

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

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Our wonderful office administrator Melissa Buscho has three days until she retires. She and Britt are going to do some traveling and visiting with family and friends. I'm very happy for her but she will be missed. She is leaving our finances and infrastructure in good shape. She and I grew up twelve miles from one other in Mound, Minnesota and neighboring St. Bonifacius, though I'm way, way older. Having a Minnesota connection was nice, and we could laugh about the Minnesota "nice" in our families and friends. I like three things, so let me thank Melissa for three things in her time here. Melissa was so competent and professional. I especially liked how she could describe the financial parts of our annual meetings. She handled people and problems with great grace and care. She has a wonderful sense of humor and she loves the Church and her Lord Jesus Christ. Again, we all wish her well in her retirement and we thank her for her hard work and laughter at Desert Hills.

A search committee is working and already a list is being made of possible replacements. In the meantime, Jane Brunckhorst is stepping into the position beginning August 1. Jane has helped us before as administrator. We are very blessed to have someone who knows the congregation so well who can step in to "hold down the fort."

If you signed up for new member classes back in April, you will be getting a phone call. We are hoping to have a class begin in mid-August. We will take the necessary precautions, but we hope to have a new group of members going.

This weekend I'll be looking at the story of Jesus walking on the water and Peter getting out of the boat. I'll say a bit more about it on Friday. Finally, if you didn't watch the final hymn from this past weekend of Amazing Grace, I encourage you to check it out. Christians around the world is a very powerful vision.

Blessings,

Pastor Martin