

Desert Cross is a Missional Congregation

We are a body of believers sent into mission who gather in community for worship, encouragement and teaching.

Mission in Worship

During the offering at each worship service you'll notice a pilgrimage to the altar by children and adults alike. They're taking an offering to our "Hunger Jar." These offerings are given directly to ELCA World Hunger and other local food agencies. In 2009, Desert Cross has given \$27,882 to help feed the hungry of the world.



Mission in Children's Ministries

Our children learn the value of helping others from the earliest ages. Activities range from coloring and filling lunch sacks for the homeless, to making book bags for children in Mexico, to singing at a local nursing home.



Mission in Youth Ministries

The main event of the year for our youth is our annual mission trip. Our participants do not just build homes, but gain an understanding of the conditions of poverty through immersion. Over the years our youth have built a total of 19 homes. It is a transformational experience for everyone involved.



Mission in Adult Ministries

We provide opportunities on a regular basis for people to engage in mission. It can mean a trip to the store to purchase a turkey for a food basket, a morning serving pancakes to the homeless, or two weeks traveling to Romania to visit orphanages. Opportunities are available for all!



Inquirer's Class

If you have questions about Desert Cross, want to learn more about who we are and what we believe, or are interested in finding out about membership, plan on attending one of our Inquirer's Classes. For more info about this class, contact Carol at ccarmony@desertcross.org or (480) 730-8600.



MUSIC MINISTRIES

*Want to share your musical gifts with the Lord.
Here are some great opportunities in which you can:*

Contemporary Songleaders

Tempe: Sun at 9:00am and Tues at 6:30pm

This group provides musical leadership every Sunday for our contemporary services. Vocal teams participate on a rotation basis.

Youth Ensembles (Junior & Senior High)

Small ensembles, both vocal and instrumental are offered throughout the year for your students to participate in.

Ringing Praise Bell Choir

Tempe: Mondays at 7:00pm

Our bell choir leads our traditional worship regularly. Rehearsals include training, practice, and skills development. No previous bell experience is required but basic music reading ability is necessary. Open to high school age and older.

Sanctuary Choir

Tempe: Wednesdays at 7:00pm

Our Sanctuary Choir is open to people high school age and older. This choir sings at our traditional service.

Cantata Choir

Tempe: Wednesdays at 7:30pm (Advent/Lent)

Can't sing with a choir on a regular basis but want to be involved? Join us for our Christmas or Good Friday Cantata.

Instrumentalists

We frequently use a variety of instruments to support our services and our yearly choir cantatas. New musicians always welcome.

Jubilation Worship

Tempe: 3rd Sunday of each month

Jubilation Worship is designed to encourage our Desert Cross kids and families to praise and serve God together.

Job Opening: Children's Music Director

Much thanks to Michelle Reaban for her excellent music program and best wishes as she enjoys more time with her family. Please contact the church office if you are interested in becoming the new Children's Music Director.



Welcome to Desert Cross Lutheran Church

*Thank you for joining us at
Desert Cross on this Christmas Eve.*

It is wonderful to have you here! We invite you to come back, and get involved in the many activities that go on each week here at Desert Cross.

Desert Cross Tempe

8600 S. McClintock Drive
Tempe, AZ 85284

Worship Times

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 8:00, 9:30 and 10:45am
Sunday School 9:30am

Desert Cross Gilbert

SE Corner of Lindsay & Pecos
3225 S. Lindsay Road, #101
Gilbert, AZ 85296

Love the laid-back and supportive environment of Desert Cross, but live east of Tempe? Check out Desert Cross Gilbert! Filled with the same loving spirit, the Gilbert site brings to life Christ's good news each Sunday through contemporary praise music, children's participation in worship, and Sunday School. Monday through Saturday the Gilbert community lives out their faith through ChristCare small group ministries, JOY children's ministry, book groups, bible studies, and more!

Worship Times

Sunday 10:15am
Sunday School 9:00am

www.DesertCross.org
480-730-8600

YOU'RE INVITED TO DESERT CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH



At Desert Cross, kids have fun, experience Jesus' love and learn how to share it with others like never before!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Sunday School

Gilbert: Sundays at 9:00am

Tempe: Sundays at 9:30am

Kids age three through 6th grade gather weekly for fun and learning.

Joyful Noises/Parent-Tot Connections

Tempe: Tuesdays at 9:30am

Gilbert: Wednesdays at 9:30am

This is an hour parent/child class for preschoolers that explores musical concepts through play as well as a story time, snack, and craft time.

Got Joy?

Tempe: Wednesdays 4:00pm

Gilbert: Sundays twice a month

JOY (Jesus, Others, Yourself) is our after-school ministry for children ages 3 years through 6th grade. Activities include recreation, music, Bible stories, snacks, crafts and much more.

Baptismal Instruction

Forms are located in the church office. Please call Pastor Pam at the church office to set up an appointment.

Holy Communion Instruction

Tempe: Wednesdays (2/24-3/24)

Parents and children participate together in these classes to gain an understanding of this holy sacrament. Please contact Shannon Fossett at (480) 730-8600 to register for classes.

Desert Cross offers several opportunities for your students to get involved with church and hang out with their friends.



YOUTH MINISTRIES

Sunday School

Tempe: Sundays at 9:30am

An open, easy-going environment with opportunities to discuss "real-life" topics.

Wednesday Night Live!

Tempe: Wednesdays at 7:00pm

A small group format that allows time for high school youth to connect with one another, as well as grow in faith.

High School Night!

Tempe: Sundays at 7:00pm

A night of games and group discussion on "real life" topics.

Confirmation

Gilbert: Sundays at 2:00pm

Tempe: Sundays at 4:00pm

Parent/youth classes for grades 7 & 8 to assist in developing faith and knowledge within the students. We cover the Small Catechism and Bible over the two-year period.

Thursday Night Rocks!

Tempe: 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00pm

Fun and fellowship for Jr. High students.

Desert Cross offers many opportunities to build relationships and connect with people while learning about the Word of God.



ADULT MINISTRIES

ChristCare Small Group Ministry

Groups meet once a week for worship, prayer, Bible study and fellowship. Everyone is welcome! Visit our website for a schedule of groups meeting at both sites.

American Art Study—Begins Jan 3

Tempe: Sundays at 7:00pm

Come and learn more about American art. Each week begins with a short video lecture followed by a discussion.

Myths, Religions, & Belief Systems

Gilbert: Thursdays at 7:00pm

Beginning on Jan 14, we're looking at different belief systems and how those beliefs shaped the world. Join us as we explore Greek and Roman Mythologies.

Books of Faith—John—Begins Jan 17

Tempe: Sunday at 9:30 am

Join us as we explore the Gospel of John and search for meaning for our 21st century world.

Sign Chi Do

Tempe: Tuesdays at 2:00pm

A meditative class which works to combat stress through movement and prayer. Contact: Denise Viker at the church office for more details.

DC Oasis

Bible study and fellowship for adults. Child care available. Check the website for upcoming events.

SPECIAL HUNGER JAR OFFERING

Hunger Jar offerings for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day as well as Dec 26 and 27 are being given to Augusta Victoria Hospital on the Mount of Olives in East Jerusalem. Augusta Victoria has been operated by the Lutheran World Federation for over 50 years and provides services to Palestinians living on the West Bank of Israel. This is our chance to reach out in a significant way to people who have been enduring incredible suffering.