

LOD News Flash

Highlights

**Two Services Begin
9:00 & 10:45am
September 9th**

**GLS Conference
August 9th & 10th**

Upcoming Events

- Aug 8 Men's Bible Study – 6:30a
Rustic Café - Proverbs
- Aug 9 **GLS Conference**
- Aug 9 PAL 6:30pm YR
- Aug 10 **GLS Conference**
- Aug 12 **Worship Service 9:30am**
- Aug 13 Silver Sneakers 10:00am
- Aug 14 Chair Yoga 9:00am
- Aug 15 Men's Bible Study – 6:30a
Rustic Café - Proverbs
- Aug 15 Silver Sneakers 10:00am
- Aug 16 Chair Yoga 9:00am
- Aug 16 PAL 6:30pm Rm 101
- Aug 17 Silver Sneakers 10:00am
- Aug 19 **Worship Service 9:30am**
- Aug 20 Silver Sneakers 10:00am
- Aug 21 Chair Yoga 9:00am
- Aug 22 Men's Bible Study – 6:30a
Rustic Café - Proverbs
- Aug 22 Silver Sneakers 10:00am
- Aug 23 Chair Yoga 9:00am
- Aug 23 PAL 6:30pm Rm 101
- Aug 24 Silver Sneakers 10:00am
- Aug 26 **Worship Service 9:30am**
- Aug 27 Silver Sneakers 10:00am
- Aug 28 Chair Yoga 9:00am
- Aug 29 Men's Bible Study – 6:30a
Rustic Café - Proverbs
- Aug 29 Silver Sneakers 10:00am
- Aug 30 Chair Yoga 9:00am
- Aug 30 PAL 6:30pm Rm 101
- Aug 31 Silver Sneakers 10:00am
- Sept 2 **Worship Service 9:30am**
- Sept 3 **Labor Day –
Office Closed**
- Sept 3 Silver Sneakers 10:00am
- Sept 4 Chair Yoga 9:00am
- Sept 5 Men's Bible Study – 6:30a
Rustic Café - Proverbs
- Sept 5 Silver Sneakers 10:00am
- Sept 6 Chair Yoga 9:00am
- Sept 6 PAL 6:30pm Rm 101
- Sept 7 Silver Sneakers 10:00am
- Sept 9 **Worship Service
9:00 & 10:45am**

LOD Connections

Global Leadership Summit - At Light of the Desert

August 9-10th, 2018

Topics include: Identifying personal attributes critical for success;
Thriving in the face of adversity; Creating an innovative culture;
Jesus' Grand Vision for the world and many more.

It isn't often that you have the opportunity to hear from so many Christian leaders,
leaders in the market place and leaders from academia in two days.

Definitely two days' worth setting aside on your calendars.

For more information, talk to Pastor Paul, Sarah or Patty.

We have a very reduced price because we are hosting.

Make your reservation today.

We are also looking for volunteers to help us host this event. If you can help out there is a sign up sheet on the LOD Connections Table or email patty@lightofthedesert.org or sarah@lightofthedesert.org. Thank you so much!

Change for Change in August

Operation Christmas Child – Shoebox Ministry

Sunday August 12th is Change for Change Sunday

The Amazing Journey of a Shoebox Gift Begins with You and Results in Evangelism, Discipleship, and Multiplication.

Our change for change offerings will be used to supplement the items we collect through the year in order to pack over a thousand shoeboxes in November!

These small shoeboxes make a huge difference in the lives of those who receive them. After receiving a shoebox gift, children have the opportunity to enroll in The Greatest Journey, a dynamic, 12-lesson Bible student course guiding them through what it means to faithfully follow Christ, providing a child with Bible study materials, a New Testament, and a graduation certificate.

“Note”: We hope to fill over 1,600 boxes this year for children aged 2-14.
We are most grateful for your support!

Tuesday Evening Women's Bible Study

Begins September 11th

Come and join us at 6:30om

A Woman's Heart: God's Dwelling Place

Explore the fascinating account of the building of the Old Testament tabernacle, the significance of its intricate design, and its pivotal role in God's eternal plan, the grand fulfillment of its purpose by Jesus Christ, and its variety of meanings for your walk with God today.

Through the tabernacle God initiated a deeper relationship with His Chosen People by bringing reconciliation and revealing His glory.

This Old Testament event so richly prefigures the coming of the true Tabernacle, Jesus Christ.

In this Bible study you will be challenged to prepare your heart to become a home for His love and glory — a dwelling place for the Most High God.

Contact Patty Robinson for more information or to register. Cost for workbook is \$20.00
Scholarships are available.

Wednesday Bible Study- Colossians

Begins September 19th

Come and join us from 9 – 10:15am and study Colossians. Pastor Paul will be leading this 9 week class. Colossians helps us understand Jesus. What we think about Jesus really matters. If we think less of Jesus than he really is, then our faith suffers. It influences our worship life, our daily life, and our natural tendency to compromise and miss out on what Jesus wants for us and for the world. But if we grow in our understanding of him, then our relationship and love for him grows... which leads us to love others more fully. Please RSVP to Pastor Paul, Patty, or the office.

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

Mexico **September 21-23**

Philippines October 9-18

Uganda November 6-19

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

Kasolo Village Update

Construction on the Pastor's home and medical clinic in Kasolo is moving right along. God continues to bless.



God is good – All the time!

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. Thank God for the healthy medical check ups of our sponsored children.
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.

Pray for our Missionaries

Bosnia –

Pastor Karmelo Kresonja

Please join with us in the following prayers:

Pray for a group of young people coming from a Charismatic Catholic group from a neighboring town. Pray for wisdom to help them grow in faith, discipleship, and baptism.

Pray for the regular activities of the church especially where non-believers come: English classes, fitness, knitting group, mother's prayer group, book club, kid's club...

Pray for the formation of new home group where believers can grow and seekers can find out more about the Bible and faith in God

After almost 20 years of waiting for a building permit to build a church building, and after seven years of moving from place to place without a space of our own, we have a unique opportunity to buy a building that's almost move-in ready.

We need about \$50,000 to help us buy this property, pay all the taxes and fees, and do some minor renovations that will allow us to move in. Please pray for God's will and provision for the acquisition of this space. We would like to move in by June of this year.

VOM – Persecuted Church

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

Bangladesh - Scotts

Pray for wisdom as you remember Kyle and Lois Scott and the leadership team at LAMB. Pray also for needed staff at the hospital and school. With LAMB's good reputation for training and experience, many of their staff are recruited for other jobs, which is a blessing to other parts of Bangladesh but means there are always needs at LAMB, and some of them are urgent!

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 June 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 Saša

1. Praise for all the good things God has been doing: the Reformation 500 Year Event, Operation Christmas Child and youth work. Prayer for God to continue to work in the lives of those touched by these different events and projects.
2. After a break in January, we are starting with home groups again after a two week seminar on spiritual gifts. Currently we have four home groups going in our church. We ask for your prayers that God would strengthen and deepen our home group ministry as we know that this is a primary place where discipleship happens!
3. Annual Church Assembly Meeting: On February 24, we will have our annual church business meeting. Please pray that God would guide us all as church members in wisdom and grace as we seek to lead this church together. We ask for your prayers for our church leadership that we would facilitate the meeting well.
4. Ithus- Second Hand Shop: We continue to seek the Lord's guidance for our second hand shop. We have currently let one of our employees go and are in the process of shutting down one of the shops in the Dobrinja neighborhood. This will leave our Ilidža shop and we are praying to see what our next step is. We ask for your prayers for wisdom on how to go forward. Please also pray for our worker that we had to let go.
5. Planning for Camps. We are starting to plan for our summer camps that we organize for our denomination Evangelical Church of Bosnia-Herzegovina. We ask for your prayers for our camp planning team and for the Spirit's guidance as we prepare camp program and other logistics.

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.

Community Connections

The ECS (Education & Community Services)

The ECS is looking for adults, 18 years of age (graduates of high school) and older to fill positions as aides in their Before and After Care Program. The positions are full time, offer benefits and eligibility for state retirement. The schedule is split into an early morning and late afternoon block of time, approximately 6:30 or 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and then from 2:30-6:00 p.m. The jobs are posted on the www.ccusd93.org job listing. For specific job responsibilities, please contact Heather Turner at hturner@ccusd93.org or 480-575-2440.

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. Or call us at 480-488-1105.

Foothills Food Bank

August Wish List

Peanut Butter, Jelly

Canned Pasta, Pasta Sauce

Sugar

Cream Soups

Potato sides & Pasta Sides

Canned Tuna, Chicken, Spam

Juice

Toiletries – Male & Female Deodorant, Feminine Products

Shampoo & Conditioner, Razors, Lotion 12 ounce size

Diapers – All Sizes – we are currently out of Size 3

Help is needed to fill in for those on vacation - PLEASE CALL (480) 488-1145

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

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