

Sunday, April 19, 2020

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

I'm writing this on Sunday morning. The sun is shining, the fountain is bubbling, birds are singing, Julie made a delicious quiche for breakfast and I'm missing being at worship. During the week I don't think about it, I still go to the office and work on things, but on the weekend, it settles in on me. I know this will pass and we can gather again, but this morning I'm a touch grumpy. So, what am I going to do? I believe being grumpy is a choice. The best way out is to be grateful. I'm so grateful for so many things: the sun shining, the fountain bubbling, birds singing, being married to an amazing, funny, sweet, excellent cook, having health, having a job, having wonderful children, friends, and most importantly knowing that God is good all the time. What do you know? I feel better already. This gratitude thing works.

Yesterday I cooked pheasant. I don't cook very often, unless it is grilled meat or frozen dinners or microwave delights. But I made pheasant in a mushroom and wine sauce. I have to say, it turned out delicious. I thank Don Brown for the South Dakota pheasant. Does this mean I'm going to start cooking? Nay, nay. But I have decided to keep eating.

A final word for this beautiful Sunday. Enjoy the peace of God. Peace was part of the assignment for this weekend. I hope and pray for you "that the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:7

Have a very peace filled Sunday.
Pastor Martin