

March 18, 2020

Dear Saints at St. Paul's,

I'm writing to you to give you the latest update in how our church continues to respond during this time of life that we are in. As you read this letter, please keep in mind the phrase, "proceeding with caution not fear!"

Last night, our church council and elders met to continue the discussion on how we operate and respond with the ever-changing information and mandates we are receiving about the Corona Virus. After much heartfelt sincere discussion, a motion was made and approved to postpone or cancel all activities and services until further notice. What does this mean? It means that for the time being things like: choir, Sunday School, Adult Bible class, confirmation, circles and worship will not be meeting in person at the church. Our church will respond and operate as much as possible digitally. What does that look like?

Wednesday Evening Lenten services will be live on Facebook at the normal time of 6:30pm and on tape delay through TCA.

Sunday morning services will be live on TCA and Facebook at the normal time 9:00am.

Other resources during this time:

Pastor will be doing a daily video devotion through Facebook.

We can continue in our daily Lent devotionals and Portals of Prayer.

As more/new resources become available we will figure out the best way to distribute them.

Resources have been made available through Concordia Publishing House – cph.org

Main Street Living has worship services available – mainstreetliving.org

How do we as a church respond?

Our leadership is continuing to monitor the needs of our church and community and will respond to the best of our abilities.

If you need any assistance contact the church. We will do our best to fulfill needs.

Continue to follow the protocols and mandates given from the CDC, Government and Church as best as possible.

If you are able to help others, help!

As always, pray and be in God's Word!

If you are able to help in any way, please contact the church office so we can compile a list of volunteers who are able to help, and we will pass on information as we receive it.

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We are working on the most up to date list of contact information for our members who are considered shut-ins. One of the immediate things we can do is to call them and/or send them cards. If you would like that list, please let us know.

As we continue to operate, if you wish to still give your tithes and offerings to the Lord, here are the ways that you can do so:

1. In person – There is a box near Pastor and Patty’s office that you can drop it off.
2. Contact the church and pastor will be happy to stop by and pick it up.
3. Through the mail.
4. Treimer’s Insurance and Realty has graciously offered the use of their secure drop box during this time. It is located at the northwest corner of their building. Please be sure to use your offering envelope or clearly mark the envelope that you use.

These are the Scripture readings for the rest of the worship services for March.

Wednesday March 18	Sunday March 22	Wednesday March 25
O.T. Exodus 20:13	O.T. Isaiah 42:14–21	O.T. Exodus 20:14
Ep. 1 Peter 2:13-17	Ep. Ephesians 5:8–14	Ep. 1 Corinthians 6:9-11
Gos. John 11:47-53	Gos. John 9:1–41	Gos. Matthew 9:9-13

Sunday March 29
O.T. Ezekiel 37:1–14
Ep. Romans 8:1–11
Gos. John 11:1–45 (46–53)

April readings for the worship services will be sent out in the newsletter.

Our leadership will continue to monitor the situation and operate and respond as best as we can, and as soon as we can gather again in person we will!

God’s Richest and Continued Blessings,

Pastor Nitzel