

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

Dear Members and Friends of Desert Hills Lutheran,

Yesterday it was nice to see snow, briefly and melting! Also, it didn't get as cold as predicted. This weekend I'll be speaking about the third broken signpost. The theme is spirituality and how it is broken. How can that be? You will just have to wait and see.

We are closer to our quorum for the Annual Meeting at 12:15 pm this Sunday. We will have the same sanctuary set up as we do for our worship services. There will be a report from the transition team and voting on our spending plan for 2021, voting for new council candidates, a brief report on the Desert Hills Lutheran Foundation, then in closing remembering members who left us by death.

My devotion verse for today is *1 Peter 2: 22 "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."* And the verse right before says that we should follow in his steps. Sometimes we get confused about sin. Jesus was tempted and yet did not sin. Is that possible for us? It is if we remember that temptation or thinking about things is much different than doing them. When the devil was tempting Jesus, Jesus had to think about what Satan was offering, but he didn't do it. It is when we act on tempting thoughts in a way that crosses the boundaries of God's commands that we enter into sin. Not enough credit is given for walking away from acts that are sinful. We follow a good shepherd. *1 Peter 2:25 "For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls."*

On this Wednesday after yesterday's dusting of snow, it is a good place to be, with our good shepherd.

Blessings,

Pastor Martin