# Get Involved...

# Celebrate Grace Make Disciples Make a Difference



Celebrate Grace - Make Disciples - Make a Difference

# Welcome to **Desert Hills Lutheran Church**,

where we encourage you to

#### Celebrate Grace,

#### Make Disciples, and Make a Difference!

In this brochure, you will find many activities, committees, and organizations that are looking for individuals, like you, to enhance their involvement both within the church and the greater Green Valley area.

If you are looking for a way to become active, meet other members in the church community, and make a difference in your life and the lives of others, read on and get involved.

If you would like help deciding the best fit for you, contact Mary McNichols, (520) 648-1633, mcnichols@dhlc.org.

<sup>\*\*</sup>In 2020-2021, many activities, groups, and committees stopped meeting for the health and safety of its members. Please check on our DHLC calendar or call the church office to determine if the activity, group or committee you are interested in participating has commenced.\*\*

# Art and Creativity

#### Art in the Narthex

Coordinates art exhibits in the Narthex and assists with artistic enhancement of the property as requested.

Contact: Art Beth Ray, (520) 237-9311, bethrayart@gmail.com

#### **Sewing Bee**

Creates quilts for agencies serving less fortunate adults and children as well as crafts for the Fall Boutique. Meetings are weekly on Tuesdays from 8:30-11:30 am.

Contact: Mary Johnson, (520) 207-8408, tomaryj@gmail.com Kayleen LeMaster, (520) 399-0653, kayleens 85645@yahoo.com

#### **Worship Arts Committee**

Helps create church banners (no experience necessary), arrange weekly floral arrangements, and helps with special holiday decorations.

Contact: Flowers-Betty Olson, (520) 399-3822, gvolsonc@aol.com

Banners-Joe Mazur, (520) 648-1633, jmazur@dhlc.org

# **Building Community and Fellowship**

#### **Coffee Fellowship**

Gathers in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays from 7:30-11 am for fellowship, cookies, and coffee. (On hold until further notice)

Contact: Joe Mazur, (520) 648-1633, jmazur@dhlc.org

#### **Green Valley Writers' Group**

Meets every Thursday at 1 pm to share writings and gain knowledge from one another.

Contact: Duke Southard, (603) 520-9695, barduke959@gmail.com

#### **Heritage Groups**

Welcomes everyone to join them in celebration of their heritage in Fellowship Hall.

- German descendants gather the fourth Monday of each month (Nov-Apr, except Dec) at 5 pm for fun, fellowship, and food.
   Contact: Dean & Joyce Bliss, (612) 219-9212, deanjoycebliss@gmail.com
   Phil & Beth Brusius, (520) 269-6366, pbbrusius@gmail.com
- Scandinavian descendants gather on the second Tuesday of each month (Oct-Apr) at 5 pm for fun, fellowship, food, education, and service projects. Join them for a potluck supper and a program. Contact: Norma U'Ren, (850) 292-5017, yachtcouple@gmail.com

#### Nervous Noisemakers Ukulele Group

Shares their passion for ukulele music every Friday at 10 am.

Contact: George Schappach, (520) 625-0135, gschappach@cox.net Dick Gardner, (520) 207-9133, Rgar946308@aol.com

#### **Saturday Suppers**

Provides hot, delicious meals for take-out only at a suggested donation of \$5.00 each. Pick-up is available after the Saturday 3 pm service in the Fellowship Hall. Weekly menus are available on the DHLC website and are posted in the Narthex. Take-out meals are available to everyone.

Contact: Joe Mazur, (520) 648-1633, jmazur@dhlc.org

#### **Singles Fellowship**

Plans monthly activities and outings for single members and guests of DHLC. Meetings are the first Wednesday of each month at 1 pm.

Contact: Diane Clark, (520) 625-5786, blue-iis@live.com

#### **Tables for Eight**

Celebrates fellowship in small group dinners and is open to all members and friends. Groups are together for one year and meet monthly. Rotating hosts plan dinner in their homes or in a restaurant.

Contact: Joan or Tom Fava, (520) 647-9732, jtfava@cox.net

#### **Education and Growth**

#### **Bible Studies**

- **Basic Bible Class (BBC)** is a neighborhood Bible class. **Contact:** Joe Lafata, (520) 648-1633, jlafata@dhlc.org
- La Posada Bible Study meets the second Monday of each month at 10 am at La Posada and is led by Pastor Barb Rapp.

  Contact: Joe Lafata, (520) 648-1633, jlafata@dhlc.org
- **Men's Bible Study** meets Thursdays at 1 pm (Sept-June) at DHLC. **Contact:** Bob Dahm, (520) 777-7827, bobdahm59@gmail.com
- **Sermon Discussion Groups** are small group discussions based on the previous weekend's sermons and set in a relaxed setting. **Contact:** Mike Touzeau, (520) 399-9133, mtzo@cox.net
- Weekly Bible Fellowship meets on Wednesdays at 9:30 am and 5 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Contact: 9:30 am-Carol Pohl, (520) 399-3888, carolpohl@icloud.com

5 pm-Lois Leichsenring, (520) 548-6910, soazlois@yahoo.com

• **Women's Bible Study** meets the first Monday of each month at 9 am for Bible study and coffee fellowship.

Contact: Judy Gunson, (520) 625-1151, jgunson@cox.net Kermie Sandin, (520) 625-4637, runabout32@gmail.com

#### **Education Committee**

Organizes and conducts a variety of educational opportunities for the congregation.

Contact: Don Brown, (520) 625-2303, pbrown98@cox.net Beth Brusius, (520) 269-6366, pbbrusius@gmail.com

#### Library (Erickson) Committee

Updates, circulates and maintains a collection of books, multiple types of electronic media, and reference materials for the DHLC community as an educational service through both an in-house and online presence.

Contact: Sharon Krueger, (520) 495-4920, sbkrueger51@hotmail.com

#### Men's Ministry

Holds Bible studies, monthly breakfasts, book clubs, and photography gatherings.

• **Bookmen** is a men's book discussion group that meets every Wednesday at 7:45 am for fellowship, book discussion, and outreach while enjoying breakfast at Patriot Kitchen (175 South La Cañada Drive #151).

Contact: Ron Woelfel, (520) 300-6614, ronlvnv2@hotmail.com

- **Men's Breakfast** is a men's fellowship group that meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 8:30 am for breakfast and a guest speaker. **Contact:** Larry Kempton, (520) 403-8766, lrkempton@gmail.com
- Men's Coffee meets Mondays weekly (Oct-Apr) at 8:30 am, except the third Monday, when they meet at 8 am for fellowship. Contact: Larry Kempton, (520) 403-8766,

lrkempton@gmail.com

• Men's Photography meets the first Monday of each month (Sept-May) at 1 pm. The group selects a Bible-based theme each month and brings photographs that fit the theme to share with the group. The group discusses photography related topics. Those having an interest in photography are welcome to attend, enjoy the show and participate in the conversation.

Contact: Bruce Magnuson, (520) 240-0517, blmag@cox.net

#### **New Member Classes**

Acquaints prospective members with the Lutheran doctrine and culture of DHLC. Classes take place four times each year at 9:30 am and conclude with a brunch celebration and recognition during a weekend service.

Contact: DHLC Church Office, (520) 648-1633

#### **Women's Ministries**

Plans and conducts Bible studies, monthly luncheons, Fall Boutique and Café, annual retreats, other spiritual growth opportunities, and mission activities for the women of the congregation. Women's Ministries is a unit of Women of the ELCA (WELCA), Grand Canyon Synod.

Contact: Kermie Sandin, (520) 625-4637, runabout32@gmail.com Judy Gunson, (520) 625-1151, jgunson@cox.net

- **Memorial Ministry** makes and serves refreshments for after memorial services held at DHLC.
  - Contact: Jan Hubbard, (520) 250-5501, hubgv@cox.net
- Women's Board plans for luncheon speakers, mission activities and other events involving WELCA. Meetings are the first Monday of the month at 11 am.
- **Women's Luncheon** serves lunches and enjoys a program on the second Monday of the month at 11:30 am.

# Finance and Leadership

#### **Audit Committee**

Reviews the congregation's accounting and financial procedures and controls, provides advice and suggestions in establishing procedures, tests the usage and enforcement of the controls, and coordinates with outside auditors for external audits.

Contact: Brad Richards, (520) 505-8592, bjrich51@gmail.com

#### Call Committee, "The Seekers"

Selects the new Senior Pastor to be presented to the congregation for a vote of approval. This group was elected by the congregation at a special meeting.

Contact: Dave Lichtsinn, (520) 237-9599, dlichtsinn@gmail.com

#### **Congregational Council**

Governs the church with members who are elected by the congregation at the annual meeting.

Contact: Jane Brunckhorst, (520) 204-0057, jbrunckhorst@cox.net

#### **DHLC Foundation**

Serves as a means of gifting to the congregation and the community for special purposes. The foundation is a separate, not-for-profit outreach corporation of DHLC.

Contact: Robert Blachly, (913) 449-4054, blachlys@gmail.com

#### **Estate Sales**

Prepares and holds estate sales at homes for individuals within the community. A portion of the proceeds go to approved charities as directed by this group.

Contact: Ruth Huston, (520) 981-0296, rrhuston@yahoo.com Sue Berke, (763) 442-3325, msberke@msn.com Phyllis Nelson, (208) 989-6862, jrptv@aol.com

#### **Finance Committee**

Prepares and recommends an annual budget for the church, reviews contributions and revenues, expends funds as authorized, and does periodic accounting with the DHLC staff. The committee reviews and recommends financial actions to the Congregational Council.

Contact: Kenny Rupp, (520) 648-1633, administrator@dhlc.org

#### **Memorial Ministry Committee**

Receives and disburses memorial gifts given to Desert Hills Lutheran Church to honor loved ones or to benefit a particular program or project. They also follow policies and prioritize items or projects that can be appropriately funded by memorial gifts.

Contact: Karla Neumann, (520) 207-8634, kneumann4@cox.net

#### **Stewardship Committee**

Increases the awareness of our spiritual gifts and encourages members, through their time, talents, and treasures, to further the call that God has given to DHLC.

Contact: Dick Gardner, (520) 207-9133, Rgar946308@aol.com



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Name:						
Address:						
City/State/Zip:						
Preferred Phone Numb	oer:					
Email Address:						
Preferred Worship Serv	vice:	3pm	5pm	8am	9:30am	11am
Months at DHLC: Yea	ar-roun	d or	onth/D	to	Month/	Date

#### **GET INVOLVED AND FIND WHERE YOU BELONG**

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#### GET INVOLVED AND FIND WHERE YOU BELONG

Please remove this form from the booklet and complete for each member of your family, indicating the ministries/activities in which they would like to participate. Additional copies are available at the church office. Please return the completed form by mail, drop off at the church office or place in the offering boxes.

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Serenity Singers			
Summer Chancel Choir			
Voices of Miriam			

SERVE HIM WITH ALL YOUR HEART; FOR CONSIDER WHAT GREAT THINGS HE HAS DONE FOR YOU.

1 Samuel 12: 24

#### Health and Wellness

#### **Health and Wellness Committee**

Consists of volunteer health professionals and other members to foster health, healing and caring for the church community through education, well-being and illness prevention, rather than through "hands on" physical care. They are committed to promoting health and wholeness of body, mind, and spirit of our faith community, its individual members and making a difference serving those outside the congregation. Meetings are the first Thursday of each month at 9 am.

Contact: Steve Grubb, (520) 288-7027, gbsteve@live.com

- Care Ministry-Outreach to Homebound makes a difference for members in need through one or more of the following areas:
  - Flower Ministry distributes small arrangements of altar flowers to ill, bereaved, hospitalized, or those celebrating special occasions.

Contact: DHLC Church Office, (520) 648-1633

Healing Meals provides meals to individuals or families in time of need or crisis, usually on a short-term basis. This is a way to practice hospitality, express love and provide comfort in a time of grief and loss.

Contact: Lynne Beykirch, (520) 207-5005, kirski@cox.net

Prayer Shawl Ministry is a spiritual ministry that makes shawls with prayer, compassion, and love. Prayer shawls are given to those in need of comfort, warmth and peace while undergoing medical procedures, hospitalization, bereavement, or stress.

Contact: Karla Neumann, (520) 207-8634, kneumann4@cox.net

♦ **Special Occasion Cards Ministry** sends cards to members needing support, healing, and loving thoughts.

Contact: Mavis Graves, (520) 975-8735, mavgarves2013@gmail.com

Men's Health discusses current men's health issues on the third Monday of each month (Oct-May) at 8:30 am.

**Contact:** Larry Kempton, (520) 403-8766,

lrkempton@gmail.com

Parish Nurse Ministry provides consultations, education and advocacy between the faith and medical communities and is a liaison to community resources.

Contact: Joe Lafata, (520) 648-1633, jlafata@dhlc.org

Support Groups include Alcoholics Anonymous, counseling, and grief support.

Contact: Joe Lafata, (520) 648-1633, ilafata@dhlc.org

#### A Safe Harbor for Caring Hearts

Provides a safe and confidential environment for care givers to discuss their current situations and offer each other support. Meetings are the first and third Friday of each month at 1 pm.

Contact: Tony Dinardo, (661) 713-5775, tonytrs@sbcglobal.net

#### **Exercise Groups**

- **Chair Aerobics** meets Fridays at 10 am.
- Chair Yoga meets Fridays at 11 am.
- Hatha Floor Yoga meetsMondays at 11 am.
- **Stretch and Balance** meets Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 8 am.

#### **Stephen Ministry**

Provides active listening, empathy and Christian support to hurting individuals in our congregation and community. With the help of these lay caregivers and through Christ's caring, no one hurts alone.

Contact: Cyndi Lane, (520) 977-9353, shadyladyaz@yahoo.com

#### Local and Global Outreach

#### **Global Mission Team**

Works to raise awareness of world-wide missions, to respond to God's call to serve and send workers, to raise awareness of world needs, and to respond prayerfully and financially. DHLC supports five missionary families in five countries and the Young Adult in Global Mission program each year. The team annually holds Christmas in July and Alternative Christmas in December fundraisers at the church. The team also assists Lutheran Disaster Relief and ELCA Word Hunger.

Contact: Curt Jackson, (651) 343-5136, curt.maryjo@gmail.

#### **Outreach Committee**

Manages the Welcome Table, where guests are offered a gift for visiting DHLC. The committee members follow up with first- and second-time guests, thank them for their visit and offer to answer questions about DHLC's services and programs. They also welcome new members into the congregation and mail welcome cards to people who have recently moved into the area. Finally, they provide worship advertisement in the newspapers and suggestions for the outdoor sign.

Contact: Joe Lafata, (520) 648-1633, jlafata@dhlc.org

#### **Social Concerns Ministry**

Plans and implements programs of support for high-need individuals and agencies. Meetings are the second Thursday of each month at 9 am.

Contact: LaVonne Johnson, (218) 452-1854, lavonnejohnson@hotmail.com

#### **Community Partners**

<u>Community Food Bank</u> Volunteers assist with packing and sorting, gardening and farming, distributing food, cleaning, maintenance, professional and administrative work, and special events.

**Contact:** communityfoodbank.org/Volunteer-Opportunities, (520) 625-5252

<u>Crossroads Nogales Mission</u> Serves lunch and provides general assistance, supplies, and a food panty for the homeless or less fortunate in Nogales, AZ.

Contact: (520) 287-5828, crossroadsmission@qwestoffice.net

<u>Habitat for Humanity</u> Helps families build and improve places to call home. Contact: habitattucson.org, (520) 326-1217

<u>Lutheran Campus Ministry</u> Brings UofA students together for faith, community, service, travel, and fun. They provide Wednesday meals and services for spiritual growth and trustworthy friendships.

Contact: lcmuofa.org, (520) 623-7575, lcm.uofa@gmail.com

<u>Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest</u> Stabilizes people during crisis and transition, builds a foundation where people can thrive, and preserves dignity and respect for the most vulnerable, through pre-arrival housing, case management, employment support, immigration services, and mentorships. Volunteer opportunities are varied.

**Contact:** lss-sw.org, (520) 748-2300, requests-comments@lss-sw.org *Primavera Foundation* Provides pathways out of poverty through safe, affordable housing, workforce development, and neighborhood revitalization. Volunteers work in direct contact with program participants, behind the scenes, on a meal team, in community gardens, or events and special projects. **Contact:** primavera.org, (520) 308-3110

<u>Red Cross</u> Educates through health and safety training, draws and distributes blood, and assists with disaster relief. Volunteer opportunities include behind the scenes, boots on the ground, communication, instruction, and leadership. **Contact:** redcross.org, (520) 318-6740

<u>St. Andrew's Children's Clinic</u> Provides free medical treatment for disabled children of impoverished parents from Mexico, using medical and lay volunteers from both sides of the border.

Contact: standrewsclinic.org, (520) 648-3242, ed@standrewsclinic.org

**Amado, Green Valley, Sahuarita Food Bank** Confronts poverty by offering programs designed to provide fresh and nutritious food to those most at risk, including emergency food boxes, market days, backpack programs, seasonal produce, and community pantries.

Contact: sahuaritafoodbank.org, (520) 625-1375

<u>Salvation Army</u> Provides spiritual and emotional support to the community and surrounding areas. Volunteers serve as bell ringers, kitchen and clerical workers, members of the auxiliary groups and advisory organizations, and in special functions when disasters strike.

**Contact:** salvationarmytucson.org/green-valley-service-center, (520) 625-3888

<u>Valley Assistance Services</u> Provides professional case management, referrals and volunteer support to frail seniors and the disabled using Green Valley Interfaith Volunteer Corp. They also assist low income families with back-to-school, Thanksgiving, and holiday needs.

Contact: valleyassistanceservices.org, (520) 625-5966

# Planning and Handiwork

#### HandyMen Group

Assists DHLC regular attendees with small projects around their homes.

Contact: Ruben Heeszel, (520) 903-7188, rheeszel@gmail.com

#### **Long Range Planning**

Projects future needs and recommends the direction the congregation should follow, based on pertinent data gathered.

Contact: Joe Lafata, (520) 648-1633, jlafata@dhlc.org

#### **Property Committee**

Assists the Facilities Manager in evaluating vendor's work, pricing, and needs. During meetings, members assess as a group what is best for DHLC and evaluate long-term planning for DHLC.

Contact: Joe Mazur, (520) 648-1633, jmazur@dhlc.org

#### **Technology Committee**

Complements, enhances, and supports the administration and programs of DHLC through the appropriate and effective use of technology.

Contact: Tom Fava, (520) 647-9732, jtfava@cox.net

# Worship Services

#### **Music Ministries**

Performs music and accompaniment at worship services and special events.

- Celebration Singers rehearse 5:45-7:15 pm Thursdays.

  Contact: Judy Starr, (520) 300-6798, jstarr16@gmail.com
- Chancel Choir rehearses 5:45-6:45 pm Wednesdays (Oct-May). Contact: Barb Blachly, (785) 331-7166, blachlys@gmail.com
- Contemporary Band rehearses 9:30-10:30 am Sundays. Contact: Troy Justesen, (520) 262-0300, tjustesen@dhlc.org
- Country Gospel Band rehearses 1-2:30 pm Saturdays.
   Contact: Troy Justesen, (520) 262-0300, tjustesen@dhlc.org
- Flute Choir rehearses 3-4:30 pm Wednesdays. Contact: Debbi Gurocak, (734) 355-2038
- **Joy Ringers Bell Choir** rehearses 3-4 pm Thursdays (Oct-May). **Contact:** Barb Blachly, (785) 331-7166, blachlys@gmail.com
- Men's Chorus rehearses 4:30-5:30 pm Wednesdays (Oct-May).
   Contact: Kay Albrecht, (520) 307-7388, gkalbrecht40@cox.net
- Serenity Singers rehearse as needed.

  Contact: Norma Marrion, (520) 625-0094, gemers@earthlink.net
- **Summer Chancel Choir** rehearses 3:30-4:30 pm Thursdays (May-Sept).
  - Contact: Judy Starr, (520) 300-6798, jstarr@dhlc.org
- Voices of Miriam rehearses 4:30-5:30 pm Thursdays (Oct-May). Contact: Judy Starr, (520) 300-6798, jstarr@dhlc.org

#### Worship Support Team

Coordinates the efforts of the hundreds of volunteers who support worship services.

• Altar Guild manages communion supplies; sets up for communion and baptisms; cares for altar linens, paraments and candles.

Contact: Mavis Graves, (520) 975-8735, mavgarves2013@gmail.com

 Basket Collectors collect and secure contributions after each of the services.

Contact: Joe Lafata, (520) 648-1633, jlafata@dhlc.org

• **Communion Servers** assist the pastors with Holy Communion distribution during worship the first and third weekends of each month.

Contact: Joe Lafata, (520) 648-1633, jlafata@dhlc.org

- **Greeters** provide a friendly welcome to worshipers as they arrive. Greeter captains schedule greeters on a monthly basis. **Contact:** Joe Lafata, (520) 648-1633, jlafata@dhlc.org
- Scripture Readers deliver the Scriptures at weekend worship services.

Contact: Joe Lafata, (520) 648-1633, jlafata@dhlc.org

 Ushers seat worshipers, collect offerings, direct communion participants, and gather any items left in pews at the conclusion of services.

Contact: Saturday-Brad Richards, (520) 505-8592, bjrich51@gmail.com

Sunday-Paul Klueber, (520) 867-6738, klue4446@cox.net



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