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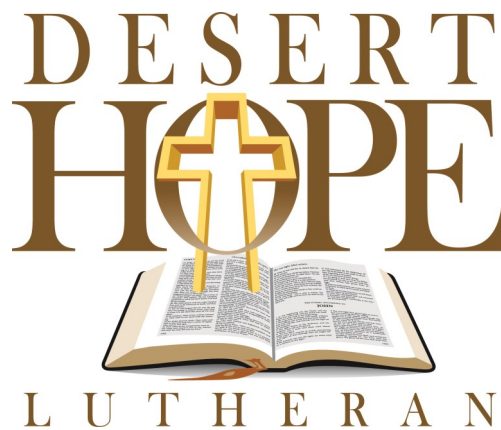
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T O G E T H E R

TODAY'S MESSAGE:  
"It Takes Two To Tango"

February 5, 2023

## HOPE NOTES



### OUR MISSION:

To Be TRANSFORMED As We Follow JESUS Daily,  
Leading Others to Do the Same

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**Sunday, February 5, 9:30am**

Prelude Vanessa League, harp

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Kent Groethe

Call to Worship Dr. Greg Silverman

Song *There's Nothing That Our God Can't Do*

Confession and Forgiveness

Song *Rock Of Ages, Cleft For Me*

Children's Message

Scripture Readings (NIV) [Deuteronomy 31:16-17, 27-29](#)  
[1 Timothy 4:1-5](#)

Gospel Reading (NIV) [Matthew 24:9-14](#)

Sermon **"It Takes Two To Tango"**  
Pastor Kent Groethe

Song *Same God*

Prayers of the People  
*Church of the Week: Grace Church of Sahuarita*

Apostles' Creed

Offertory *Avinu Sheba Shemayim* Vanessa League, harp

Holy Communion/Lord's Prayer

Song *Jesus Paid It All*

Communion Blessing

Song *Everlasting God*

Benediction  
Pastor: *Grow in Faith* Congregation: *Impact The World!*

Postlude

**Reader:** Jim Kress

**Communion Assistants:** Rob Caylor, Linda Kress & Dave Strong



## WORSHIP AT DESERT HOPE

Worship in-person is on Sunday at 9:30am.

The service will be live streamed, <https://www.youtube.com/user/DesertHopeTucson>.

Communion will be at the altar. The ushers will direct you. You will be given a wafer and an individual cup of wine or white grape juice. *Please let the ushers know if you want communion brought to your seat.*

### SERMON SERIES

Pastor Kent is continuing the sermon series, entitled *Preaching the Books of the Bible*. He will explore the key message of each one and how it applies to our lives today. Members are challenged to read the book of the Bible that Pastor Kent will be preaching on in preparation for the sermon the following Sunday.

- o February 5—Deuteronomy
- o February 12—Joshua
- o February 19—Judges and Ruth

### TEACHERS AND ASSISTANTS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School teachers and assistants are needed. We have teachers who have signed up to teach in February and need assistants as we are not able to be with children without a second adult in the room. This is for safety protocol for both the children and the adult volunteers.

Sunday School children will leave with the teachers during communion. Sunday School will be 30 minutes long.

Contact: Lisa Byl, [artlisabyl@gmail.com](mailto:artlisabyl@gmail.com).

### NURSERY AT DESERT HOPE

The Nursery at Desert Hope is now staffed by Kate Helena Barry and Leigh Nicole Barry. The Nursery will be available at 9:15am. For questions, contact Pastor Kent or the Church Office, 520-722-9134.

### 2022 GIVING STATEMENTS

We are again asking if you would print out your own Giving Statement this year. Due to postage costs, we will not be mailing statements.

#### Directions to get to your 2022 Statement:

1. Log into CCB.
2. Select **Giving** on left side of page.
3. Click on **MY GIVING** on top right hand side of page.
4. Choose **INDIVIDUAL or FAMILY**, if you'd like a statement for yourself or for your whole family.
5. Click on **Giving Statement** to the right.
6. Select **Quick Range**, then **LAST YEAR for DATE RANGE**.
7. Choose **Both Tax-Deductible and Non-Deductible Transactions**.
8. Choose if you'd like Pledge information to be included.
9. Click **RUN REPORT**.

If you have any questions or issues please call the church office at 520-722-9134.

Plan to Come and  Invite a Friend

## BIBLE READING PLAN

**Scripture** In my Bible, I read...

**Observation** This is what I noticed...

**Application** How it looks in my life...

**Prayer** My prayer regarding it...

### WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

#### Week of February 5

Sun, Feb 5	<a href="#">Isaiah 58:1-9a; Psalm 112:1-9; 1 Corinthians 2:1-12</a>
Mon, Feb 6	<a href="#">Psalm 119:105-112; 2 Kings 22:3-20; Romans 11:2-10</a>
Tue, Feb 7	<a href="#">Psalm 119:105-112; 2 Kings 23:1-8, 21-25; 2 Corinthians 4:1-12</a>
Wed, Feb 8	<a href="#">Psalm 119:105-112; Proverbs 6:6-23; John 8:12-30</a>
Thu, Feb 9	<a href="#">Psalm 119:1-8; Genesis 26:1-5; James 1:12-16</a>
Fri, Feb 10	<a href="#">Psalm 119:1-8; Leviticus 26:34-46; 1 John 2:7-17</a>
Sat, Feb 11	<a href="#">Psalm 119:1-8; Deuteronomy 30:1-9a; Matthew 15:1-9</a>

Bookmarks are available in the Narthex.



## MORNING DEVOTIONS

Join Pastor Kent Groethe for Morning Devotions, Monday through Thursday at 8:30am.

Morning devotions are available live via the Desert Hope Facebook page at

[Facebook.com/DesertHopeLutheran](https://www.facebook.com/DesertHopeLutheran).

Devotions can also be viewed at Desert Hope YouTube channel:

[https://youtube.com/playlist?](https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLQOTwQVq50w1fofJuWWKVfZM0kaJbtE5)

[list=PLQOTwQVq50w1fofJuWWKVfZM0kaJbtE5](https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLQOTwQVq50w1fofJuWWKVfZM0kaJbtE5).

## TUESDAY KNIGHTS MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Knights Men's Bible Study meets Tuesdays at 7pm, in Hope Center. The current study is on the God's Word for Today series entitled *Ephesians-The Church, God's Servant*. Participant study guides are available in the Narthex under the information monitor. All men of the congregation are welcome to attend. Jeff Dowling and Mike Noonan will co-lead this series.

Contact: Terry Bredehoft at [tbredehoft@cox.net](mailto:tbredehoft@cox.net).

## THURSDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thursday Women's Bible Study will meet at the home of Amy Martin and via Zoom on Thursday, February 9 at 12:30pm. Current study is on *Hosea: Unfailing Love Changes Everything* by Jennifer Rothschild. Participants may purchase the Bible study book through Lifeway or Amazon.

Contact: Amy Martin, 520-591-9771, for directions and information.

## FRIDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Friday Women's Bible Study meets Fridays at 9:30am, in Hope Center. The current study is *Everything is Possible with God* by Pastor Rick Warren. Books are available from Wanda at a cost of \$10 each (which includes the cost of the DVD and express shipping).

Contact: Wanda Johnson, 719-308-7722.

## SUNDAY EVENING GROUP STUDY

Join us on Sunday, February 12, 7pm, for the faith-filled study of *Unshakeable Hope* by Max Lucado at the home of Charley & Dell Hammond.

We will read and discuss the text, ask questions and reference related Bible verses for an in-depth study.

Contact Dell, 520-721-1265, for directions and information.

## MONDAY EVENING STUDY GROUP

Tuesday Evening Study Group has changed the day they will meet. They are now the **Monday Evening Study Group** meeting Monday evenings at 6pm, in Hope Center. We will review and discuss Pastor Kent's Sunday sermons. Bring your hand-outs from Sunday and join us any week.

Contact: Linda Kress, 520-721-7181.

## WOMEN OF THE WORD (WOW) BIBLE STUDY

Women of the Word (WOW) Bible Study meets on Tuesdays at 9am, in Hope Center and via Zoom. We have begun a Read the Entire Bible in 2 Years Plan. We do SOAPing with each day's readings. At meetings we share and discuss our daily journals. We are finding this study is leading us to a deeper understanding of what we are reading in the Bible. All women are welcome to join us.

Contact: Brenda McDowell, [bmcadowe@comcast.net](mailto:bmcadowe@comcast.net) or 520-444-0535.

Plan to Come and  a Friend

## CHANGES COMING TO LEADERSHIP COUNCIL IN FEBRUARY

Changes are coming to the Leadership Council in 2023. To help you better understand the reasoning behind the change requires looking back to the end of 2021 and early 2022.

During Desert Hope's history, our governance model evolved to a point where the majority of administrative responsibility and authority fell to three positions in the church: the Pastor, the Church Administrator, and the Leadership Council President. Late in 2021 we lost our Pastor and our Church Administrator, and with those losses our mission and ministries were seriously impacted. This revealed that our governance model was not serving our current or future needs.

In early 2022, the Leadership Council reached out to the LCMC National Office for help. Pastor Perry Fruhling, Coordinator for Pastoral Ministry, recommended we bring in an Intentional Interim Pastor to help us through our transition. This Pastor would have three responsibilities:

1. Help us deal with the loss of two pastors in two years.
2. Help us find and implement a better church governance model.
3. Help us identify the qualities needed in our next called pastor.

Leadership Council formed a Church Governance Team to investigate various church governance models and make recommendations on the best model for our congregation. The team, chaired by Terry Bredehoft, was made up of former leadership council presidents and officers.

Pastor Kent Groethe was hired as the Intentional Interim Pastor in August. Since that time, he has been evaluating our current governance model. In conjunction with the Leadership Council and the Governance Team, he believes the size of the present council, which at its peak had 14 members, is too large.

In alignment with our present constitution and bylaws, which requires a minimum of seven members plus the Lead Pastor and Treasurer, the Council agreed to decrease the size of the Leadership Council through natural attrition. Six council members' terms end in February. Three of those positions will not be filled. Three council members, Dan Knauss, Judy Martin and Patti Thibaut, have each agreed to serve another two-year term. They will be joined on the ballot by Terry Bredehoft. He brings his gift of administration and knowledge of the Governance Team findings to the Leadership Council. He will help facilitate Desert Hope's transition to a new governance mode. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Kent Groethe, 520-722-9134 or Jim Kress, 520-954-4133.

## INFORMATION FORUM AND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

**Sunday February 5, 10:45am**

### **Information Forum**

We encourage you to participate and ask questions at that time relating to the 2023 Leadership Council election and the 2023 Operating Budget to be voted on at the Meeting of the Congregation on Sunday, February 12, in-person or via Zoom.

**Sunday, February 12, 10:45am**

### **Annual Meeting of the Congregation**

We will convene to hold a vote for election of new members to our 2023 Leadership Council and for the 2023 Operating Budget. Watch for instructions on the voting process via Zoom.

*Please check your email/mail for Annual Report and Budget information to be presented for Congregational vote.*

## MONETARY SUPPORT

Your continued monetary support is essential to the mission we share at Desert Hope. Currently we have options for making online contributions through bill pay, Zelle or the Desert Hope website, [deserthope.org](http://deserthope.org). You can also mail contributions to: Desert Hope, 7474 E Speedway, Tucson, AZ 85710. ***Please Note: When writing a check only use a blue or black pen.***



## TOBY MAC CONCERT

Desert Hope Junior & Senior High Students and Families have an opportunity to attend

### TOBY MAC'S HITS DEEP TOUR

**Date: Tuesday, March 28**

**Place: Tucson Convention Center**

**Time: 7pm**

*We have a total of 20 tickets. \$10.00 per ticket.*

First Come, First Serve

**Deadline: Wednesday, March 1**

For more information contact Pastor Kent, 520-722-9134.



## YOUTH EVENT AT DESERT HOPE

There will be a Youth Event for junior & senior high students and their families at Desert Hope on Sunday, February 5, 4-5:30pm.

There will be games, food and growth.

Contact: Pastor Kent, 520-722-9134.



## HOLY COMMUNION:

We share communion every Sunday to provide an opportunity to receive Christ anew in this Holy Sacrament. All who trust in Jesus for eternal life are welcome to participate.

The ushers will direct you to the altar. You will be given a wafer and an individual cup of wine or white grape juice.

Please let the ushers know if you want communion brought to your seat. If you are worshipping at home, gather wine or grape juice and bread and take communion during the same time.

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

### Daily Prayer

- Please hear us as we pray at lunch time each day for spiritual renewal churchwide and wisdom for our leadership.

### Health and Healing

- Gigi Bursch who was hospitalized (req. by Pam Anderson).
- Dan Knauss for relief from back pain.
- Dave Strong for recovery from hip replacement surgery.

### Wisdom and Discernment

- For Hope Smith, Charley Hammond's sister, who has Parkinson's and mobility issues.

### Praise and Thanksgiving

- Felicia Peña for successful surgery and recovery (req. by Ray Pulsifer).

### Peace and Comfort

- For family and friends of Ellie Thompson, Kip's stepmother, who passed away (req. by Beth Thompson).

### Protection, Wisdom and Guidance

- For the leaders of our country and all world leaders.
- For the people in the countries that are facing outside aggression.
- For military and their families on alert or deployed.

### Direction and Blessing

- For the Desert Hope Leadership Council: Margo Caylor, Pastor Kent Groethe, Paula Erdos, Delna Falk, Joanna Jongsma, Dan Knauss, Jim Kress, Keith Kuehn, Judy Martin, LeeAnn Sample, Patti Thibaut, Scott Wooster.
- For the Desert Hope Communications Team: Brenda McDowell, Pastor Kent Groethe, Margo Caylor, Pastor Bill Gaube, Dr. Greg Silverman, Joy Karr, Judy Strong. Jeff Ashburn.

**Long Term & Military Prayer Lists are available at the Prayer Table or by request.  
The Prayer Team prays for all on these lists each week.**

Prayer requests can be submitted at [www.deserthope.org](http://www.deserthope.org) or by calling the church office, 520-722-9134.  
Please make sure you have permission for prayers printed in the bulletin.

**Would you like to receive a special prayer? Do you have a particular prayer request? Following the service, there will be a Prayer Team member at the front of the sanctuary on the right for you to receive one-on-one prayer for yourself or a loved one.**

### **Memorial Service**

Memorial service for Toni Schlecht will be Saturday, February 4, 11am at Desert Hope Lutheran Church.

*Reception will follow. In lieu of flowers, it is the request of the family, that donations be made to Southern Arizona Children's Advocacy Center, 2329 E Ajo Way, Tucson, AZ 85713.*

**Scriptures for Next Sunday (NIV): [Joshua 6:1-5](#); [1 Peter 5:6-11](#); [Mark 4:35-41](#)**

## PLEASE JOIN US

Sunday, Feb 5	Sunday Worship, 9:30am ( <i>in-person &amp; live streamed</i> ) Nursery, 9:15am Sunday School, Youth Room <b>Information Forum of the Congregation, 10:45am</b> <b>Youth Event at Desert Hope, 4-5:30pm</b> <b>City Psalms Community Choir, Greater Faith Church, 431 N Plumer, 7pm</b>
Monday, Feb 6	Prayer Team, Youth Room, 2:15pm Monday Evening Study Group, Hope Center, 6pm
Tuesday, Feb 7	WOW Bible Study, Hope Center and via Zoom, 9am Tuesday Knights, Hope Center, 7pm
Wednesday, Feb 8	Crafters Ministry, Serving Room, 2pm Confirmation Class, 3-4:15pm
Thursday, Feb 9	Thursday Women's Bible Study, home of Amy Martin, 12:30pm
Friday, Feb 10	Friday Women's Bible Study, Hope Center, 9:30am

Live Streaming can be accessed at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/DesertHopeTucson>

### Upcoming Events:

**Annual Meeting of the Congregation**

Sunday, February 12, 10:45am

**Ash Wednesday Worship**

Wednesday, February 22, 12 & 7pm

**Toby Mac Concert**

Tuesday, March 28, Tucson Convention Center, 7pm

### SAVE THE DATE

On Saturday, April 29, Desert Hope will host a food packing event. We will pack 45,000 meals for people in El Salvador, so we need your participation!

More information soon. Please Save the Date Now.



**KENT GROETHE, PASTOR**

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**WORSHIP**

**Sunday, 9:30AM (in-person & live streamed)**

Find resources that help you connect with God and with others at [DHLC](http://DHLC)

Connect with us @  
[deserthope.org](http://deserthope.org)