

Tuesday, June 2, 2020

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

First thing; be on your knees with me to pray for the end of violence in our country. Burning businesses and churches, shooting police, and attacking innocent people is just plain evil. Enough. We pray for justice for George Floyd and his family. Please pray for every governor and mayor in every state dealing with violence.

The council and executive staff met this morning to look at protocol for opening July 4 and 5. It will be a soft opening, meaning it will carry some restrictions but not others. The council visited about everything and I left early so they could talk freely. They did a terrific job and came up with a couple of compromises. We will ask people to not attend if ill. If you are not ready to worship with others, please worship online. The council went ahead and affirmed upgrading our sanctuary air system for cleaner air and upgrading cameras for our live streaming. We will have a section for people who don't wish to sing. Masks will be optional. If you believe masks should be mandatory, please wait a month or two before coming to the live services. We will start with all five services. We believe attendance will be light. That is okay but churches need to open, and we need to gather for encouragement, and prayer and praise. Communion will be available both online and during live worship. More on all of this as we move through June.

Finally, we have a quail family with thirteen little ones that come into our yard a few times a day for a little food and water. If we sit still inside, we can watch them for a long time. This is the first time this has happened for Julie and me, it is such a treat. Then, I pound on the window and they scatter. No, I don't do that but wondered if you were still reading.

What is happening in our country is very dark and very sick. We must pray for help.

Blessings

Pastor Martin