

Wednesday, February 3, 2021

Dear Members and Friends of Desert Hills Lutheran,

Thank you to all who attended the Annual Meeting, both in person or later online. We got our work finished and a spending plan approved for 2021. I also thank you for your continued generosity to your church home.

My devotion bible verse for today is *Psalm 34:8 "Oh taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who trusts in Him."* The first part of the verse is a bit odd to me. What does God taste like? Fried chicken? Freshly baked bread? Honey? BBQ ribs? A warm chocolate chip cookie? Perhaps you noticed my personal choices. I had not really thought about it. How does God taste? Then the Psalmist says to not only taste but see that the Lord is good. Perhaps it is all about how we face the day. No matter what may be happening, we sense goodness, because God has been good to us. And when a day is not going well, then we must trust in Him. We know from experience and our own histories that at the right time God comes to us with his goodness.

While we think on this, I want to mention the verse that comes before. *Psalm 34:7 "The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them."* To fear God is trust God above all else. I love the idea that next time we find ourselves awake in the middle of the night we can rest in the fact that outside the house, an angel of the Lord is standing guard, camping out and watching over us and all those who fear and trust the Lord.

This weekend I'll be continuing the seven-part sermon on N.T. Wright's book, *Broken Signposts*. Our next broken signpost is 'beauty.' I'll tell you more about that in my Friday update. In the meantime, we will fear and trust the lord, and taste and see that the Lord is good.

Blessings,

Pastor Martin