

Monday, April 13, 2020

Dear Members, Friends, and Guests of Desert Hills Lutheran Church,

I hope you had a wonderful Easter. Julie and I did, though for a non-retired clergy person it was so odd not being with you. However, the story was still a part of our being and our shout of “He is Risen” still has meaning.

Today, Julie and I ventured out to get some groceries. Have you seen the “One Way Only” signs in the aisles? And, do NOT put your groceries on the belt until the previous customer has left. It’s a new world right now. Julie then went to her classroom for a couple of hours and I disinfected all we bought. I picked up the mail at church and was surprised by a snake. I hollered and jumped, but it was a bull snake, no rattle. Thankfully no one witnessed my acrobatic jump or heard my girly snake yell. In a few minutes I’ll be Zooming with my brother and brother-in-law. So, life continues.

How long will this quarantine last? Your guess is as good as mine, but we will weather it together. One of the good things in all this is that many of our family and friends are tuning into our online worship services. Many have not been regularly worshipping for years. It has been a good time to check in with people. I’m looking forward to working on the next sermon. It will be on doubt.

To all of you who are leaving for northern homes, be safe. Again, for all who are keeping up their giving to Desert Hills Lutheran, thank you so much on behalf of all the staff.

I’ll leave you with a favorite verse of scripture: Ephesians 3:16-17 “**16** I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, **17** so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.”

Be safe and keep the faith.

Pastor Martin