

LOD News Flash

Highlights

Sunday Dec 24th
Services

Worship Service 9:00am
No Service at 10:45am
Candlelight Services
4:30pm & 7:00pm

Christmas Cookies
for Christmas Eve
Bring in any time after the 17th

Upcoming Events & Activities

Dec 13 Men's Bible Study –
Rustic Café - 6:30am
II Timothy / Titus

Dec 14 PAL Meeting 6:30pm
Rm 101

Dec 14 Worship Team 6:30pm

Dec 15 Ashmore Rm 101 6:30am

Dec 17 Worship Service
9:00am
Children's Christmas
Program 10:45am

Dec 17 No Youth Meeting

Dec 20 Men's Bible Study –
Rustic Café - 6:30am
II Timothy / Titus

Dec 21 PAL Meeting 6:30pm
Rm 101

Dec 21 Worship Team 6:30pm

Dec 24 Worship Service
9:00am
No Service
10:45am
Candlelight Services
4:30pm & 7:00pm

Dec 25 Christmas Holiday
Office Closed

Dec 26 Christmas Holiday
Office Closed

Dec 27 Men's Bible Study –
Rustic Café - 6:30am
II Timothy / Titus

Dec 28 PAL Meeting 6:30pm
Rm 101

Dec 28 Worship Team 6:30pm

Dec 31 Worship Service
9:00am & 10:45am

Jan 1 New Year's Holiday –
Office Closed

LOD Connections

Gift Giving Opportunities 2017
Designated Change for Change in December
Change for Change Sunday is December 10th

LOD Congregational Needs Fund

Funds are used to assist the members of Light of the Desert

Neighborhood Ministries

There are two ways to support the ministry at this time.

1. Cash donations can be designated with your offering.
2. Provide items for Neighborhood Ministries Christmas Store. Items are provided for the families to "purchase" by earning credit for various activities at the center. This way they have the joy of obtaining Christmas gifts for their families.

Items: Toys, balls, electronics, stuffed animals, household items, clothing, toiletries.
Gifts should be brought to the office unwrapped by Friday, December 15th.

Giving Opportunity Kasolo Project

We are very excited to be partnering with Hope 4 Kids International in the support of the village of Kasolo in Uganda. The plan is to provide a Pastor's home by the church and a medical center. Our goal is to raise \$23,200.00 by April 1st.

Objective #1 – Pastor's Home = \$7,400.00

Objective #2 – Medical Center in Kasolo = \$15,800.00

Praise be to God we are approximately 80% funded...

It is truly a blessing to bless others!

2018 Giving Envelopes

Envelopes are available for anyone requesting them. **If you would like to receive them simply email patty@lightofthedesert.org.** Since many of you have chosen to give your offerings through electronic means and or give monthly or quarterly we do not automatically designate envelopes for each family.

Use Your State of Arizona Tax Credits to Benefit our Mission Partners

Your contribution to the following ministry partners allows you to receive a dollar for dollar credit (\$800 for a married couple, \$400 for single taxpayers) against any income tax calculated on your Arizona Income Tax Return (Form 140AX) Unused credits can be carried forward to subsequent years. Foothills Food Bank, Neighborhood Ministries, Maggie's Place, Streetlight Ministries (eligible for an additional \$500/\$1000 credit)

Global Connections

Hope 4 Kids Christmas Catalogue

Look for it on the Global Connections Table

Or access it at h4ki.org/christmasgiving

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

Uganda	July 3-16, July 16-29, November 6-19
Philippines	February 6-15, October 9-18
Romania	May 8-17
Cuba	February 27-March 8, 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

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

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

2018 Cave Creek Art, Craft and Home Show Cave Creek, AZ

January 5 - January 7, 2018 Fri-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm

Frontier Town - 6245 E. Cave Creek Rd, Cave Creek, AZ 85327

There will be a wide variety of vendors showcasing and selling original, one-of-a-kind works of fine art, pottery, paintings, photography, sculpture, glass, wood items, jewelry, clothes, handmade and hand decorated crafts. You may find few selected vendors selling imports or products of direct sales companies. **Be sure and look for T.L.C. - Stitches by Doreen, presented by our own Doreen Mouer.**

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

December Wish List

Soups – Chicken Noodle, Chili, etc.

Peanut Butter, Jelly, Tuna, Juice, Sugar, Rice, Pasta sauce, Rice a Roni, Hamburger Helper, Potatoes – fresh or canned

Toiletries – Razors, Feminine Products, Standard Size Shampoo, 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

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