

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

Dear Members and Friends of Desert Hills Lutheran,

Work is being done right now for the transition at Desert Hills Lutheran for the new senior pastor. This work has been going on for over a year with the transition team doing some preliminary work. I want to encourage you to be praying for the new pastor, wherever he or she is. I'm a big believer in answered prayer. Many of us believe that the next pastor doesn't even know if he or she wants to move to Arizona. So be praying every day for the new person.

I came across another really good little story from Tony Campolo's book, *Stories That Feed the Soul*. It is called, "On Answered Prayer" p. 141

A friend of mine told of attending a prayer meeting where people shared with each other about how God could answer prayer. One elderly missionary told how she had gone into the mission field wanting very much to be married. The other missionaries who worked with her were all married and had good companionship. She had longed for the same companionship, these couples enjoyed. She had prayed long and hard for a husband. She concluded by saying that God had answered her prayer.

Out of curiosity, one of the women in the group inquired, "But why is it that you never married?" The elderly missionary woman smiled as she answered, "Somewhere there is a 70-year-old man who has been fighting the will of God for 50 years."

I love the faith. We must be in prayer asking God for the new shepherd. God will answer our prayer.

This weekend is the sixth of seven sermons on "Broken Signposts." This weekend the theme is truth. What is the truth? You can't handle the truth. See you on-line or in person.

Blessings,

Pastor Martin