

Wednesday, March 31, 2021

Dear Members and Friends of Desert Hills Lutheran,

This is the last e-update from me. Pastor Ken and I realized that we went a year trying to keep closer in touch during the lockdown. We succeeded. We closed in church attendance on Friday, March 13, 2020. Pastor Ken and I started the emails on March 20, 2020, a week later. It has been a year and the world is slowly opening up. Time to do some things differently.

Tomorrow, on April 1, I'll celebrate my first Sunday in Valier, Montana, forty-two years ago. I had been ordained on March 18, 1979 and moved to Montana in the days that followed. The U Haul truck was small, but there was room for a 750 Honda motorcycle in it. There was snow on the ground and an excited group of people present to welcome their new pastor.

Holy Week began last Sunday. Online worship will still be provided for all services during Holy Week in addition to having in-house worship. In three months, we have more than doubled in-person worship. We hit 707 last weekend as more and more people are getting their vaccines. We have a Maundy Thursday service tomorrow at 5 pm and then a Good Friday Service at 5 pm. Our weekend Easter schedule is 1, 3, and 5 pm on Saturday and on Sunday: 6:30 am Sunrise Service (online only) 8, 9:30, and 11 am. Come and celebrate the grace of, "He Is Risen!"

Blessings,

Pastor Martin