

Public Statement from Christ Lutheran's Executive Team and Church Council - March 15th, 2020:

Your Christ Lutheran Leadership is committed to serving the Gospel, our members, and community with a mindfulness toward the present reality regarding COVID-19 in Minnesota. In an attempt to lovingly care for our neighbors, we will be implementing the following course of action for all members:

- **Effective immediately: worship and all other activities at Christ Lutheran Church are being postponed or cancelled from March 16 through March 29, 2020.**
- **An all-church mailing will be sent out which will include the official statement of the Executive Team and Church Council; a Message from Pastor Katherine Rood; a Plan of Action; information regarding Pastoral Care; an invitation to members to care for one another; and encouragement for ongoing Financial Stewardship.**
- **Digital recordings of the Worship Services will be posted on the Christ Lutheran Church website, Facebook page, and on YouTube. The entire Sunday's Worship Services will be recorded and the Scripture and Sermon from the Wednesday's Lenten Services will be recorded.**

Plan of Action for the short-term:

- There will be no more **Lenten Meals** on Wednesdays.
- **Confirmation Students** can meet with their mentors by phone or FaceTime at their convenience, and also watch the Worship Services digitally.
- No **Sunday School** (March 16 - March 29, 2020).
- **Abundant Table** is cancelled for April 1st.
- The **Women's Retreat** is postponed until further notice.
- There will be no **Easter Breakfast** served on Easter Sunday.
- **First Communion Instruction** classes will be postponed until further notice.
- There will be no **Refreshments** served after Worship until further notice.
- There will be no **Adult Education, Men's Bible Study, and Women's Bible Study** for the next two weeks (March 16 - March 29, 2020).

- **Various ministry group meetings** (Ministry Teams, quilters, Abundant, etc) will be cancelled for the next two weeks (March 16 - March 29, 2020).
- **Laundry Love** will take place on Tuesday, March 17th, but everyone is encouraged to practice safe physical distance and hand washing.
- **Choir/Bell Choir** will not practice (16th – 29th, 2020), and after that the situation will be reassessed.
- If possible, the Worship Services for **GlenFields and Grand Meadows** will be provided to them digitally.
- **Instructions will be given to the Usher's, Altar Guild, and Custodians.** The Ushers will need to wear gloves and the offering plate will be placed at the back of church for members to deposit their offering when entering the Sanctuary. Altar Guild will wear gloves while preparing for and cleaning up after Communion and the Communion Servers and Helper will also wear gloves. We will be using wafers for the foreseeable future for Communion. The Custodians will be instructed regarding sanitizing the church during the two weeks no activities are taking place at the church, and going forward.

Thereafter, depending on conditions that would permit resuming some/all activities, we recommend:

- **If you are ill**, regardless of your age, please stay home.
- **Due to the vulnerability of our age 60 and above members**, you are encouraged to do what you deem best as far as attending worship, not only for yourself, but the sake of others.
- **We will exercise physical distancing**, which means that you can greet each other with words of kindness, rather than handshakes or hugs. Also, please try and keep approximately 6 feet of distance from non-direct family members.

As recommendations come from the CDC, MDH, and our state and local officials, Christ Lutheran Church will make adjustments to our level of ministry accordingly. Members are encouraged to regularly check CLC's Website and Facebook page for important updates!