

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

Saturday, April 11, 2020

Many call this Silent Saturday, the Day of Silence and grief, the day between Good Friday and Easter. Jesus is buried and for his disciples and enemies the matter was now finished. For friends and followers this is a time of grief; for enemies a time to say, "I told you so." We are all waiting for Easter, for we believers will say, "He is Risen!" and unbelievers, "I don't believe it."

I spent the morning working in the garage, cleaning and sorting. I'm still opening boxes and moving things around. Perhaps in a year one car plus a motorcycle will be able to reside. Don't worry, the motorcycle is dry and safe inside. Julie and I took a walk and are keeping a low profile.

On this Silent Saturday I got a gift. A member of Desert Hills sent me a video of a young man in Northern Ireland who very nearly died from Covid-19. He prayed and on the worst night, a cleaner stopped out in the hall. He was a former missionary and he prayed for the young man. I don't want to spoil it, so I'll talk about it on Monday, but I was very moved by the story. Here is the link:

- [The cleaner](#)

The message is a very heartfelt encouragement to believe in both a Savior who freely gives his life for others and a God who raises him up to life with a promise for all of us. We have a great God who created us and sustains us, we are Easter people even on a Silent Saturday. I can't wait for Easter! Won't it be grand to gather together next Easter? Be safe. God knows your heart.

Thank you again to all who have kept up your pledges and giving. It is making such a difference. Also, we have many friends and members leaving for the north country. We pray safe travels and safe arrival for all of you.

Blessings,

Pastor Martin