

Children's Ministry

Planting Faith,
Growing Faith



Happy New Year! I hope your family had a wonderful Christmas full of Joy and that 2019 is a year full of fun and blessings!

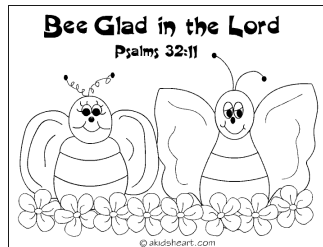
Both sites did an amazing job on their Christmas Program/Advent Celebration! We are so proud of them! Thanks again to the families for sharing your precious kids with us, all our amazing teachers, and those extra people who helped make the events possible.

Check the list of dates on the right for all the important dates and times this month.



Family and Faith:

Good-bye 2018...hello new year! How will this year be different for your family? What will this year bring? What new memories will you create? As we read in the book of Ecclesiastes, there is a time for everything. Yet the thing most of us wish for is more "time." God gives us 24 hours to live each day to the fullest. How will you use your time this year?



Talk about your family goals for this year and how we can "Bee what God Wants us to Bee"!

Stories of JOY



Have you signed up to receive the "Stories of Joy" blog?

Go to the website <https://storiesofjoy.org/> and click the FOLLOW button in the lower right hand corner. Then share with your friends. We can all us a little more JOY in our life!

**Desert Cross
Lutheran Church
2019**

Important dates:

- ☺ Jan 2nd: No Joyful Noises
- ☺ Jan 6th: No Education
- ☺ Jan 9th: Joyful Noises Resumes
- ☺ Jan 13th: WEtogether Education resumes
- ☺ Jan 13th: Kids Connect meets 1:00-2:30 in Tempe
- ☺ Jan 21st: National Hugging Day! Give someone a hug and make their day... and remember that God loves you very much!
- ☺ Jan 23rd: Family Night in TEMPE at 5:30pm

Upcoming Dates:

- * *March 3rd: Transportation Day in Gilbert

WEtogether
Worship • Learn • Serve

If you are not already involved in programming...you are invited! Join us on Sundays for WEtogether Worship and Education, Family Nights, Joyful Noises, kids choirs, and Kids Connect!



Just a reminder that we offer Education for ALL! We have a Littlest Lutherans class for parents with little ones under the age of 3. Elementary, Jr. High, and High schoolers gather by age groups. And we also have an adult forum. We gather for Education following the 9:30 worship in Tempe and after Fellowship at 10:15 in Gilbert.

For more information on any children's ministry programs, check the bulletin boards in the Community Center and Ed. Buildings or contact
Shannon Fossett at sfossett@desertcross.org or
Kristen Roehling at kroehling@desertcross.org

Our Service Sunday will be March 3rd. Come join us in Gilbert for Transportation Day where we can thank those that serve us daily...like firemen, police, and garbage truck drivers!

YOU ARE INVITED...



January 13th
1:00-2:30
Tempe Ed Building

It's a new year...grab your friends and come have fun at Kids Connect! We will have an event once a month for all ages (kindergarten-5th grade) to come enjoy together!

Kindergartners through 5th graders join us for some fun! Bring a friend!

Questions or interested: contact Kristen Roehling at kroehling@desertcross.org

Family Night
Wednesday, January 23rd
5:30-7:00pm
TEMPE

Fun for the whole family! This month we will meet in Tempe for a night called "Art from the Heart."



Bring your whole family and get ready for some hands-on, creative fun! We'll try out "praying in color" and then each family will work together to create a canvas that they get to take home!

Mark your calendars and join the fun!

Nursery is offered for ages 2 and under and youth are invited to help. (Jr. High night is right after!)

Please **RSVP** so we can plan for dinner and supplies.

Shannon:
sfossett@desertcross.org

Bring your flock to the fun!



Parent/Tot

Come join us for 60 minutes of fun with your little one. This interactive parent/tot class includes music, snack, story, games, crafts, play time, fellowship, and... *it's free!*

Resumes January 9th

*Wednesdays at 9:00 in Gilbert in suite 103

Transportation Day in Gilbert



Our 10th Annual event is scheduled for March 3rd. This is a fun day where kids can investigate, sit in, and take pictures by all kinds of transportation. So, save the date and keep an eye out for more information coming soon!

**If you have a form of transportation you would like to share or know of someone who does (motorcycle, boat, tractor, limo, horse, RV, etc) please contact Shannon Fossett at sfossett@desertcross.org

Sunday, March 3rd in Gilbert

