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

Yesterday was Julie and my anniversary, thirty-one years. We got away for a couple of days and it was fun to remind each other of our anniversary Wednesday. We ate at Cheesecake Factory. I had never been there. Oh my, what a great menu. I said to Julie as we entered the restaurant that I thought I could do thirty-one more years. She said, "That would be great." I'd only be ninety-four so that is very doable.

At our wedding back in 1989, we did a video and one of the songs on it was the Beatles, "When I'm 64." Here is the beginning of it.

When I get older Losing my hair Many years from now Will you still be sending me a Valentine? Birthday greetings bottle of wine?

If I'd been out
Till quarter to three
Would you lock the door?
Will you still need me
Will you still feed me
When I'm sixty-four?

Did I lose my hair? Yes. The answer in the song about "would you lock the door?" Yes. At the time sixty-four seemed like forever. Now I'm three years past it. The great part is that Julie just keeps getting more beautiful every year.

I want to send a warm happy anniversary to Hart and Shirley Holmberg on their 65th Wedding Anniversary.

To all who are celebrating anniversaries, keep up the good work. Marriage is not easy, but it is one of God's great gifts to his children.

Blessings,

Pastor Martin