



Desert Hills Lutheran Church Foundation

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DHLC Foundation Hosts Luther Seminary Students

We were very pleased to host two Luther Seminary students on the last weekend in March, 2019.

Amanda Hutchinson and Seth Wynands travelled from St. Paul, Minnesota to Green Valley for a three-day visit. They both expressed delight at being able to spend some time



in the sun and to enjoy some of our milder temperatures. A meet and greet was held on Friday evening where about 40 members of the church were happy to meet Amanda and Seth and get to know them on a personal basis.



Amanda and Seth attended all five services on the weekend and introduced themselves to the congregation. Our current plan is to continue making grants for seminary students preparing to be future leaders in the church. We invite you to consider a gift of support to help the Foundation with this mission.

2019 DHLC Foundation "Haven or Heaven" Golf Tournament

The second annual "Haven or Heaven" golf tournament was held on Monday, January 28th at Haven Golf Course. We had 80 golfers participate and raised over \$7,000 for the Overson Christian Leadership Fund. A golf committee is already working on plans for the 3rd Annual tournament in 2020.



ELCA Gift Planner

The DHLC Foundation Board will be working with Lisa Higginbotham, a regional gift planner with the ELCA Foundation to assist the DHLC Foundation in enhancing the Overson Christian Leadership Fund. More information will be forthcoming.

Foundation Gifts

The DHLC Foundation provided a \$500 gift to Desert Hills Lutheran Church in support of the Pastor Martin Overson 40th ordination anniversary celebration. The Foundation also voted to give \$1,000 to DHLC to provide lunches at the Global Leadership Summit to be held in August at the church. Following a request from the Bishop of the Grand Canyon Synod, Rev. Deborah Hutterer, the Foundation provided \$1,800 to the Grand Canyon Synod to purchase books "Canoeing the Mountains" which will be given to each pastor within the Grand Canyon Synod. In addition, the Foundation gifted \$2,000 to Crossroads Lutheran Church, a mission church in San Tan Valley, AZ, for Leadership Development.

Help Desert Hills Lutheran Church Foundation While Helping Yourself

A Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA) is a simple arrangement between a donor and the Desert Hills Lutheran Church Foundation that, in exchange for a gift, a donor will receive tax advantages and fixed income for the rest of their life. One or two -life annuities are available and can provide a comforting stream of income. Additionally, the donor has the satisfaction of knowing that he or she has supported the work of the Desert Hills Lutheran Church Foundation. Rates vary, depending upon the age of the donor(s).

The Desert Hills Lutheran Church Foundation uses rates recommended by the American Council on Gift Annuities. For example, see this chart for rates at various ages:

AGE AT TIME OF GIFT		ANNUITY RATE					
70	5.6%	75	6.2%	80	7.3%	85	8.3%

EXAMPLE:

Leona is an 85-year-old widow. She and her husband raised three children in a small Arizona town. Her kids are all grown and successfully raising their own children.

After discussing a gift with her financial advisors, Leona decides that a Charitable Gift Annuity is right for her. She makes a \$25,000 cash contribution to Desert Hills Lutheran Church Foundation to establish the CGA. The arrangement calls for quarterly annuity distributions beginning immediately.

Leona will receive a charitable gift deduction on her Federal income tax of \$13,956 (if she can't use all the deduction in the year the gift is made, she can carry over any excess amount). Her quarterly payments will total \$1,950 annually, of which \$1,634 is tax free. These payments will continue for as long as Leona lives. The payout rate is 8.3 percent but with the tax advantages equals an effective rate of 11.38 percent.

When Leona passes away, the remainder of the annuity passes on to Desert Hills Lutheran Church Foundation without being subject to probate or estate tax. The payments are guaranteed by the full assets of the organization and Leona will know that her gift has made a difference in the lives of others.

Now may be a great time to support the mission of the Desert Hills Lutheran Church Foundation while at the same time, guaranteeing fixed income for life.

As always, you are encouraged to consult your financial and legal advisors whenever you consider important gifts. Feel free to contact Judy Gunson at 520 625 1151 to discuss a charitable gift annuity with Desert Hills Lutheran Church Foundation.