

Community revival event at Shepherd

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church opens its doors to the churches and community for a two-day evening revival of spiritual renewal to reaffirm, refresh, energize and inspire the church and Christian believers.

Revival services will feature nationally recognized Evangelical Lutheran Church in America revivalist pastors Dr. Kathryn Love from Chicago and the Rev. Minh-Hanh Nguyen of California.

There will be inspirational music by the Hands of Joy Sign Language Choir of Mesa, gospel songs, hands-on prayer stations with revivalists and lay persons, and many opportunities for Christian fellowship.

This revival is the first ever in the Grand Canyon Synod of the ELCA.

Join Shepherd of the Hills as it leads the way in Fountain Hills in renewing the passion -- be a part of this exciting aspect of the ELCA Evangelism Strategy.

Revival is part of the Luther-



Rev. Minh-Hanh Nguyen - **Rev. Dr. Kathryn Love**

an tradition going back to the Reformation. With a renewed commitment to revival, the ELCA is reviving the passion for the Great Commission of proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Everyone is welcome. The revival leaders are diverse both ethnically and geographically. Everyone is invited to come to participate and share the gospel.

Residents are invited to come to Prayer Revival "Fire on the Hill" on Friday and Saturday, March 20 and 21.

The revival experience will begin at 6:30 p.m. with motivational pastors, inspirational music, good fellowship, insightful learning experiences, powerful testimonies and healing for one's spirit.

Childcare is available throughout the entire revival for children from birth to kindergarten. This is provided at no charge to participants.

The Hands of Joy Sign Language Choir performs hymns and songs in American Sign Language in unison with sound.

Hearing people can enjoy listening to the songs while seeing them come alive in a visual portrayal rendered with hands, faces and bodies.

Deaf people who understand sign language can enjoy faithful interpretations of the auditory experience in their own language.

The choir is an outreach of the Ministry With Deaf and Hearing Impaired People of St. Matthew United Methodist Church in Mesa. Yet it is a Christian in-

terfaith choir.

The choir has about 25 members, a number of whom are deaf or hearing impaired.

Dr. Love is assistant director for discipleship/evangelism and director for prayer and spiritual renewal with the Division for Evangelical Outreach and Congregational Mission at the church-wide offices of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in Chicago.

Her metaphor is one of a bridge builder who seeks commitment and spiritual renewal. Her tools of choice are prayer and evangelism. She holds prayer as a critical key to growth in Christ.

Rev. Nguyen is an ordained minister of word and sacraments in the ELCA. She is associate rector of St. Anselm Episcopal Church in Garden Grove, Calif.

As associate rector, she is dividing equal time between her ministries to the Vietnamese and the whole St. Anselm multi-ethnic language parish.