



Hope Lutheran Church

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are living in difficult times as the Coronavirus pandemic has hit the world like a plague of biblical proportions. If you ask any pastor, including me, we all have to admit that nothing in our spiritual training or experiences in life have quite prepared us for the dramatic changes we have all experienced, and are still experiencing.

The executive council committee and I are meeting regularly to ascertain the situation and find ways to continue to reach out and to serve using other than traditional ways to gather.

These are the choices taken to date:

- The building is closed and all activities have been cancelled.
- The office is staffed from 9-11 AM on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.
- Services are being streamed via Facebook and Zoom; Josh Cressman is posting the weekly bulletin so as for you to print it and follow the services.
- Palm Sunday at 10:30 AM, Maundy Thursday at 7 PM, Good Friday at 7 PM, and Easter service at 10:30 AM (one service only) will all be streamed.
- We are posting information on Facebook, via e-mail, and by phone call.
- I am reaching out by phone to as many church members as possible to keep in contact. If you need to talk or would like some support, leave a message at the church or call me directly.
- Please, consider saving your regular giving and either deliver it to church or bring it with you once activities and services resume here at church; needless to say that we still depend on your generous giving, which is essential to keep this building and ministries operational.
- Take it upon yourselves to call members of this congregation; these are challenging times, and loneliness and despair may cause more damage than the virus itself; let people know that we care and that we are united throughout this challenge.

It is our prayer that you will stay connected with your church during this time of separation. If you are in need of anything, contact us and we will do our best to respond. In all things, let us hold each other in prayer and pray for all those who have been struck by this disease and whose lives have been affected by the virus.

In Christ,

Herbert C. Dolich
Pastor