

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

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Today, Julie found out that Continental School will not reopen with students until next school year. The very good news is that she is still on contract. I thought back to when I was in grade school and the greatest day of the year was the last day of school. I wonder how I would have reacted if they told me, the last day will be April 1 and it wasn't an April Fool's Day joke. I wasn't surprised; the country has been moving in this direction for weeks, but thinking it is coming and hearing that it has arrived are two different things. I asked Julie how she felt about it and she said, "I'm just sort of stunned."

The economic toll of this virus is staggering; as well as is the loss of life. But for today, one thing: We must stop the future frantic fussing. It doesn't mean we don't plan or that we are not realistic, but as much as we can we focus on today.

Here is Jesus from Matthew 6: 31-34

*31 Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?"*

*32 For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed, your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.*

*33 But strive first for the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*

*34 "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.*

What I love about this section is that Jesus is clear that today we may have some troubles. His point seems to be that we focus today on the Kingdom of God and God's goodness, control what we can control, then enjoy the day. I am writing this at home. We have a fountain in the backyard, and it sounds so good today. The sun is shining, air is warm, people are out walking. God is good. It sounds too easy but is much better than future frantic fussing. We will get through this and we will all learn from it.

Thanks for tuning in on the worship. We will continue to do all we can.

Blessings,  
Pastor Martin