

Friday, September 25, 2020

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

This weekend we continue our soft opening. The sermon text is Matthew 21:23-32. It takes place in Jesus' last days of life before the crucifixion and the clergy are keen on tripping him up and getting him executed. Their big question is about authority; by what authority do you do the things you do Jesus? I realized working on the sermon that authority is a key question for our country right now. Who has authority? Who does not have authority? By whose authority are you doing the things you are doing? It may be as simple as this: either God has the authority in our lives, or we are our own authority for life. That is a preview of what I'll be sharing with you this weekend.

We have new members joining our congregation this weekend. They will be welcomed in at I believe every service. We are so happy and privileged to have such a large group of people joining us on our mission of Celebrating Grace, Making Disciples, and Making a Difference.

Our next new member series starts on Thursday, October 1. Please call the church office to register. We will gather at 9:30 am.

You will notice I will be exiting after the service to greet everyone outside at the west entrance. This is to help us empty the sanctuary for cleaning between services.

No word on Terry the Tarantula. I want to thank the person who passed on the story of stepping on a pregnant Tarantula and what that was like. I also must tell you that I know that tarantulas are harmless. Of the two people living in our house, however, I am the one with arachnophobia. I'll keep you posted.

A final note, our country will have a very important election in November. Whatever the direction you believe we need to take as a country, pray for God's will, often and consistently.

We had 42% of our normal worshipping numbers last weekend. When you feel comfortable returning, we would love to see you, but there is no rush. A majority of our people are still worshipping online.

Blessings,

Pastor Martin