

March 17, 2020

Dear Members of First Evangelical Lutheran Church,

The past few days have been challenging for all of us. The council has made the difficult decision to suspend all "in person" activities through the end of March and will continue to update with more information as the weeks pass. As a church, we can do our part by limiting our contact with others (social distancing), washing our hands, and staying home when we are sick, we will be doing our part to avoid worsening the crisis. This is a way to love our neighbors.

The leaders and staff have been communicating and planning how we will remain a connected, worshiping, praying, learning church in the midst of physical distance. Over the next couple of weeks, stay home, stay healthy, stay connected in new and different ways. If you, or someone you know, needs help during this time; a phone call, a ride somewhere, food, anything, please let the office know by calling Angie at 651-465-5265 or email parishc@tflutheran.org as she checks this daily.

Here are some ways in this challenging time to stay connected:

- We encourage you to find the bulletin on our website and use it to pray, read the scripture passages, and worship together at that 9 am hour. Click [HERE](#) to find the bulletin.
- Designate 9 am as a time for all of us to pause, reflect, and pray throughout the week.
- We encourage you to call fellow FELC members and others, either during this time of prayer and pray with them, or just call and connect with some who are more isolated.
- Check out Facebook Page - First Evangelical Lutheran Church - and stay connected!
- Check out our website - we are hoping to have more material available to you.

We are currently working to providing additional resources and messages to help meet our spiritual needs even as we are physically separated.

The church council and office staff will be continue to discuss further actions and ways to support you.

God's peace to all!