

Sunday, May 3, 2020

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

During this quarantine, I have had the most trouble being settled on Sunday mornings. After 40 years it just doesn't feel right to be home on a Sunday, not sick or on vacation somewhere. This morning so far, I have worked on a broken ice maker, sat outside with my coffee, and had breakfast. Now I'm going into the garage to continue to unpack and stand there staring at all the unnecessary stuff. Maybe put some away, maybe donate some or throw it out. Many of you know what I am talking about. My sermon this weekend was on abundant life and how it is not attached to stuff, and here I am moving my stuff around. On a positive note, this work will help me with keeping less and giving more.

This coming week I plan to record a four or five-session Bible Study called "See Through the Scriptures" by Rev. Harry Wendt. I did a practice run of session one on Friday. I'm going to redo it; I looked down too much and no one should be forced to see my bald head that much. Hopefully session one will be on dhlc.org later this week.

On Tuesday, our executive staff will begin to make plans for the next eight weeks now that we have been given the PPP loan and also to begin making plans for re-opening worship. I don't see this happening in May, but in different parts of the country things are beginning to reopen slowly. So, we need to begin to look at it.

Going back to John 10 and my sermon, I hope it helps you this week to remember that we have a Good Shepherd. We know His voice and He will lead us back out into the world to be servants to others. Enjoy the day.

Blessings,
Pastor Martin