

# LOD News Flash

## Highlights

**Ash Wednesday Service**  
**Feb 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm**

**Watoto Children's**  
**Choir**  
**Sunday February 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:30pm at LOD**

## Upcoming Events & Activities

- Feb 13 YMCA – Chair Yoga  
9:00am Sanctuary
- Feb 13 Covenant Bible Study  
6:45p
- Feb 14 Men's Bible Study –  
6:30am – Rustic Cafe  
“They Were Christians”
- Feb 24 Adult Study – 9:00am  
Life of Jesus
- Feb 14 Ash Wednesday Service**  
**7:00pm**
- Feb 15 YMCA – Chair Yoga  
9:00am Sanctuary
- Feb 15 Worship Team
- Feb 15 PAL Meeting 6:30pm  
Rm 101
- Feb 16 Silver Sneakers 10:00am
- Feb 18 Worship Service**  
**9:00am and 10:45am**
- Feb 19 Holiday – Office Closed**
- Feb 19 Silver Sneakers 10:00am
- Feb 20 YMCA – Chair Yoga  
9:00am Sanctuary
- Feb 21 Men's Bible Study-  
6:30am Rustic Cafe  
“They Were Christians”
- Feb 21 Adult Study – Life of  
Jesus 9:00am
- Feb 21 Silver Sneakers 10:00am
- Feb 22 – Feb 25 Agua Prieta**  
**Mission Trip**
- Feb 22 YMCA – Chair Yoga  
9:00am Sanctuary
- Feb 22 Worship Team
- Feb 22 PAL Meeting 6:30pm  
Rm 101
- Feb 23 Silver Sneakers 10:00am
- Feb 24 Blood Drive  
7:00 – 11:00am
- Feb 25 Worship Service**  
**9:00am and 10:45am**

## LOD Connections

### February Change for Change - Neighbors In Need AZ

**Change for Change Sunday is February 18<sup>th</sup>**

Neighbors In Need AZ is a growing collaborative effort among Non-Profit and/or Charitable organizations. Working together they coordinate assistance with partner agencies in the community, including: Adult Care Connections, A.W.A.R.E Parents, Desert Foothills YMCA Education Community Service, Foothills Caring Corps, Foothills Food Bank, Salvation Army, Hospice of the Valley, Scottsdale Health Care and St Vincent de Paul.

### The 2018 Walk4Water is on Saturday April 7th!

Although it's a little over two months away,  
there's lots of work to be done NOW!

There will also be a lot to do later...

Please contact us if you are interested in helping and  
we will be in touch with you!

The Walk4Water Steering Committee

Peggy and Peggy O'Rourke

Susan and Ken Howell

### Watoto Children's Choir

Be sure and mark your calendars

**Sunday February 25<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm**

The Watoto Children's Choir from Uganda will be performing here  
at Light of the Desert. You don't want to miss this!

If you would be interested in hosting one of Watoto's chaperones & kids on Sunday & Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> contact Laura Chappel at [chefchappel@msn.com](mailto:chefchappel@msn.com) or 480-861-3613.

### Spur Cross Hike

**Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**

The hiking group will be heading to Elephant Mt. in Spur Cross. We will meet at the church at 8:30. This is a long hike approximately 7.5 miles and fairly difficult.

Please let me know if you will be joining us by the 18<sup>th</sup>

at [tamraduncan2@gmail.com](mailto:tamraduncan2@gmail.com) or 480-620-4762.

Bring lots of water, a snack and wear sturdy boots.

Hope to see you Presidents Day. Tamra

# Global Connections

## Hope4Kids Mission Trips

There are many opportunities to take a short term mission trip this year with Hope4Kids.

I can tell you from personal experience – there is nothing quite like it.

Here are the planned trips for this year, for more information you can contact their office at (623) 979-5516 or email amy@h4ki.org.

### **Mission Trip Opportunities in 2018**

|             |   |
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| Uganda      | July 3-16, July 16-29, November 6-19                            |
| Philippines | October 9-18  |
| Romania     | May 8-17  |
| <b>Cuba</b> | <b>February 27-March 8</b> , August 2-11, October 23-November 1 |
| Guatemala   | August 2-9  |
| Mexico      | March 23-25, May 4-6, July 27-29, September 21-23               |

If you have sponsored a child(ren) with Hope4Kids they will have scheduled time for you to get to meet them.

**This is an opportunity that will change your life!**

Apply at [h4ki.org/trips](http://h4ki.org/trips)

### **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 sponsoring a child**
6. **Pray about sponsoring a women** - one year educational program– upon graduation she is prepared to better support herself and her family.

*We have still have children in our village signed up that need sponsors, if you might be interested let Patty know.*

Support for Hope4Kids can also be taken as Tax Credits. Check out [foothillsfoodbank.com](http://foothillsfoodbank.com)

## Pray for our Missionaries

### **VOM – Persecuted Church**

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

#### **Bangladesh - Scotts**

Praise and prayers for the leadership team at LAMB including Lai Keng in her role as finance director. Ask for wisdom, stamina, endurance, and everything needful to meet the challenges each day brings. Prayers for God's provision for the Scott's and for the endeavors of his team.

#### **Bosnia –**

##### **Pastor Karmelo Kresonja**

Please join with us in the following prayers:

God's will in finding the right space to buy for church space and provision.

God's wisdom in reaching this generation in Bosnia and Herzegovina as many young people are leaving the country.

Distribution of Samaritan's Purse shoeboxes and puppet shows.

Wisdom in working with a group of young people from a Charismatic Catholic group from a neighboring town coming to our Sunday services.

English classes and other regular activities of the church

#### **France - Goods**

Pray for their ministry in this University City that has a potential to reach over 60,000 students and their outreach to the neighborhoods.

#### **Lebanon – Liss'**

Prayers for safety as they continue to minister in this volatile area.

Praise for safe travel and for Kyrie's return to health.

#### **The Eikosts**

The three locations we focused on are in north-central Bosnia, near the Croatian border. There are no established churches or outreach ministries in these towns. We are asking the Lord to open doors for ministry and future church planting opportunities.

We were deeply impressed with the need for healing, cleansing and freedom from addiction.

Prayers for Danny and Erin Garrido a young couple in the U.S. preparing for overseas service.

Prayers for praise and continued direction in our ministries and God's provision financially and spiritually.

### **The Opaceks**

- Pray for our little flock in Vares (they are not regular, especially two, though they consider themselves a part of the church) for growth and spiritual understanding.
- Pray for open people and people who are already touched by the God who will receive Word and respond to it.
- Pray for people who are witnesses and we testified that they may be saved
- Pray for to go to prayer walks to other cities
- Pray for wise communication with people in villages and in Vares
- Pray for the future camp Emanuel

**Thank you for your prayers!**

### **Pastor Sasa**

We, as EC Sarajevo, are proud to have been able to promote education in our church the past decade through our scholarship program, maintained through the profits by our second hand shops. We are aware of the "brain drain" phenomena and that many young people are leaving the country to make a better life for themselves. We as the church have seen our scholarship program as a way to encourage youth to invest in their education, as we know that education is the only way that our country will prosper.

Unfortunately, the second hand shops are struggling financially and are not able to make the profits they once had. Therefore, we are exploring other ways to finance our scholarship fund. Join us in praying for God to meet our needs in this area.

## **Community Connections**

### **Mars Hill Speech and Debate**

**Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**

**16401 North 43rd Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85053**

**Tournament is located at Northwest Christian School**

Volunteers are needed to invest a few hours of time judging student speakers and providing feedback on their performance. I volunteered for this last year and it was a blast. They need a lot of community judges and want them from all walks of life. You don't have to be an expert and they train you. I had never judged before and felt blessed to see how eloquent, intelligent and creative our young people are. And I learned things about real issues! You'll be judging homeschooled students and content can include Christian topics. (If you need any more enticement, the foods in the judges' lounge were amazing!)

If you have any questions, please contact Carol Powell at (480)595-1708 or [psuqt63@yahoo.com](mailto:psuqt63@yahoo.com).

Register at <https://camelbackclassic2018.homeschooldebate.net/>

and click on Community and Parent Judge Registration at the top of the page..

### **Volunteer for the Foothills Caring Corps**

Put your Faith in Action! Your talents can be put to good use as a

Drivers Needed! Do you want to make a difference in the life of a senior or adult with a disabling condition who is unable to drive? Would you like to volunteer on a van trip to the theater or shopping with a group of fun and lively adults? What about delivering a nutritious lunch time meal to a senior who needs help with preparing food? Or a scheduled trip to the doctor in your own car? You can make a difference - please join us! Visit our website for information on volunteering at: [www.foothillscaringcorps.com](http://www.foothillscaringcorps.com). Or call us at 480-488-1105.

### **Foothills Food Bank**

#### **February Wish List**

**\*Pasta Sauce, Jelly, Soups – Cream, Chunky, Condensed\***

Chili, Peanut Butter, Tuna, Juice

Toiletries – Razors, Shampoo, Conditioner,

Deodorant for Male/Female, Bars of Soap

Diapers – Size- 4, 5, 6

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

*Support for the Food Bank can also be given thru Arizona Tax Credits. Check out [foothillsfoodbank.com](http://foothillsfoodbank.com)*

#### **Kiwanis Market Place**

The Marketplace is a great option for giveaways. You can drop off items Tuesday to Saturday, 9 to 4 or call them for pick-up, 480-488-8400

#### **Celebrate Recovery**

Helps Adults with: Chemical Dependency, Alcohol, Gambling, Anger, Sex Addiction, Codependency and Eating disorders & Abuse.

Tuesday at 7:00p

Carefree Highway Community Church

5025 East Carefree Highway, Cave Creek AZ 85331

**Desert Foothills Al-Anon**

For loved ones affected by another's drinking or substance abuse. Tuesday at 7:00p  
Christ the Lord Lutheran Church 9205 E Cave Creek Rd, Carefree

**Faith Based Grief Support Group**

This faith based support group is open, co-ed, non-denominational. Facilitated by Dr. Pat Moseley Nichols, Psychologist  
Thursday at 4:00p, no charge. Desert Hills Presbyterian Church, in the Lounge of the Fellowship Center.  
34605 N. Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85262

**P.A.L. – Parents of Addicted Loved Ones**

Support for parents of loved ones who struggle with addiction  
Thursday at 6:30p Light of the Desert Lutheran Church 33175 N Cave Creek Rd. Cave Creek AZ 85331