

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

Thursday, July 23, 2020

Today is recording day. Later I will go into the empty sanctuary with Troy and record the sermon. This week the title is "What if?" No matter what comes our way we have to have make sense of it, we have to be ready. As Christians we have our faith and our belief that no matter what comes, we don't deal with it alone. But I'm getting ahead myself. It would be better to just listen. I will offer three promises that have served me my entire life no matter what has come my way.

Beginning next week, we will not be sending out e-updates on Saturday, Sunday, or Monday. Why? You may find this hard to believe but at times Pastor Ken and I had trouble coming up with something. I actually think Pastor Ken has had an easier time. I will write on Wednesdays and Fridays and Pastor Ken on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Plans are being compiled again to seek the best way to reopen. We will take some baby steps in August and are also looking for steps in September. We will keep you posted; please keep us in your prayers. We proceed believing that many of you are far from being ready to gather, but we also know there are some of you more than ready to come back. No matter what we do, we don't expect to be able to make everyone happy, but we have to move in the direction of opening. The nature of the body of Christ is to gather.

Finally, I'm a bit giddy today. Monsoons are here and today there is a strong chance of rain. I even have purchased a rain gauge, the first one we have owned. I must be getting older. My grandfather always had one and kept us apprised of the volume after every rainfall.

That is all for now. We give thanks for the rain. We pray for our country and for the end of the weight of Covid. Have a wonderful Thursday.

Blessings,

Pastor Martin