



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and School

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,

Since Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers first issued the state-wide mandate limiting gatherings to 10 or fewer people, including places of worship, in order to further limit exposure of everyone to COVID-19, Pastor Prince and the Elders have found it necessary to cancel all physical meeting together for worship beginning with Wednesday, March 18. Now with the governor's most recent order declaring Wisconsin "Safer at Home," it appears that we may not be able to meet together for another month.

Pastor Prince will continue to provide online worship services on our congregational YouTube channel, including weekend services, Lenten midweek, Holy Week (Maundy Thursday and Good Friday), and even Easter Sunday. When we all can meet together physically in church once again, we will have a wonderful festival "breaking of the quarantine" of Lent, of sin, and even of death, celebrating Christ's Easter victory! For those without internet access or a device on which to watch the online services, please call the church office, and we can arrange to send a DVD of services to you by mail.

Please keep in mind that although we may not be able to worship together, our congregation still has fixed expenses which must be met on a weekly and monthly basis. In order to maintain the "Safer at Home" order, we encourage all members to send your offerings by mail to the church office.

Besides our online services, another devotional resource we recommend are daily devotions from *Lutheran Hour Ministries*. Visit www.LHM.org.

Now more than ever, it's important for Christians to live, share, and show our faith and hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. While the rest of the world is filled with fear and panic, we can, as the apostle Peter writes in 1 Peter 3:15-16, "Always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you. Yet do it with gentleness and respect." Finally, remember these words from Psalm 27, "Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage, and wait for the LORD." Remember our God is still in control!

In Christ's love,

The Board of Elders
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