

Friday, December 25, 2020

Dear Members and Friends of Desert Hills Lutheran,

Merry Christmas to you all on this Christmas Day of 2020. “Behold I bring you good news of great joy, to you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.” For close to two thousand years, we have divided human history into the time before Jesus birth, and then the time after his birth. We used to call it B.C. before Christ and A.D. Anno Domini, Latin for Year of our Lord.

I will not be doing a worship service on Christmas for one of the few times in the last forty years. Many were the years of 11 pm Christmas Eve services, then home to prepare last minute gifts for Christmas morning, then being awakened by anxious children very early, then hurrying the children to open presents quickly so Dad could get to church. This year two sons and one daughter-in-law will be joining Julie and me for Christmas Day. What a blessing.

Julie and I have enjoyed this Christmas time, even in the lockdowns. Last year we didn't decorate because we were trying to sell our house. We moved to our present home in January 2020, so this is the first year of putting up the lights, trees, creches, garland, and the ancient white church. It has been a fun Advent time of getting ready for Jesus' birth.

I wish you all a most blessed Christmas Day and I invite you to watch our Christmas Day worship online. We are praying for a new, new, new, New Year.

Pastor Martin