

Time to change the calendar to a new month again. November always brings to mind all that I am thankful for. It's a time we can really focus on our blessings. I am so thankful for the amazing families here at Desert Cross. You are all huge blessings! I am thankful for friends, family, and co-workers, and the DCLC community. And so much more!

Faith Formation Website:

Have you explored our Faith Formation website? We created this to help families explore faith from home or on the go. "Follow" the website to get updates and great resources!

<https://dclcfathformation.org/>

Currently under the "children's" page is an article from Focus on the Family about Nurturing Gratitude in our children. It has practical ideas on how we can nurture this important trait in our homes, so we can take it out into the world. This month there will be an article with 15 of God's promises that we can teach our kids.

The theme for the playlist this month is "Promise." Check out the children's and adult playlists.

*No Education on Sunday November 2nd for our DCLC serves event. Join us as we serve together! See info on the back.

Family and Faith:

Play this Thanksgiving Countdown game with your family to help them focus on all they're thankful for. You can even do one per day as you count down the days during the week before Thanksgiving day. (-From Children's Ministry Magazine)

Have family members take turns naming...

1. One gift you've received this year that you're thankful for.
2. Two things you've learned about God this year that have changed your life.
3. Three things you're thankful for about our family's faith.
4. Four things you're thankful for about our family.
5. Five experiences our family had this year that made you happy.
6. Six things in creation you couldn't live without.
7. Seven people outside our family who blessed you in some way.



Desert Cross Lutheran Church 2025

Important dates:

☺ Nov 2nd: DCLC Serves Event "Lunches with Love" packing during Ed

Tempe: 8:45am

Gilbert: 10:45am

☺ Nov 2nd: DCLC Family Reunion 6:00-8:00pm (Tempe)

☺ Nov 16th: Kids Connect Gilbert 1:00-2:30 and Parent's Connect at "Hair of the Dog"

☺ Nov 26th: No Joyful Noises

☺ Nov 30th: No Education for Thanksgiving weekend

Worship and Education

We LOVE that our Desert Cross family has opportunities to worship, serve and learn together!

We love that everyone is learning together during education time. The kids begin each Sunday gathering for an opening and music. Then the kids explore the theme of the month and/or the Gospel for that Sunday in fun ways.

If you have little ones, don't forget we offer "Littlest Lutherans". Parents with children, age newborn up to three years old, can join us on Sunday mornings during Education! This class allows you and your little one to grow in community and faith with others. Join us for fun and fellowship! Register on the website.



Serve as a Family in Worship!

Our Desert Cross kids and families are welcomed and encouraged to participate as greeters, ushers, lectors, and prayer and song leaders!

Families, we love having you in worship...now we want you a PART of worship. There are many ways you can be involved in the service. We will show you the ropes and your kids will LOVE serving in these important roles right along side you!

Tempe: Contact Art Krzyzewski at krzyarty@cox.net

Gilbert: Contact Sharynn Jennings sharynnj@cox.net

YOU ARE INVITED...



Joyful Noises is our parent/tot program. Join us Wednesdays in Gilbert in Suite 104 from 9:00-10:00am.

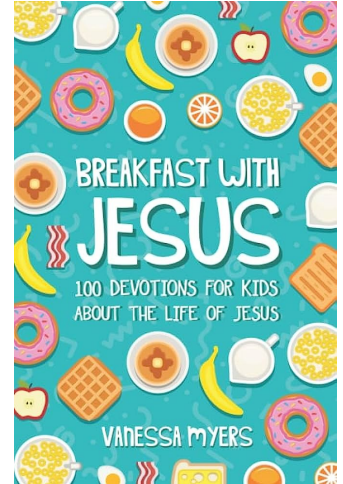
****We will not meet Nov 26th.**

Faith Luggage

Each family will have the opportunity to take home our faith luggage for a week. It's called Breakfast with Jesus and it has devotions, games, and fun things to do with your family.

Gilbert families are currently taking it home. Then we will pass it on to new Tempe families.

We can't wait for you to have "Breakfast with Jesus!"



**Sunday November 16th
1:00-2:30
Gilbert suite 104**

Kids Connect is November 16th from 1:00-2:30 in the Gilbert suite 104. Kids ages Kindergarten-5th grade can come for a fun time of games and fellowship. Bring a friend! Questions or interested:

contact Ari Nannenga at annanenga@desertcross.org

Parents Connect

**And Confirmation Connect
Sunday, November 16th
1:00—2:30**

Parent's Connect meets at the same time at Hair of the Dog restaurant across the street! This is a great time for parents to enjoy a time of fellowship while your kids have fun at kids connect and/or your confirmation kids enjoy fellowship time. :)

**Hair of the Dog
3133 S Lindsay Rd #107, Gilbert, AZ 85295**

DCLC Family Reunion

**Sunday, Nov 2nd
6:00-8:00pm
Tempe Community Center**

This special evening is all about celebrating our church family with food, fellowship, and fun!

We'll be sharing a potluck dinner, and we'd love for everyone to bring a dish to share! To make sure we have a variety, please bring the following based on the first letter of your last name:

A - E: Appetizers

F - L: Sides

M - R: Main Dishes

S - Z: Desserts

Come ready to enjoy a warm evening of community and connection as we gather around the table together.



Join us as we explore the adventures of mission and service! The whole congregation is invited to join us to serve together.

Let's make a difference in our families, church, community, and the world...together!

November 2nd: Lunches with Love

Join us at either campus during Education to put together snack bags for the needy.

**Tempe: 8:45 am
Gilbert: 10:45am**

