LOD News Flash

Highlights

ADOPT-A-STREET PROGRAM

Our Light of the Desert contract with the city of Phoenix requires a quarterly clean up of Cave Creek Rd. We are needing a few volunteers to help clean up trash on our section of the road. Our 1st quarterly clean up will be Saturday January 23, 2016 at 8:00 AM. With (6-8) volunteers it should only take about an hour.

Please let me know if you are available to help out.

LOD Facilities Coordinator Steve Larson Direct 480-563-5339 Cell 480-628-1391 steve@larsonproperty.com

<u>Upcoming Events & Activities</u>

Men's Bible Study - IHOP Jan 6 6:00a - Matthew Jan 6 Men's Bible Study - LOD 8:00a - The Divine Conspiracy Jan 6 Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts 3:30p Jan 6 Beyond 4:45p Jan 7 Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts 3:30p Precept Bible Study Jan 7 Acts Part II 6:45p Room 101 Jan 10 JAM 5:00p AHA 6:30p

Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday Morning
Following Worship
Resumes again on January 10th

Wednesday Early Morning Men's Study Matthew

6:00am at IHOP

Wednesday Morning Men's Study

"The Divine Conspiracy"
Dallas Willard Series
8:00am Youth Room

Thursday Evening Women's Bible Study Acts Part 2

"Jesus' Witnesses, Empowered by His Spirit" Class Begins January 7th 6:45pm Room 101

Have you seen our YouTube channel?

We have posted all the latest sermons and videos from the year. Simply, log on to 'youtube.com' and in the search bar type 'Light of the Desert Lutheran Church'. You will find our page on the top of the search results. If you've missed any of the last few weeks or anything over the summer, we've got it posted there for you. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Michael at Michael@lightofthedesert.org

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Contribution Envelopes are available to be picked up in Room 101

PLEASE do not use your 2015 envelopes in 2016 ☺

If you do not find envelopes with your name on them please take a set that is blank and fill out and turn in the form attached form.

Student Ministries

Junior High – JAM Sundays – 5:00

Senior High – AHA Sundays – 6:30

Senior High Mission Trip to the Navajo Reservation

Monday June 6th thru Saturday June 11th 2016

This trip is open to 8th grade student s moving into High School and also to High School Seniors who recently graduated. Contact Pastor Michael with questions.

Cost of the Mission Trip is \$600

\$60 deposit will be due
January 31st
Fund raising will be done in support
of this trip.

Lost Canyon Winter Retreat Feb 19, 20, 21 2016

We are headed back to Lost Canyon for a weekend retreat full of fun, worship, and cooler weather!

Cost for the weekend is \$140

We will meet at LOD at 4:30p on Friday and return to LOD on Sunday at 3p. The weekend is open to Jr. and Sr. High students and their friends.

Outreach

Change for Change January

Neighbors In Need

Serving the community north of Pinnacle Peak Road and east of 7th Street. Helping families/individuals in need of food, shelter, clothing, transportation & other needs.

You can volunteer by going to their website
NeighborsinNeedAZ.org to find out what areas that you would be interested in. By working together we are able to provide greater coordination and effectiveness in meeting needs, and have been successful in bringing new resources to our community.

January WISH LIST

FOOD BANK

Jelly

Sugar, Flour, Condiments
Peanut Butter, Sugar and Flour
Pasta Sauce, Soap and Shampoo
Refried Beans, Baked Beans
Tuna, Salmon, Chicken, Spam
Canned tomatoes, sauce and paste
Sides: Rice-A-Roni, Pasta-Roni, etc.
Diapers, sizes: Newborn, 4,5,6

Donations can be taken directly to the food bank at 6038 E. Hidden Valley Dr. Cave Creek, AZ. –

Support for the Food Bank can also be given thru Arizona Tax Credits. Check out foothillsfoodbank.com

Missions

Prayer Support

Remember to Pray for all missionaries but especially for:

VOM – Persecuted Church

Continue to pray for those who are being persecuted for their faith in Jesus Christ

Hope4Kids/Kasolo Uganda

- 1. **Pray** for the people in our village, for their health and safety and most of all that they might each grow to have a deep relationship with God.
- 2. **Pray** about going on a mission trip
- 3. **Donate** for the Village of Kasolo
- 4. Put together a Hygiene Kit
- 5. Pray about becoming a child sponsor for one of the children in our village or elsewhere in the world. Check with Patty for details.
- **7. Pray** about sponsoring a women one year educational program— upon graduation she is prepared to better support herself and her family.

Bosnia - Pastor Karmelo Kresonja & The Eikosts –

Goods - France

Will be here in March to report on all that has been happening in Grenoble since they were here last. Pray for their ministry in this university city that has a potential to reach over 60,000 students and their outreach to the neighborhoods.

Gronseths – China

Prayers for Betsy as she recovers from her surgery.

Prayers for John – Success in all of the projects after his return to China.

Scotts - Bangladesh

Prayers for the preparations for a special 40th Anniversary celebration at LAMB on January 29. Please pray even now that God might be glorified through this event. Pray For Kent as he flies back to Bangladesh this week.

Hope4Kids Mission to Namibia Plumbing Services

Joe Lord is part of our LOD family and is a plumber by trade. After speaking with the Hope4Kids staff when they last visited LOD, he felt God's sensed an opportunity and a calling, to go to Namibia, Africa to spend two weeks serving in the Lutheran Youth Hostels that Hope4Kids helps to support. The hostels are used to provide housing for needy families. They were built 75 years ago and are in extreme disrepair. There is an urgent need for plumbing restoration, showers, drains, bathrooms etc. Joe's company is allowing him to raise support in his off hours by providing plumbing services for anyone who needs it. All of the payments for the services will go towards his trip. We encourage you to support Joe's mission by utilizing his plumbing services or by a mission gift. Please call him at 425 233-4656.

Kasolo Pictures

If you have a sponsored child in the village of Kasolo and have not yet picked up your picture, they are available at Patty's desk.

LOST & Found

Jackets Sun Glasses Watch Baby Blanket

If you are missing these items check with Patty in the office. Lost and Found articles are only kept for a couple of months and are then donated to one of our charities.