

Wednesday, October 21, 2020

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

This week you will be getting in the mail information about our yearly stewardship program. (Oh Yes!) The theme is: There is No Place Like Home. As in past years we will host lunches and dinners to give a presentation and offer encouragement to continue to support Desert Hills Lutheran Church. We continue to be true to our mission of Celebrating Grace, Making Disciples, and Making a Difference. Come, see, and hear again how you are making a difference as part of this congregation. The movie that I will use as a background is a movie, I'm sure you have all seen, *The Wizard of Oz*.

This weekend is Reformation Weekend. It is a week early because October 31 is a Saturday and November 1 is All Saints Sunday. Reformation will be celebrated on October 24/25 and All Saints on October 31/November 1. We have measured our birthday from October 31, 1517 when Martin Luther nailed the 95 statements on the Castle Church door in Wittenberg, Germany. It has been 503 years. Happy Birthday to us.

Our attendance is holding strong both in house and online. The protocols seem to be working just fine.

Finally, a week ago my Psalm was 23. It is such a great six verses starting with a declaration of faith, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want." I had not paid close attention to verses 2 and 3. The Lord makes me lie down. How? The Lord leads me beside still waters. How? The Lord restores my soul. How? The Lord leads me in right paths. How? I was suddenly noticing that I don't really know how my Lord does these things in my life. I believe they happen, but how is it done? It would be fun to talk about with you. I would be interested in your take on it.

Blessings,

Pastor Martin