

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

Friday, April 17, 2020

Yesterday we had a staff meeting on Zoom. We only have four staff members at the church for the meeting; all the rest are at home. It was so good to see and hear everyone. We have a great staff.

Today I want to return to a topic I touched on yesterday, being grateful. One of you sent me a five-minute video called The Tenth Apple Effect. It is a great story but instead of putting it in a sermon in the future, I'm sending the link to you. Please take the time to watch; it's only about five minutes long. I'm pretty sure you will be glad you did. If the link doesn't work, Google "The 10<sup>th</sup> Apple Effect."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=32ectBThSFg>

This weekend I'll be talking about one of my favorite passages, John 20:19-31. It is about Jesus' first visit with the disciples on Easter and then one week later when the unbelieving Thomas sees Jesus for the first time. There are four gifts mentioned in the story. Three would have been better, but the text says four. If you read it, see if you find four gifts from God to us. You might find even more.

Be safe and be grateful. Don't let the 10<sup>th</sup> Apple Effect get you.

Blessings,  
Pastor Martin