

Friday, November 6, 2020

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

Yesterday we hosted our first stewardship lunch (Oh no!). It went very well. We have another meal and presentation tomorrow at 6:15 pm. There is still room for you. Just call the church office (648-1633) to reserve a spot. I'm hoping to fill the place and yes there will be good distancing. The meal and program together are one hour. Our theme is "there is no place like home." Our movie this year to help us focus is *The Wizard of Oz*. Perhaps you have seen it? The meal is complimentary and so is my encouragement presentation. Come and See. If you can't attend, please bring your pledge in to worship or drop in the mail in the coming weeks. We use pledges to prepare our ministry spending plan for 2021.

One of the other items in the "no place like home" packet you received is information on our Desert Hills Lutheran Foundation. You can leave a legacy gift at any time. The principal is not touched but the interest income is used 50% for seminary and ministry education, 30% for non-budgeted help for Desert Hills Lutheran and 20% for needs outside the congregation. It is a wonderful way of having your gift be making a difference for years to come. Pray about it.

This weekend there may be a special guest. One never knows. The text for this weekend is Matthew 25:1-13, one of the last parables Jesus told before going to the cross. It is the story of ten young bridesmaids waiting for the wedding. Next week we welcome new members and November 21/22 is our Commitment Weekend as well as the end of the church year titled Christ the King Weekend.

Finally, no declaration on the election. We must keep praying for our country, regardless of the outcome. No matter what happens we are a seriously divided nation. In all of this, as Christians we hold to Psalm 27:1 "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"

Blessings,

Pastor Martin