



Children's Ministry

Planting Faith,
Growing Faith



We've made it to December 2020! I hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving and that you are ready for this joyous season of Advent!



I put together Advent bags for families. Thank you to those that were able to pick them up! I have a few left if anyone would still like one, just email me. Inside you will find an Advent calendar and a few surprises to help you complete some of the simple, fun activities! **You can also access the Advent calendar on our Joy playlist this month.

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Thank you to those that joined our Advent Kick off zoom event on Sunday the 29th! It was so great to SEE your faces! I had fun getting to catch up a little, share a story, listen to a song from our Hope playlist and more!

The Angel Tree is a little different this year. We are asking for \$25 gift cards to Target or Walmart.

Angel Tree in Tempe for Kyrene Resource Center and the Hategeka Family. Deadline for donations is Sunday, December 20, 2020

There are 121 children to provide gifts for this year. We are asking for gift cards in the amount of \$25 to either Target or Walmart.

Gift cards can be donated by:

Mailing or dropping gift cards at the church office.

Purchasing a gift card online and sending it to Desert Cross.

Selecting "Angel Tree" in the online giving platform and donating in increments of \$25 for gift cards to be purchased.

Angel Tree in Gilbert for Concordia Charter School.

Deadline for donating through online giving is Sunday, December 13.

We are asking for donations of gift cards (in any amount) to Target and Walmart in order to purchase sweatshirts for the kids at Concordia Charter School.

Gift cards can be donated by:

Mailing cards to Sue Kyle or Deb Gabrielson

Drop them off at the Gilbert campus on Mondays, December 7 & 14 or Wednesday, December 16 between 3:30pm and 6pm.

Selecting "Sweatshirts for Concordia Charter School" in the online giving platform.

Christmas Treasure

Dear Lord,

As we delight in this Holiday
With it's bright and special pleasure,
We pray to remember all year round
That You are the only treasure
In Jesus name we pray, Amen

- Joanna Fuchs



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Important dates:

- ☺ Nov. 29th—Advent begins
 - ☺ Dec 2nd Advent mid week services begin. You can access these worship videos on our YouTube page.
 - ☺ Dec 6: Kids Connect meets over zoom at 1:00
 - ☺ Dec 20: Kids Connect meets over zoom at 1:00 The Christmas party is always a fun one to join! All are welcome!
 - ☺ December 23rd and 30th, Shenanigan's with Ms. Shannon will NOT meet
- Available all month:
- ☺ Children's Messages are available every Sunday on our YouTube channel. Tune in!
 - ☺ Playlists are available on our faith formation website. Choose your own faith adventure and explore this month's theme on JOY!

Family and Faith:



Sunday School is still not meeting at this time. Please take advantage of all the offerings on our Playlists. These can be found on our Faith Formation website. Decembers theme is JOY! You can sign up to follow the website and get notifications of new posts in your email. Look for the sign-up at

the bottom of the home page.
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We'll also post a link to the Playlists on our church website.

Visit the Desert Cross website at www.desertcross.org for more info!

Children's message videos are available for you to watch at your convenience on our YouTube channel. Gather your family and tune in each week!

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCODC1L6ufs5_b7nUOU9ocHw



Sunday December 6th and 20th
1:00
We meet on zoom!

Kids Connect is meeting virtually over zoom. We love getting to connect and see your faces. Kids ages Kindergarten-6th grade can join and feel free to invite a friend!

Kristen will check in with everyone and have a fun activity you can all do together from your own home over zoom. You will log into the "meeting" using this link through zoom. (If you are not familiar with zoom and want some help with it, you can email Kristen at kroehling@desertcross.org.

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/98501378940?pwd=UGY2YWE5OTR3eWQvTWVUTQzN0JSZz09>
Meeting ID: 985 0137 8940
Password: 5jBnJY



Serve as a Family in Virtual Worship!

Our Desert Cross kids and families are welcomed and encouraged to participate in our on-line worship services.

Are you musically talented and interested in helping with the music piece of virtual worship from your home? We also need readers if you are willing to record yourself doing a reading from home. Kids and youth you can get involved in children's messages as well. Contact Shannon Fossett if you would like to participate!

sfossett@desertcross.org



Virtual Advent Services are being offered each Wednesday. Check out the DCLC YouTube page to find the videos!

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCODC1L6ufs5_b7nUOU9ocHw

Ms. Shannon is offering a weekly story time over zoom. I'll read a story then we can talk about it, connect it to faith and we'll do a fun activity with it. This is for all little ones who are not engaged in on-line or in person school during this time (babies with parents on up through school age! Grandparents are welcome too.) We will meet Wednesday mornings at 9:00am. If you are not familiar with zoom and need help setting it up, feel free to contact Shannon at sfossett@desertcross.org.

**Please note that we will not meet December 23rd and the 30th due to Winter Break!

Shannon Fossett is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

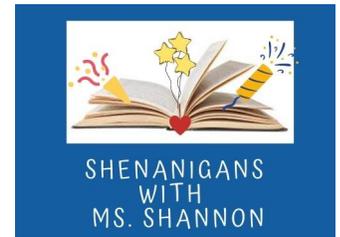
Topic: Shenanigans with Ms. Shannon

Time: This is a recurring meeting Wednesdays at 9:00am

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71324572813?pwd=VE9QOHRmdE8wNVZraFRiODNrZzdnQT09>

Meeting ID: 713 2457 2813 Passcode: 3vr9sD



There are so many things that are different during this pandemic. Usually this time of year we would gather for our Christmas Caroling at Care Centers and s'mores event. My boys and I look forward to this event. It warms our hearts to bring some joy to the residents. I know they still need joy! One of the Advent Calendar activities asks you to write a Christmas card to someone. Maybe your family will decide to deliver it to a care center! ♥



I'm wishing you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a New Year full of blessings!



Love, Ms. Shannon