

Friday, February 26, 2021

Dear Members and Friends of Desert Hills Lutheran,

By this time next week, we may have the name of our Interim Pastor. If this happens then that person might start just days after my last day at the end of May. The person being looked at seems an exceptionally good fit. I mention this so that you know that the council is working quickly to make the transition happen. The council met yesterday for a retreat, to learn more about each other, and look at the goals uncovered during our time with Kevin Ford and Leighton Ford Ministries. The council will do more finalizing at the March meeting. The task of the council is to find (along with our Bishop) an interim, a call committee, and a new senior pastor to present for approval by the congregation. We have an excellent council with great passion to make the transition and search as seamless and effective as can be done. Your prayers are very much needed in this time. Please pray every day for the new pastor. And I don't mind if you pray for the old pastor.

This weekend is the sixth of seven sermons on "Broken Signposts: How Christianity Makes Sense of the World" by N.T. Wright. This weekend the broken signpost is truth. What is the truth? Jesus had a conversation with the Roman Governor Pontius Pilate in John 18:37-38. Pilate asked him, "so you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Pilate said, "What is truth?" In our current time, there would seem to be little argument that truth and truth telling are broken. What is the truth to you? We will think about this question this weekend.

Blessings,

Pastor Martin