

# LUMINARY

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The Rev. Canon Timothy M. Dombek



## *Discerning God's Dream for Advent*

During my time on diocesan staff I drove a lot around Arizona, about 11,000 to 12,000 miles a year, on average. Remember that the Diocese of Arizona extends from Holbrook, in the northeast, across to Kingman to the northwest; drop down south to Lake Havasu City and Parker, along the western edge of Arizona, across south toward Nogales, Sierra Vista, Bisbee and Douglas; from there, east and a little north to Safford and Morenci, and on up to Globe, Show Low, and Lakeside, which is south of Holbrook; and many, many cities and towns in between those boundaries. That's a lot of car time.

One of the ways I passed the miles of driving was "reading" books on CD's. Though a few of the books were for fun and entertainment, most of the books pertained to leadership of organizations, science, improved public speaking or writing, titles for self-knowledge or improvement, and many on leading people, or leading change in Organizations, usually the books were from the business world, and sometimes specifically for non-profit leadership.

One of my very favorite books was by Archbishop Desmond Tutu, entitled, "God Has a Dream." If you listen to a lot of books, you'll know that usually some paid voice talent reads the book for the recording. But sometimes the author actually reads his or her own book for the Audiobook audience. I like this best, because the author knows where the emphasis ought to go, knows the alliteration or cadence she was trying to achieve, knows the point he was trying to make in a given paragraph or sentence, and reads it accordingly. One of the main reasons I bought the audiobook version of "God Has a Dream," was that Desmond Tutu was reading his own book. I love listening to Desmond Tutu read his own stuff. I greatly value anytime I can hear him, and with this audiobook, his voice would be filling my ears for hours, and his love, joy and wisdom, would be filling my heart and mind for a lifetime.

Each chapter begins the same way, with Tutu saying softly in his inimitable voice: "Dear child of God..." Of course, he means you and me. We are the Dear Children of God of whom he is speaking. Something about his voice and the way he says "Dear child of God" makes me believe it like never before—as if I had never heard anyone say that to me. Reading Tutu with an open heart and mind, one is likely to experience a kind of transformation in their spiritual life, a "transfiguration," we might say, when the realization of the love of God for us strips away our self-denial and self-accusation, and leaves us simply before God, now capable of hearing God's words, "I love you," being whispered to us.

We read chapters with titles, "God Believes In Us," "God Loves You As You Are," "God Loves Our Enemies," "Seeing With the Eyes Of The Heart," among others. But his main message is that "God Has A Dream" for this world, and that "God Has Only Us," to help accomplish it. You will really be challenged—in a good way!—by reading Desmond Tutu's "God Has A Dream."

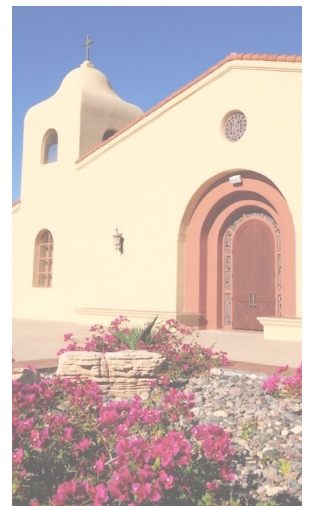
### God Has A Dream for Advent

Clearly, if God has a dream for his dear children, then the church acts as a home and school for the faithful, to help each one of us accomplish a particular aspect of God's dream for our world that only we can accomplish. ***God wishes to engage each one of us in helping to bring about God's dream for this broken and sickened world.***

So what is God's dream for Advent? How can we discover God's dream for our church? Is this even possible? Yes, yes, it is possible, and each of us has an element of that dream, and a role in helping fulfill that dream God has for us.



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This fall, over a period of four weeks, all of us at Advent are invited to embark on a journey, a listening and sharing process, an idea gathering process, a project and timeline committing process, to discern and identify the elements of God's dream for Advent that we can accomplish in the next 3 to 5 years, with specific steps to undertake in the next year. It is a beginning that we call: *Dreaming God's Dream for Advent*.

*Dreaming God's Dream for Advent* begins with a parish-wide Appreciative Summit on **Sunday, October 8**, following the 10:00 worship service. Please stay after church for a lunch that will be provided, and participate in a series of questions that will help us discern what God is doing right now in and among our Advent community. We'll ask you to share about your best experience at church—to share what you value about yourself, about Advent, about living in Sun City West, and about being Episcopalian. We'll also ask about our core value, and conclude by asking you what wishes you might have for Advent. All the data we gathered will be shared with the entire parish, and used as a basis for the next step in *Dreaming God's Dream for Advent*.

Then, on the weekend of **November 3-5**, we will have an event called, *Dreaming God's Dream for Advent, Part 2*. Having listened to you, our members and neighbors, we will then enter into a participatory planning process that review the work of the strategic planning process over the last 5-10 years, review the Appreciative Summit experience and its data, as well. Then, together, with as many of you who come to participate, with God's help, we will create a participatory strategic plan for Advent—God's Dream for the coming 3 to 5 years, with specific steps to undertake in the next year.

All of this process will be facilitated by the Rev. Canon Megan Traquair and Ms. Janet Beason, provided by the diocesan office as part of our support through the Mission Share that we give each month, along with all other congregations that make up the Episcopal Church in Arizona.

I invite each one of you to save the dates listed below, and prayerfully commit to participating in this process of *Dreaming God's Dream for Advent*. Thank you, in advance, for lending your heart, mind and voice in discerning God's Dream for our church. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask me.

### ***Dreaming God's Dream for Advent***

Sunday, October 8: **Dreaming God's Dream for Advent, Pt. 1:** following the 10 AM worship service; Lunch provided, in Paine Hall. All members of Advent are welcome to participate; should be concluded by 1:30 to 2:00 PM.

Saturday, October 28: "**How Am I Gifted by God for Ministry?**" 9:00 in Paine Hall; Lunch provided. This workshop will help you learn about your own spiritual giftedness; how those gifts, when used, will bring you joy in living into what God has created you to do by bringing about God's Dream for Advent, and for the world. Again, all members of Advent are welcome to participate; and should be concluded by 1:30 to 2:00 PM.

Friday, November 3: **Dreaming God's Dream for Advent, Pt. 2:** beginning at 2:00 PM. All members of Advent are welcome to participate; should be concluded by 5:00 PM. This is the first of a four-part process to discern God's Dream for Advent. Session One focuses on "Practical Vision."

Saturday, November 4: **Dreaming God's Dream for Advent, Pt. 2:** beginning at 9:00 AM, the second of the four-step process, this workshop focuses on the "Underlying Contradictions," answering the question, "What has been stopping us from having this vision now?" Lunch provided this day, as well. Following lunch, we turn our attention to "Strategic Directions," which focuses on concrete, specific actions to overcome our obstacles and move toward wholeness and completion. All members of Advent are welcome to participate; this should be concluded by 3:30 PM.

Sunday, November 5: **Dreaming God's Dream for Advent, Pt. 2:** following our All Saints Sunday 10:00 AM service, we gather for lunch in Paine Hall, review our progress, and then together, we turn our attention to "Focused Implementation." Here we put action steps on the wall and commit to seeing them through, given what we have discerned and the work we have done through the planning process. This process will result in a renewed vision for mission while we seek now to live into *God's Dream for Advent*.

"So Save the Dates, OK?"

Save the above dates now, and over the coming weeks and months, you will hear more about this inspiring and engaging process for discerning and living into God's Dream, not only for Advent, but for each one of you,—“Dear Child of God” that you are.”

## “How Am I Blessed, Gifted, and Called?”

In the Bible we learn that all baptized persons are blessed, gifted, and called to a ministry in the church or in the world—and for some people, that may be in both the church and world. God has generously entrusted each one of us with time, talent, and financial resources. God also calls us to use our gifts and blessings as stewards of each other, stewards of spiritual teachings and practices, stewards of the community and world in which we live, and stewards of our spouses, children and youth.

But how can we discern more specifically the ways we have been blessed and called? How am I blessed, gifted and called? And for what? Discernment is a dynamic ongoing process that moves us into deeper relationship with God and one another.

On **Saturday, October 28**, we will offer an opportunity to help you in your discernment process, through a *Spiritual Gifts Discernment workshop*. **Beginning at 9:00 AM** in Paine Hall, we will take time to reflect on what it means to be “blessed, gifted and called.” Lunch is provided, and we should conclude by 1:30 to 2:00 PM.

Advent Episcopal Church invites all its members and guests to participate in the life of its community. Consider how God might be calling you. The life of the church is enriched as we experience our blessedness and discover our giftedness and then share our talents and blessings to the glory of God. Remember - ***all people are blessed, gifted, and called.***

With the help of the Spirit and each other, you will discern and learn what it means specifically for you, how you are spiritually gifted, and how you can use those gifts to bring about God’s dream for you, and bring you the joy that comes from fulfilling God’s dream.

To sign-up for the Spiritual Gifts Discernment workshop, or for more information, contact the parish office, 623-548-0350, or speak with Canon Timothy. May you become more and more aware of God’s abundant blessings in your life through *Spiritual Gifts discernment!*

*Rev. Canon Timothy M. Dombek*

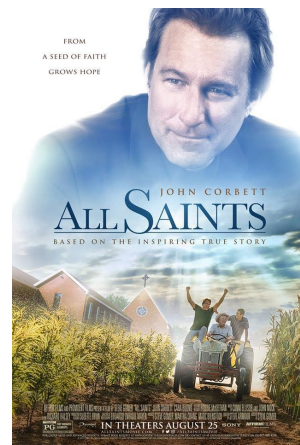
### Thank you to everyone who helped Advent complete our wall of crosses.

Many thanks to Glenn and Sharon Gullickson for arranging the crosses. The wall of crosses has added a unique, beautiful and spiritual feature to Paine Hall. If you have not read the plaque below the large central cross, we encourage you to do so. Again many thanks to all of you who donated a cross.



You might be interested—In theaters  
Aug 24, 2017

Based on the inspiring true story of a salesman-turned-pastor, the tiny **Episcopal** church he was ordered to shut down. He and along with a group of refugees risked everything to plant seeds for a future that might just save them all.





## *Episcopal Church Women*

### *Women's Ministry*

It is that time again. Summer is practically over and it is time to think about the Fall Schedule.

Plans are being made for the upcoming Women's Fall Brunch, "Return to the Desert", on October 12<sup>th</sup>. at 10:30 A.M. We will be welcoming the return of our seasonal Advent members and women who have recently joined Advent. The program will also honor those women in our parish who are retired school teachers. Yes, Christian Education teachers count! We have so many memories to share. That is what fellowship is all about.

Our own Pat Kindle will be the host/speaker. You may remember Pat as a fashion delight as she graced the Advent Spring Runway Fashion Show but Pat had also had an impressive career as a teacher in several countries and states and was recipient of the "Southern California Teacher of the Year" award. It is going to be a fun morning and we promise...no quizzes!

We don't want to forget other career choices so at the December Meeting, we will honor those who served in the medical field and at our Spring Biblical Luncheon, we will celebrate the service of those women in the ministry.

#### **ECW Fall Events Schedule:**

- ◇ Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>: "Return to The Desert" ECW Fall Brunch and meeting
- ◇ Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>: UTO Ingathering
- ◇ Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>: ECW Undie Sunday Out Reach Program
- ◇ Saturday & Sunday November 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>: Helping Hands Food and Bake Sale @ Advent Art& Craft Show

My little granddaughter excitedly announced that her Mom had signed her up for "Vacation Survival school"! I am sorry to say that "Bible" was not a familiar word in her vocabulary.

Perhaps we all could use a Vacation Survival Class!

Joyce Rozon, ECW President



#### **August Donations**

Food	= 41 lbs.
YTD Food	= 761 lbs.
Dollars	= \$ 105
YTD	= \$ 1,950

Your donated food , money, and help make it possible to feed adults and children throughout the year! Blessings.



#### **EXERCISE CLASS CONTINUES IN PAINE HALL**

Right now, every Wednesday at 10:30 over 20 people are huffing and puffing their way through an hour-long BALANCE-STRETCH-STRENGTHEN exercise class.

**As of OCTOBER 6**, we will add a second exercise class. We'll add a little CHAIR YOGA and a bit harder cardio but it will basically the same class content as Wednesday. Donation is \$1 per class. So get your heart moving and your joints stretched out – join us either on Wednesday at 10:30 and/or Fridays at 10:45 (starting OCTOBER 6.) Tell a friend or bring your neighbor.



### Newcomers' News

We hope that everyone is having a healthy and safe summer. During our hot months Advent has been busy welcoming several new members to our church community – Carol Kearney, Patty Peterson, Michael and Janet Chicvara, John and Carol Teays, and Jeff Ekery. Please welcome them when you see them at our church functions. If you have friends who are searching for a warm and welcoming church family, please invite them to our services and activities – many of our new members were introduced to Advent by their friends. During the past couple of months, we have greeted visitors from Florida, Nebraska and all around Arizona.

If you are interested in joining the Newcomers' ministry, please contact me – we always welcome assistance with our endeavors.

Pat Carroll



Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will be in our community on **Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at Advent**

**Episcopal Church.** Ultrasound screenings to Identify risk factors for Cardiovascular disease Include; **Carotid Artery** (plaque buildup-a leading cause of stroke), **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm** (an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body), **Peripheral Arterial Disease** (hardening of the arteries in the legs), a **Heart Rhythm Screening** (an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation-irregular heartbeat) and an **Osteoporosis Risk Assessment** for men and women. Being proactive about your health by knowing your risks helps you and your doctor address problems early.

Registration/appointment details to come.



### St. Clare of Assisi Chapter Daughters of the King

On September 17<sup>th</sup>, the Daughters of the King will resume their monthly meetings which is always the third Sunday of each month. It will be a day of celebration as we are welcoming two new members into our order: Susie Ralston and Nan Wheeler. They will be installed as members of our chapter during the 10:00 service. We are so pleased to have them join us and thanks to Judy Huffman for serving as their mentor and instructor.

The resumption of our meetings is a delight. We keep in touch by e-mail during the summer but it is always better to sit together and share our experiences. We will talk about what our program will be this year and what kind of things are being planned for Advent and our possible involvement.

If you are interested in knowing more about what being a Daughter of the King is all about, please check the table we have set up in the church by the doors closest to Paine Hall and take the literature we provide. We follow a rule of prayer and service which often results in a great feeling of peace. You will notice that the Daughters wear a distinctive silver cross which can only belong to a member of the order. Ask anyone of us wearing the cross for further information.

FHS (For His Sake)  
Sharon Mather, President

### The Parish Visitors Ministry

We invite you to "step out of the boat and walk on water" by joining The Parish Visitors Ministry. The Visitors provide love and concern throughout the year for a group of approximately 100 parishioners. The Visitors stay in contact with their group through personal visits, telephone calls, and cards. Special treats are prepared and delivered by the team 4 times a year.

We need several concerned and loving parishioners to join us in this most rewarding Ministry.

We meet the first Wednesday of the month from October through May. The team will begin meeting the first Wednesday in October (the 4<sup>th</sup>) at 9 am in North Paine Hall. I invite you to attend a meeting and see if this Ministry would help you give back to your Advent family.

The Card Ministry is year round and staffed by Shirley Hoag and Char Stiehl. Birthday cards and Anniversary cards are sent to all parishioners. Special cards are also sent throughout the year as needed.

Please contact Char Stiehl (623-584-6457) for further information



## Helping Hands

Helping Hands getting together on the first three Mondays of the month making beautiful blankets and pillows. These blankets and pillows are distributed to families in crisis or need throughout multiple agencies in the NW valley. Everyone is welcome. Mondays 8:30 am—11:30 am in Paine Hall.







## Birthdays of the Month

Lawrence Deutsch September 01  
Joanne Doran September 01  
Betty Pugh-Zaleski September 01  
Clay Mowers September 02  
Colleen Fogarty September 03  
Rex Mather September 05  
Muriel Erickson September 12  
Patricia Fishback September 13  
V. Gerry Giddings September 13  
Dolores McLoughlin September 13  
Richard Eckstrom September 15  
Maureen Nichols September 15  
Jean Siegfried September 15  
Sally Charalambous September 16  
Elinor Rabon September 16  
Margaret Clemett September 18  
Robert Homes September 19

Myrtle Idland September 19  
Ronald Nagy September 19  
Elisabeth Antoun September 21  
Glenn Gullickson September 21  
Sue Stroefer September 22  
Cathy Kissel September 24  
Carolyn Carlson September 25  
Dirk Prather September 25  
Dorothy Eubank September 26  
William Vaughan September 26  
Dorothy Halonen-Elmiger September 27  
Michael Deloera September 28  
Patti Hirst September 28  
Mildred Mallett September 28  
Paula Rutili September 28  
James Nord September 29



Bob & Ann Fletcher, September 7  
Richard & Dorothy Eckstrom, September 8  
William & Joyce Rozon, September 10  
Art & Fran Rakestraw, September 18  
Tom & Pat Carroll, September 24  
Ron & Liz Nagy, September 29

*Our sincere condolences to  
the families of*

*Paula Bachman*

*Martha Garth*

*Gaynor Gibson*



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> 7:30 AM Win & Lose - Paine Hall 2:30 PM JaniKing Cleaning services	<b>2</b> 8:30 AM Altar Guild
<b>3</b> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist-no music 8:30 AM Choir Practice 9:00 AM Lectionary Bible Study - Paine Hall 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist with Music & Sermon	<b>4</b> Labor Day - Office Closed 8:30 AM Helping Hands Kitchen & Paine Hall	<b>5</b> 11:00 AM Marketing Committee Meeting - Conf. Room	<b>6</b> Altar Guild 9:00 AM Parish Visitors - North Hall 10:30 AM Balance & Strength exercise class 5:00 PM Holy Eucharist with Anointing	<b>7</b> 10:00 AM Al Anon - North Hall 8:00 PM AA Variety Group	<b>8</b> 7:30 AM Win & Lose - Paine Hall 2:30 PM JaniKing Cleaning services	<b>9</b> 8:30 AM Altar Guild
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