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

I called my daughter this morning. It is her birthday today. I asked her what she had planned. She said that she was going to let her husband Pete and her children pamper her all day. Since the children are three and one, the pampering will need to be Pete. "Has it started?" I asked. She said that she got to sleep late, and Pete made breakfast and cleaned up and that later they were ordering from a favorite restaurant in Memphis. They will pick it up. She sounded very happy. I forgot to ask her if she will be pampered again tomorrow for Mother's Day?

During this time, we adjust and adapt. Tomorrow I'll be calling my mother and I'm sure that we will get some phone calls here tomorrow. It is Saturday and I still am not used to being home on the weekends. I look forward to Pastor Ken's message this weekend on patience. I'm always in need of more. This morning I was reminded that I did not include a prayer for mothers for the services this weekend. We record on Thursdays and I didn't have my wits about me. The good part is when I was looking for a bible verse for Mother's Day, I came across this prayer. So, I will close with it. Have a wonderful weekend and Mother's Day.

Lord, on this day in which we honor mothers, may we love and cherish the special women who have born us, who have nurtured us, and who have prayed for our well-being. May our hearts overflow with gratitude to you, who formed and knitted each of us in a mother's womb. We pray you give each mom strength. We ask you to be the daily bread of tired mothers. May each mother find rest in you. In your name we pray, amen.

Pastor Martin