

Monday, April 27, 2020

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

How are you holding up? Like you probably are, we keep checking in with family to see how everyone is doing. On Saturday, we missed a call from my mother and husband Gene, down in McAllen, Texas. They have delayed their return to Minnesota amidst the virus and shut down. They called to tell us about lefsa and margaritas. We called back immediately and found them to be in spectacularly good moods. My mother ordered three russet potatoes as part of her grocery order. The delivery didn't send three potatoes but did send three **pounds** of potatoes. Later, on her walk, my mother got to wondering what to do with all those potatoes. Lefsa jumped into her mind. "I'll make lefsa, and Gene will help."

While they were making the lefsa they discovered a large portion of margarita mix and some tequila to add to it. "Well, we have to empty out our kitchen for the summer." they thought. Then, who best would love a story of lefsa and margaritas? Martin and Julie! We heard about Texas, a neighbor they just met in the park there who used to go to our last church in St. James, all the books they are reading, and how good margaritas go with lefsa. Who knew? It was actually a very joyful conversation. Julie and I smiled about it all afternoon.

This time being quarantined has taught many things, and one of them is raising the level of appreciation of family, both biological family and church family.

You are in my prayers and thoughts. Have a terrific Monday.

Pastor Martin