

Wednesday, August 12, 2020

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

Yesterday some staff and members talked about stewardship (Oh No! or is it Oh Yes?) for November. What was exciting was just talking in terms of some normal activities. We will be doing some different things this year, but you will see that when the materials arrive in the mail in October.

This next week we start a soft opening. We have some groups coming in: Bible Fellowship, AA, and Bookmen, for example. We have a protocol in place, and we will see how it goes. It is time to open up. I'll be teaching the Bible Fellowship on Wednesday at 9:30. We are asking people to sign up to plan for the hour. If you would like to prepare, you are invited to read chapter one of Philippians. We will also be recording the lesson. Please use the west door entrance and wear a mask when you are entering and exiting the building. We will have COVID cleaning after each group.

For worship this week I'll be talking about Matthew 15:21-28 and a Canaanite woman with a suffering daughter asking Jesus for help. He basically calls her a dog. Of course, Jesus is doing something extraordinary and I think has a powerful message for lives mattering.

This weekend there will again be Holy communion and if you would like to join Pastor Ken, please have ready in your home your bread/wine/grape juice and be ready to hear the words given and shed for you.

Work continues on the search for our new administrator. We have had some highly qualified candidates and we look forward to finding an excellent match for Desert Hills Lutheran very soon.

Finally, as a spouse of a teacher, please keep all teachers in your prayers. It is a very stressful time and moving from online to in person is a very slow process. I believe it is very important that churches open, schools open, and small businesses open. Continue to pray for this country. Pray as you see fit, but be constant in prayer

I'll be back in touch on Friday.

Blessings,

Pastor Martin