

Friday, October 16, 2020

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

I was gone for fall break with Julie. It was grand! We went to Rocky Point for three days. The water was warm, the sand hot, and the relaxing magnificent. The only hiccup was getting stuck in the fine sand next to the restaurant we visited. But what happened then was wonderful. Five guys from the restaurant's staff joined us immediately and tried to get us unstuck. Someone must have been looking out the window. We couldn't budge our car. Then a couple in a four-wheeled Razor stopped, jumped out and hooked up a towing strap and pulled us out. They wouldn't take any money. It is always such a good feeling to know people care and will help. They sure made a difference in our evening.

This weekend for my sermon, I'll be looking at another of the questions that religious authorities made to trap Jesus days before the cross. This one revolves around the question of taxes. They asked Jesus if it was right to pay taxes to Rome. He answered beautifully but some people still find it confusing. I'll be talking about what it means "*Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.*" Matthew 22:21

There also may be a special guest visiting this weekend at all services. You will just have to wait and see. Next week, we will be celebrating our Lutheran Birthday that we call Reformation Weekend.

Blessings,

Pastor Martin