

Thursday, July 16, 2020

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

It is so difficult to make a plan these days. Yet without plans we just sort of wander around in the wilderness. Also, it is difficult to keep waiting. The number of people testing positive for Covid-19 keeps going up, but deaths from the virus continue to drop nationwide. California has shut down again. Oregon has made masks mandatory both inside and outside. “Experts” keep spouting and pontificating about what ‘must’ be done. I don’t have the truth of it all. But here is a small plan. We are watching and if it seems safe enough, we may open the building mid-August for AA meetings, Bible studies, and a few other smaller gatherings. We will watch to see how it goes.

What about worship? I don’t even want to speculate on when we will start. If the start of school is delayed, then perhaps Pima Supervisors will delay again. There are churches worshipping live in Sahuarita, but their demographic is somewhat different than ours. It will never be completely safe. If complete safety is the goal, it will never be reached. The virus is not going anywhere nor will a vaccine solve all fears.

We will continue to try and discern the white noise of the media, what is true and what isn’t. We will continue to worship online, and Pastor Ken and I will continue to stay in touch with you with e-updates and phone calls. We will continue to pray, and I hope you will continue to give online until that time in the future, when a semblance of normalcy returns.

If you are getting stir crazy or are feeling depressed, please remember that the quickest way to feel better is to reach out to someone else and check on them.

And one last reminder. This week we will share Holy Communion, so if you would like to participate be ready with bread/cracker/wine/grape juice.

Blessings,

Pastor Martin