

March 17, 2020

Dear friends of Faith,

Due to the current situation, meetings of over 50 people in our state have been suspended. This means, that for the time being, we will not be able to offer public worship services, both Wednesdays and Sundays.

As your Pastors, we are implementing a five-part plan for ministry during these difficult times:

1. We will endeavor to personally contact each family of Faith congregation via the telephone.
2. Deacon Tim Bruce has access to the quarantined nursing/care facilities, and although not able to conduct worship, he will be able to personally minister there.
3. Our board of Elders will also endeavor to contact the families they are responsible for, and can assist with any special requests for assistance or physical needs.
4. Each time we would ordinarily have worship (currently Wednesday evening and Sunday morning) you will receive a special message from one of us, with words of encouragement for your daily life based on God's Word.
5. The Pastors are available, upon request, to bring Holy Communion to your home.

As your Pastors, we would also encourage three things from you:

1. If it has not been your habit to have daily devotions, now is an excellent time to begin that blessed custom. (Lutheran Hour Ministries at lhm.org has excellent daily devotions; traditional Lutheran Worship can be viewed at worshipanew.com; Portals of Prayer are available at the church)
2. Now is the time to keep in touch with others. Please consider phoning each week the people that you ordinarily sit near and chat with at worship services. Keep in touch with them.
3. Pray for our congregation and its continuing ministry, and for our members who are ill or under medical care.

The Apostle Paul wrote to the Christians in Colossae, "For though I am absent from you in body, I am present with you in spirit" (Col. 2:5)

Brothers and sisters in Christ, the same is true for us. Although we may be unable to meet together physically, we are still united as one in Christ. As we end this letter, we share with you the words of blessing that often end our worship services, words meant to be carried into our daily lives, not just on Sundays: "The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace."

In His gracious peace,
Pastor Steve & Pastor Roger