

Friday, May 1, 2020

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

This morning I felt like a coach who just watched his basketball team come back with a last second win, by a half-court shot. She shoots and scores. This week we had the very difficult task of laying off some of our staff because we didn't get the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan. A minimum of staff was continuing at 75% salary. Then this morning we got the news that we have been given a PPP loan. Swish! It means we can protect all our employees for eight weeks. The person who made the half-court shot was our administrator, Melissa Buscho. She had all our paperwork in the moment we could apply and though we missed out on the first stimulus package, we caught the second. A "Praise The Lord" to God, to Melissa, to tax-paying Americans.

On Tuesday, the executive staff and the Church council will make brand new plans for the next eight weeks. I can't thank Council President John Martin and the council and staff for all their hard work.

I recorded my sermon yesterday so the 'abundant life' will be available Saturday and Sunday. This situation reminds me again of when ice leaves the lake. The colors change, the winds blow, and the ice begins to crack and sink. I hope that is happening for America.

Blessings,
Pastor Martin