

Saturday, April 25, 2020

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

On Friday Julie and I had a landscaper come to our house. Apparently, landscaping is an 'essential' business (and thank goodness). We have some agave plants in our new yard; a couple in pots and two large (one giant) in the ground. Did you know that taking out an agave plant actually is a little dangerous? Wade equated the juice from the leaves to battery acid. Who knew? He walked around and named every tree and bush on our property. We want to take some plants out, and we're so grateful there is someone to do this for us.

Also, on Friday, Julie blurted out, "You need a hobby. I retorted, "Does eating count?" Silence. The topic came up when she asked me what I was planning to do this weekend, now that I am not working during the weekend as usual and I shrugged and mumbled, "I don't know." It is a real question. I've been very happy to be working 75% of my normal time but I need to be thinking of purposeful activities. Once we do start up all routines again, the question will be on hold. But like a squawking kid in the back seat, it will not disappear. Maybe I could start a business getting rid of agave plants.

The sermon has been recorded for you for this weekend. It is based on Luke 24:13-35: the walk to Emmaus on Easter afternoon. It is such a cool story. Let me know if what I say about it is helpful for you. That's all for now. The country is trying to open up with lots of opinions on both sides. Be safe, be prayerful, and be positive. Please remember that we never walk alone.

Blessings,

Pastor Martin