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Worship Assistants

If you'd like to help during our worship services in one of many roles please contact the following people:

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DESERT CROSS CARAVAN

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUGUST 20 & 21

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

In Isaiah the people are bid to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world, but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.



Art Corner

The following paintings were used during worship this weekend at our Tempe campus.

"Seven Sacraments: Ordination" by Nicolas Poussin

Upcoming Events

Farewell to Valerie Carlson, Desert Cross Intern

August 21 Tempe

Please join us for some food & fellowship following our 10:45am service

Trivia Night

August 27 at 6:00pm in Gilbert

Welcome our new intern, Sara Wilson

August 28 in Gilbert

September 4 in Tempe

Confirmation Begins

September 18

Picnic in Gilbert

Date: TBA

Inquirer's Class

September 30 & October 1

Want to learn more about membership at Desert Cross?



Ministry Fair & Potluck

September 11
following 10:15 and 10:45 services
Tempe Community Center

Please bring a dish, side, or dessert to share (drinks will be provided). Come for Fellowship, Food, Football & Learn about opportunities for fellowship, ministry and service at and around Desert Cross

If you would like to help with set-up, kitchen, and clean-up please contact Cid Stiefel. If you would like a table reserved for your ministry group (to highlight upcoming events, sign people up, etc.) and any supply needs please let Pam know. And in honor of NFL opening day we will be playing the game of choice on the big screen :)

Thursday Morning Coffee Group

The Thursday Morning Coffee Group is not meeting in August. See you back on September 1. We'll meet from 9am-11am in the Community Center Adult Classroom for Coffee and Conversation.

Undies Sundays

Undies Sundays has moved to August. We need all sizes from diapers to Depends and everything in between. We want people to feel "blessed" not "holey" so new undies only please. Any kind of underwear, socks, or personal underclothing is needed and appreciated. Blessings to all.



Transportation Ministry

Are you interested in helping with our transportation ministry? We are in need of some people who are available to drive folks to church and to doctor's appointments. If you are able to help with this important service Please contact Denise Viker, Parish Nurse, 480-730-8600 or dviker@desertcross.org

Special Prayers for 9/11

In preparation of the September 11 Memorial Weekend, we are collecting the names of folks for whom to pray. They could 9/11 families, military personnel and families, emergency workers, etc. If you have any names you would like to include, please write them down and deposit them in the box provided in the Tempe narthex. There are cards available next to the box. Any questions, please contact Dawn Collins at dmcollins83@cox.net or (480) 820-6128. Thanks.

Refugee Family Information

We have a Chin family (Burmese) coming on September 7. The family has four children: 1, 5, 7, and 8. We are starting a Chin community at Biltmore Apartments at 28th St. and Osborn.

We will be moving items into the apartment on September 3 meeting at church 9:00am.

Picking up household items the week of August 29 - small items may be brought at any time. Any perishable items may be brought in by September 6. There are post-it notes in narthex for the items that are needed.

We will be looking for those able to help pick up the family at the airport and transport them to their new home on September 7 as well as a prepare a meal.

If you would like to do follow-up visits and help them adjust to the US please let Pam know and what you would like to do.

30th Anniversary Celebration of Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest Refugee Resettlement Program

Friday, September 30 at 6:00pm
Scottsdale Bible Church – Towne Center Building
7601 E. Shea Boulevard, Scottsdale, AZ (park in south lot)

Please contact Pastor Pam if you are interested in attending. There are five slots available on a first come, first serve basis.

Turkey Trip

Are you still thinking about the trip to Turkey with Pastor Steve and Cherie? Information is available on the counter in the narthex...and if you have questions, don't be afraid to ask. Turkey is a stunning country to visit, and we'll be seeing sights that are of the "once in a life-time variety." The ancient ruins are incredible and you'll never read the book of Acts in quite the same way again. You will literally stand in places where the Apostle Paul stood. You'll see the house where the mother of Jesus lived after the disciple John brought her to Ephesus. You've heard of the Trojans? We'll see how their city was discovered and excavated. Check it out with Steve and Cherie. We'd love to have you along.

Feed My Starving Children

Desert Cross Night at Feed My Starving Children

Thursday, September 22 from 6-8pm

(if you would like to carpool we will meet at Tempe site at 5:30pm)

Sign-up will begin in September

If you have any questions, ask Pam

Horn of Africa

FMSC has committed to sending at least 5 Million Meals to the Horn of Africa this fall. All the packing sites have bumped up their weekly production goals & have added 2 Sunday packing sessions per month in Aug., Sept. & Oct. to help produce these meals. Our Tempe site will have an even bigger role, we have also added 5 additional packing sessions per week for the months of Sept. & Oct.! Because these meals are above & beyond our normal production & fundraising goals for this year we are also asking for a minimum donation of \$20 per volunteer for these extra sessions!

For more information on our relief efforts in Africa and to sign up for one of these special sessions please visit:

<http://www.fmsc.org/page.aspx?pid=601>

First Annual FMSC Golf Day:

Saturday, September 24

Cottonwood Country Club

Cost: \$99 per player

For more information contact Paul Hoffland at: phoffland@gmail.com

Choir for 9/11 Services

The 10th Anniversary of 9/11 falls on a Sunday this year. We have some special projects that we are working on to pay tribute to those who lost their lives in that terrible tragedy, their families, and all who were touched by this horrible time. We would love to bring our voices together in song, by putting a choir together. This choir would add their musical offerings as a part of our services that weekend in Tempe. The choir is open to high school and above.

We will have 3 rehearsals:

Wednesday, August 24 at 7pm

Sunday, August 28 at noon

Wednesday, September 7 at 7pm

If you would like to be a part of this special choir:

Please contact Jane Yost at: jyost@desertcross.org or (480) 730-8600

Adult Study

The fall Adult Study Brochure is ready. You'll find a copy in your church mailbox. If we missed your box, please pick up a copy at the Welcome Table. Below you'll find a list of our offerings. Check out the details in the brochure.

Pastor Holm's Bible Study

Thursday at 7pm

Tempe Fellowship Hall Begins September 1

We'll be starting with 1 John and reading through it verse by verse. No prior biblical knowledge is necessary. Simply bring your bibles and come. All questions are welcome. This is a good starting point for anyone interested in taking a ride on the last stage of this journey through the bible.

Around the Bible with Pastor Matt

Thursday at 7pm

Gilbert Begins September 8

Adult Sunday School

Sunday at 9am

Gilbert Begins September 11

The First Lesson

Sunday at 9:30am

Tempe Education Building Room 9 Begins September 11

Books of Faith

Sunday at 9:30am

Tempe Community Center Adult Classroom

Jonah September 11-October 2

Mighty Stories, Dangerous Rituals

Tuesday at 7pm

Tempe Education Building Room 9

September 13-November 8

Book Groups

Thursday at 3pm
Tempe Ed Building Rm. 9
Sept 15 – Oct 6

Thursday at 7pm
Tempe C.C. Adult Classroom
Sept 15 – Oct 6

Books of Faith

Sunday at 9:30am

Tempe Community Center Adult Classroom
1 & 2 Corinthians October 16-December 11

Gilbert's Fall Program Schedule

We are excited to be starting some new programs this year. Below, check out the programs that we will be adding to the schedule.

Junior High Bible Study

Tuesday from 7pm to 8:30pm (Gilbert)

Come join us for a bible study and probably some games too 😊

Bible Study with Pastor Matt

Thursday from 7pm to 8pm (Gilbert)

Topics will include Exodus and probably some world religions stuff.

Beer and Bible with Pastor Matt

Friday, once a month from 7pm to 9pm

Location TBA

Adult Sunday School

Sunday from 9am to 10am (Gilbert)

Join the preaching pastor for the week as we will look at Old Testament and New Testament readings.

If you are interested in hearing about any of these opportunities please contact Pastor Matt: mdobyns@desertcross.org

Habitat for Humanity

Building Start Date

October 22

Building Location: 453 W. 1st Ave in Mesa

Golf Tournament Fund Raiser

November 12

Tax credit forms are available from the church office at any time



Children's Ministry

Here are some of our upcoming events for our DCLC Kids and some amazing programs to get them involved in during the week as well.

Meet the Teacher

August 28 at 9:30am

Tempe & Gilbert

Sunday School

Begins September 11

Gilbert 9:00am Tempe 9:30am

Joyful Noises

Our pre-school midweek program

Children up to age 5

September 13 at 9:30am (Tempe)

September 14 at 9:30am (Gilbert)

Kindle

Elementary mid-week programming

3 year olds – Sixth grade

September 14

4:30 to 6:00pm (Tempe)

*****Please note the new start time*****

IGNITE

Children's worship arts team

Second grade and up

September 14

5:15pm to 6:00pm (Tempe)

Start with Kindle and move into IGNITE or just come for IGNITE!

Bible Presentation to Third Graders

September 25

Tempe at 9:30am service Gilbert at 10:15am service

Acolyte Training

Time and Date: TBA



Lutheran World Relief
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. LASTING PROMISE.

In late June, record flooding devastated the city of Minot, North Dakota, forcing nearly a third of the residents to evacuate and leaving more than 4,000 homes and businesses heavily damaged.

Local residents have been hard at work, but the task is too much for local volunteers alone. As Lutherans, we're experts at rolling up our sleeves when there is a need, and our sisters and brothers in Minot need our help now. The goal is to have as many flood-damaged homes gutted as possible before the first major snowfall, which could be less than three months away.

This is an all-call for volunteers from around the country. Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota has set-up a volunteer hotline, and anyone interested in helping should call 218-443-4970 to register. You can also visit www.lssnd.org to find volunteer registration forms and other important information about volunteering.

Volunteers should be 18 and older (16 and 17 year olds accepted with signed parental consent). All volunteers will need to have an updated tetanus shot and will need to wear long pants and thick-soled boots or shoes. Local congregations will be providing basic housing, if needed, but volunteers will likely need to provide their own food. Training will be done on site, and it is helpful (but not necessary) if volunteers can bring some of the following items: work gloves, goggles, N-95 grade air filter masks, hammers, brooms, buckets, pliers, and crowbars.

Anyone with questions or concerns can also call the Lutheran Disaster Response national office at 773-380-2863, or e-mail Associate Director Mike Nevergall at michael.nevergall@elca.org. And thanks in advance for your willingness to serve!

Fall Music Series

In an effort to bring additional musical experiences to the congregants of Desert Cross Lutheran Church, we will be hosting a Fall Music Series. Please join us at our 8:00am worship service to listen to beautiful music provided by accomplished musicians from around the valley.



September 4: Tetra String Quartet
September 18: Dr. Stefanie Harger- Gardner, Clarinet
October 9: Paula Provo-Martinez, Harp
October 23, Noah Dugan, Trumpet
November 6: Tracy Werner, Flute
November 20: Tetra String Quartet

Youth Mission Trip 2011

San Carlos Apache Reservation from Oct 13 – 15

Like last time we will build homes with AMOR Ministries on the San Carlos Apache Reservation. Our Director of Youth Ministries, Chad Diegle has shortened the trip to keep costs down, and to help more people participate.



Informational Meeting

Sunday, August 28 at 6pm
Tempe Campus

Cost: \$175 per person
Payment due on October 2

If you have any questions, please contact:
Chad Diegle, Director of Youth Ministries
cdiegle@desertcross.org or (480) 730-8600



Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, September 24
Tempe Community Center
5pm – 8 pm

Join us for our annual Spaghetti dinner
to support the Youth San Carlos Mission Trip