back at the 10:30am service. We have missed our kids and families! If you would like to join us in our mission of legacy of faith, contact Heather at 979-1563 or Heather@DesertHope.org.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We would like to have a group of volunteers to come play in the Nursery! This is an important opportunity to be a partner in faith with parents and kids. Our plan is to have 6-8 volunteers so that we can rotate volunteers to serve once every 2 months along with our Nursery Director or Heather. Please contact Heather, 979-1563 or Heather@DesertHope.org to find out more about the fun we have in the Nursery.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

First Communion Class will be held on Saturday, March 27 at 9am, for children whose parents feel they are ready. Typically this is 1st & 2nd grade and above. This is an active participation class that will involve story telling, bread making, a trip behind the altar and creating a banner. Heather and Pastor Steve will be teaching. Signup is required. Questions or to register, contact Heather, 979-1563 or Heather@DesertHope.org or call the church office, 722-9134.

DISCOVER DESERT HOPE CLASSES

Discover Desert Hope Classes will be held on Sundays, March 7 & 14 from 12 to 1:30pm, in Hope Center. These classes are for anyone interested in learning more about Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC) and Desert Hope Lutheran Church and/or are interested in membership. Contact Lynnea at 722-9134 or lynnea.w@deserthope.org if interested in attending.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation classes will resume after Easter, on Wednesday, April 7, 6:30pm. Confirmation students are to attend (in person or online) Wednesday evening Lenten services. Questions can be directed to Heather at 979-1563 (call or text) or Heather@DesertHope.org.

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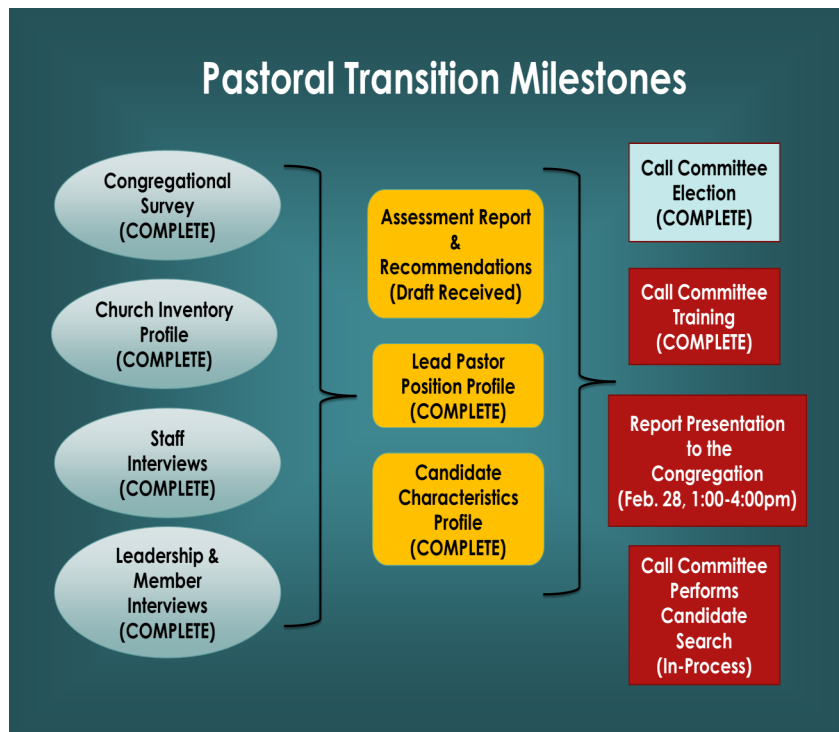
CHURCH DOCTOR REPORT TO DESERT HOPE

On Sunday, February 28, starting at 1pm until 4pm, Dr. Kent Hunter from Church Doctor Ministries will be presenting their diagnostic report to Desert Hope. This will include the results from the surveys you completed and the in-person interviews that he conducted with us. He will also be sharing their recommendations to improve our outreach and disciple-making capabilities.

We have now reached our capacity limit for watching the presentation in the sanctuary. We do, however, have plenty of room on the patio to watch the presentation there.

Another option is to watch the event live from home on any internet browser (i.e. computer, laptop, tablet, smart phone, smart TV) using a private video link that we will send out to all the members prior to the event. A live email link will also be provided to submit questions for Dr. Hunter during the presentation that he will address in the Q&A portion of the event starting at 3pm.

Registration is not required to watch the presentation on-line from home.



CALL TEAM UPDATE By Bob Balck, Call Team Leader

As our Lead Pastor position has been posted and candidates are responding we would like to advise you of the process ahead.

To become acquainted with the candidates, we will obtain their personal and family information, check backgrounds and review videos of preaching and teaching.

After this extensive process, the top candidates will receive a copy of Church Doctor Ministries diagnostic report on Desert Hope. They will then be interviewed via Zoom. Extensive discussions and questions will be utilized to discern the candidate's vision of the direction they would lead Desert Hope.

The top candidate, or possibly two, will be

invited to Tucson, where he or she and their family, will visit Desert Hope and preach at our Sunday services. There will be a "meet and greet" scheduled to become further acquainted. If all goes well, the Call Committee will recommend to the congregation the calling of the candidate. A vote of two-thirds of the members attending a special congregational meeting will be required to formalize the Call. Needless to say, this is a process that will go on for several months.

We know God has selected His choice for our pastor. We ask that you continue to pray for the Call Team to discern His choice to lead Desert Hope.



Financial Foundations: Investing for Retirement Webinar

Presented by The La Paloma Group, Thrivent Financial

Thursday, February 25th 6:00-7:00 pm

GenX and Millennials face slow growing wages, ever increasing expenses, and disappearing employer pension options.

Join us for a free webinar, Financial Foundations: Investing for Retirement to learn how to adapt to this changing landscape.

RSVP by clicking the link below or contact Gloria Livingood at (520) 529-1589 or Gloria.Livingood@Thrivent.com.

No products will be sold.
For more information visit Thrivent.com/social.

HOLY COMMUNION:

Holy Communion is for those who trust in Jesus and believe He brings the grace He promises in this Holy Meal. We are grateful that we have found a way to safely have communion together in-person and online.

For in-person worship we are using prepackaged communion kits that contain a wafer and grape juice sealed in a cup. You will pick up the kit from the large table in the Narthex immediately after you sanitize your hands when you arrive. Following the Words of Institution and the Lord's Prayer, you will lift your mask away from your mouth; and we will all take communion together while everyone stays in their seats. Afterwards, please replace your mask over your nose and mouth. The ushers will come by to pick up the used cups and sanitize your hands. If you are worshipping at home, gather wine or grape juice and bread and take communion during the same time.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Church of the Week

- Victory Outreach Tucson City Church

Health and Healing

- Bob Arnold who has been diagnosed with early-stage kidney cancer and will have surgery. Prayers for wisdom and skill for the medical team (req. by Barb & Keith Kuehn, friends).
- Terry & Kelly Donovan for quick recovery from COVID-19 and all those who struggle with the virus or the vaccine (req. by Paula Erdos, cousin).
- Don Kress who has a disabling hand infection (req. by Jim Kress, brother).
- Crystal Wilcox for healing of body, soul, and spirit (req. by Cathy Skow, sister-in-law).

Praise and Thanksgiving

- Linda Ashburn has recovered from her illness.
- Isaac Paul is recovering from migraines and high temperature with a change in medication (req. by Linda Paul, grandmother).
- Jeremy Betts for recovery from COVID-19, and he is responding well to chemo for leukemia (req. by Linda Kress, friend).

Comfort and Peace

- For Kris and family and friends of Monty Shultz on his passing. He was a long time Thrivent insurance representative in Tucson (req. by Glenn & Sue Weber).
- Dave Beachamp and family following the memorial service for Julie Beachamp.
- For the family and friends of George Darling who passed away (req. by Joanna Jongsma, friend).

Long Term & Military Prayer Lists are available 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, 722-9134.
Please make sure you have permission for prayers printed in the bulletin.

The Transition Prayer

Thank you for the blessings you have showered upon Desert Hope;
You accomplish through us far more than we can imagine.
During this time of pastoral transition,
help us put our complete trust in You.
Inspire the pastor you choose to serve with us;
may Your call be received with an open joyful heart.
Equip each of us for Desert Hope's next chapter;
open our hearts and minds to humbly accept Your will.
Continue transforming us as we follow Jesus daily,
inviting families of this and future generations to join us.
We pray this in Jesus' name.
Amen.

Scriptures for Next Sunday:

1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Titus 2:11-14; Matthew 16:21-28

PLEASE JOIN US

Sunday, February 21	Worship, Desert Hope, 8:30am (in-person only) Worship, Desert Hope, 10:30am (in-person & live streamed) <i>Nursery available at 10:30 only</i> <i>Sunday School resumes</i>
Monday, February 22	Prayer Team, Youth Room, 2:15pm
Tuesday, February 23	WOW Bible Study via Zoom, 9am Fellowship on the Patio, 10am Tuesday Evening Study Group via Zoom, 6pm Tuesday Knights, Hope Center, 7pm
Wednesday, February 24	Lenten Worship w/Holden Evening Prayer Service, 7pm (in-person & live streamed) <i>Confirmation and Big World will resume after Easter</i>
Thursday, February 25	Thursday Women's Bible Study via Zoom, 7pm
Friday, February 26	Friday Women's Bible Study via Zoom, 9:30am
Saturday, February 27	GriefShare, Hope Center, 1pm
Live Streaming can be accessed at: https://www.youtube.com/user/DesertHopeTucson	

Upcoming Events:

Church Doctor Report
Discover Desert Hope Classes
First Communion Class
Easter Food Baskets Delivery

Sunday, February 28, 1-4pm
Sundays, March 7 & 14, 12pm
Saturday, March 27, 9am
Monday, March 29, 9am



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WORSHIP

Sunday, 8:30AM (in-person only)

Sunday, 10:30AM (in-person & live streamed)

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

Connect with us @
deserthope.org