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DESERT CROSS CARAVAN

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 4 & 5

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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

In Isaiah it is the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars—it is that God who strengthens the powerless. So in Jesus' healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service (diakonia). Like Simon's mother-in-law, we are lifted up to health and diakonia. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.

ART CORNER

"Christ Healing the Mother of Simon Peter"

John Bridges (1818-1854)

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD (FEB 18 & 19)

Tempe Campus – Saturday 5pm Sunday 8am, 9:30am & 10:45am

Please note we will not be holding a 10:15am service at our Gilbert campus. Our Gilbert community will be joining our 10:45am service to help celebrate Pastor Steve's farewell.



PASTOR STEVE'S FAREWELL

"For everything there is a season..."

Sunday, February 19 at 12:15pm

Tempe Community Center

Please join us for lunch as we celebrate Pastor Steve and his "season of service" at Desert Cross



ASH WEDNESDAY

WORSHIP SERVICES

Wednesday, February 22

Tempe Campus – 5:30pm and 7:00pm

Gilbert Campus – 7:00pm

JOIN US FOR A LENTEN JOURNEY

February 29, March 7, 14, 21, & 28
Soup Supper Tempe Community Center 6:00 pm
Worship Service Tempe Sanctuary 7:00 pm

Using a simple evening prayer, music, and faith stories, we will explore spiritual practices to help us grow in our faith and break down the barriers in our lives that make it difficult for us to always follow Jesus. Our five week journey will follow Michael Foss' book Living the Six Marks of Discipleship: Real Faith for Real Life. Books can be purchased through local bookstores or online.

Please note that it is NOT necessary to read the book to understand and participate in our Lenten services, but if you would like to follow along, here is the weekly schedule:

- February 29 - Daily Prayer (Chapter 1)
- March 7 - Weekly Worship (Chapter 2)
- March 14 - Daily Bible Reading (Chapter 3)
- March 21 - Nurturing Relationships (Chapter 5)
- March 28 - Serving in and Beyond the Congregation AND Giving a Tithe and Beyond (Chapters 4 & 6)

For more information, contact Intern Sara Wilson at swilson@desertcross.org

HABITAT HOUSE DEDICATION

February 25 9:00am
For more information, contact Pastor Pam at:
pwerrell@desertcross.org

2012 CLIMB TO CONQUER CANCER OF PHOENIX AZ

South Mountain Park
February 25, 2012, 7:00am

Climb to Conquer Cancer is a unique activity held by the American Cancer Society in our western states. Participating in the Climb offers everyone in our community the opportunity to join in the fight against cancer.

Please contact Dierk Seeburg at dierk@icotext.com if you're interested in joining the Desert Cross Team

WANT TO BECOME A NEW MEMBER AT DESERT CROSS?

Please contact the church office to schedule a time to meet with Pastor Matt or Pastor Pam. The next Celebration of Membership will be Saturday, May 5th from 9am to Noon Tempe Fellowship Hall (lunch will be provided). The Celebration of Membership is a great way to get to know more about Desert Cross and one another.

FIELD TRIPS OF FAITH

Sunday, February 12th

*Meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30am for the 10:45am service in Tempe

Join us as we explore the Wonders of Worship. This month we are attending 10:45 worship. All families are invited to come on a field trip to see this service. Whether you've attended it before or are coming for the first time you will gain some new insight and worship with other families. We'll meet before to learn what makes this service different from others, and it will be followed with fellowship time over cookies.

Questions contact Shannon Fossett sfossett@desertcross.org

NO MORE ANSWERS!

The answer class will not be meeting any longer. Pastor Holm used up his limited supply in three sessions and from now on folks will be encouraged to use Wikipedia. Thank you to those who came and who listened so patiently to his meanderings. The evenings were pure delight.

ACOLYTE TRAINING

4th, 5th, and 6th graders and their parents are invited to attend Acolyte Training on Sunday, February 12th from 12:00-1:00pm in the sanctuary.

It is an honor to serve at the Lord's altar, please consider this opportunity! To register for the training or for more information, please contact Jacque Jecker at 480-759-4490 or jjecker@desertcross.org.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

If you'd like to help during one of our worship services please contact either Jacque Jecker at jjecker@desertcross.org for our Tempe services or Pastor Matt Dobyns at mdobyns@desertcross.org for our Gilbert services.

FORMS OF TRANSPORTATION NEEDED!

3rd Annual Transportation Day in Gilbert
Sunday, March 4th



This is a fun day where kids can investigate, sit in, and take pictures by all kinds of transportation. If you have a form of Transportation you would like to share or know of someone who does (motorcycle, boat, tractor, limo, etc) please contact Shannon Fossett at sfossett@desertcross.org or Matt Dobyans at mdobyans@desertcross.org



HIGH SCHOOL SUPER BOWL PARTY

Sunday, February 5
3:30pm-8:00pm
Tempe Campus Community Center

Subway will be provided. Boys need to bring a desert or snacks. girls need to bring drinks. Bring a chair/bean bag to sit in! We will be projecting the game up on the big screen in the gym! GO CARDINALS, yes I know they are not in it...

Please contact Chad Diegle, Director of Youth Ministries if you have any questions at cdiegle@desertcross.org

DRESS FOR SUCCESS

In partnership with 1st Evangelical Lutheran in Mesa we will be collecting Women's business attire and accessories for the next few weeks. (Accessories include purses, shoes, hoses and jewelry) The clothes will be given to Dress for Success a non-profit to help single women who will be entering or re-entering the workforce. All sizes are welcome and Suits/suit separates size 16/16W - 34W, Professional Handbags (Black & Brown), Shoe size 8 - 12 are in the highest demand. Please place the clothes in the .COM bin in the Tempe Narthex or Gilbert Fellowship Hall. Thanks for your support.

RETIREMENT AND ESTATE STRATEGIES WORKSHOP

February 23 Tempe 12:00-1:15 pm
Hosted by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans
For more information, contact Monique Jouglet at
Monique.jouglet@thrivent.com or
877-593-1195 ext. 207

CHRISTCARE SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

Jean O'Donnell's group has a place for you!
Please join us!
Tuesday 10am Gilbert Site Women
For more information, contact Jean O'Donnell at 480-726-8928

JR. HIGH NIGHT IN GILBERT

Tuesday 7pm Gilbert Campus
An evening of hanging out and playing games.
All Jr. High students welcome!

AROUND THE BIBLE

Thursday 7pm Gilbert Campus
We continue our journey through the Old Testament Story. Currently we are wandering in the wilderness.

BEER AND BIBLE

February 17 Chandler—Elliott Home 7:00 pm
2442 East San Tan Street Chandler, AZ 85225
Join us as we discuss one of the Parables.
Last name A-L, bring beer or wine to share.
Last name M-Z, bring an appetizer or snack to share.
For more information, contact Pastor Matt at
mdobyans@desertcross.org

**YOUTH CHOIR SINGERS
(MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL)**

Come join us as we rehearse to sing for Transfiguration Sunday
(also Pastor Steve's Retirement Celebration Sunday)

3 Rehearsal Opportunities

Wednesday, February 8 – 5:45pm
Sunday, February 12 – 11:45am
Wednesday, February 15 – 5:45pm

There's no experience necessary, we'll meet in the music office – just come to whatever times you can make it. I'm looking forward to seeing you there! We also invite our Desert Cross Gilbert students to join us for these rehearsals.

For questions contact Janet at jkateljohn@desertcross.org

TREATS FOR TROOPS

During February the .COM Ministry will again be collecting goodies for our troops still in Afghanistan. If you know of someone who would enjoy a box of treats from Desert Cross, please email Hilda Rose bhrose1@cox.net with their complete address or you can call me at 480-897-8689. The boxes will be packed and mailed the beginning of March, so please ensure that the personnel will still be there in March. Also include your relationship to this person as we include that in a note

A LIST OF SUGGESTED ITEMS will be available in the Tempe Narthex. Items can be placed in the Donation Box. Each package costs about \$12 to ship, so cash donations are also welcome and can be placed in the offering designated for "Treats for the Troops."

COLLECTING PROFESSIONAL ATTIRE FOR MEN

Donations will be provided to URBAN OUTREACH, a Tempe nonprofit who strives to help homeless people move from a state of crisis to a state of stability, in a respectful environment.

Gently Used or New Items needed:

Suits, Suit Jackets, Dress Slacks, Dress Shirts, Dress Shoes,
Ties, Belts and Dress Socks/Undergarments

WELLDERHOSTEL RETREAT

WELLDERHOSTEL Retreat coming up February 20-24 at Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center. This new retreat offers a variety of workshops, field trips, worship, fellowship and afternoon free-time for rest and relaxation. Our leaders are Dr. Dale and Annie Anderson, two health care, re-fired "characters" who set the stage for a pain-less, age-less, joy-full, fun-filled wellderly celebration in the Lord!

Starts with 6pm Dinner on Monday

Ends with Lunch on Friday

Cost: \$345 per person

Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center
7415 E. Elbow Bend Rd. PO Box 3254
Carefree, AZ 85377



To register contact: (480) 488-5218 or cyndy@spiritinthedesert.org

2012 TEMPE CANDIDATES FORUM

*A conversation with the mayoral and council
candidates for Tempe's 2012 elections*

Sunday, February 12 at 4:00pm
Tempe First United Methodist Church
215 E. University Drive

To RSVP, contact Tim McManus, VIP Organizer
(617) 875-4454 or timothy.c.mcmanus@gmail.com

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKS AND STUDY BOOKS

DEVOTIONAL BOOK

Lenten Devotional Reading is a key part of Lent at Desert Cross. This year we're offering you Water Marks. This is a devotional book offered by Luther Seminary and Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary. Each day offers a Biblical text, a devotion based on the text, and a short prayer.

We'll have copies available for pick up in February. No need to order. These will be available for all at no charge.

This is also offered via email from Luther Seminary. Go to www.luthersem.edu and sign up for God Pause.

STUDY BOOK

If you'd like to go a bit "deeper" this Lenten Season, we're offering Book of Faith Lenten Journey: Water Marks for you to order. This book offers extended versions of the daily devotion described above. It includes sections on Biblical Wisdom, Wisdom from the Tradition, Psalm Fragments, and Questions to Ponder. This book is great for individual or group study.

If you'd like to order a copy, contact Denise McClellan at dmccllellan@desertcross.org or 480-730-8600
Book Fee: \$8.00 (scholarships available)

SOUL 2 SOLE

Blog Website

For weekly posts about spirituality and wellness, check out Intern Pastor Sara's new blog at:
<http://soul2solesara.blogspot.com/>

Update on Circuit Training

We have 40 people who are praying and exercising together for the next several weeks. Please pray for them!

April 14, 2012 - Save the date!

Details coming soon on a DCLC Soul 2 Sole special event

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING EVENT

Sunday, February 12 9am – Noon Tempe Fellowship Hall

According to the American Heart Association, one out of every three Americans has high blood pressure and many are unaware. Find out your blood pressure numbers during our Blood Pressure Screening Event. Your Parish Nurse, Denise Viker, will be there to help interpret the readings.

HEALTH MINISTRIES BOOK STUDY

Sundays at 10:45am Tempe Campus
Begins February 26 (for six weeks)

Have you wondered how to help someone who is suffering? Do you worry about saying something which would only make things worse? Join us for a study of the Stephen's Ministry book: Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart. "Built on a solid biblical foundation and brimming with God's grace, Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart overflows with practical examples and specific suggestions about what to say or do. It will touch your heart, expand your thinking, and guide you to bringing Christ's loving care to people when they need it most."

We will study this material together on Sundays at 10:45am on the Tempe Campus beginning on February 26 and lasting for six weeks. We will also consider a Monday night study if there is enough interest. The cost for the book is \$15 and scholarships are available. Pre-registration is required to provide for materials. Contact Denise Viker at dviker@desertcross.org or by phone at church.

PARENTING TEENS COURSE

Begins Tuesday, February 28 7pm-8:30pm Tempe Youth Room

Parents of 11-18 year olds are welcomed to join a new 10-week course on parenting teens! This course will be led by Chad Diegle and covers material put out by ALPHA. Each class will be 1hr 30mins and will cover a different aspect of parenting teens. I am looking forward to the conversation and connections that a course like this can offer us. Whether you know what you're doing as a parent and things are going great or if you feel like you're riding on the Titanic, let's get together and learn what we can.

To register please email, Chad at cdiegle@desertcross.org