

Monday, May 11, 2020

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

Today I decided to try something a little different. I was having a hard time coming up with something for this e-update, so I thought that since it was May 11, I would look in books of the bible, in their chapter 5 (if they have a chapter 5) and verse 11 if they have one. It is a little like asking God for help and opening the Bible at random, closing your eyes and stabbing downward for the verse. Too many times I put my finger in the middle of the Sea of Galilee or it was a verse that made no sense to me.

Then I tried Isaiah 5:11. It reads, *“Ah, you who rise early in the morning in pursuit of strong drink, who linger in the evening to be inflamed by wine,”* How does that verse help you on this Monday? Actually, it might apply in this time of quarantine more than we know. I must say that as I went through the Bible’s chapter fives, I wasn’t coming up with much. But on this Monday, I did hit a great verse in Romans 5:11. *“But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.”*

Reconciled means to restore friendly relations between two parties. God always wants to be in a friendly relationship with us. Before Jesus died, Jesus called the disciples friends. Once we are friends, we can be healed by Jesus’ life. On this Monday, I give thanks that God has made us friends, we can even boast about this friendly relationship with God, created by God through Jesus for us.

We don’t walk alone. We are not alone.

Blessings,

Pastor Martin