



Trinity Lutheran Church March 19 Update:

At Trinity, our leaders have been monitoring the Coronavirus situation and are preparing to make adjustments to our activities as needed. As you may know, Governor Evers has issued a ban on gatherings of 10 people or more. After prayerful consideration, we have decided to not hold public worship services at Trinity for the near future. We will reevaluate this decision on April 6. While we intend to comply with this order, we still plan to serve our people with the Gospel in Word and Sacrament.

- We plan to disseminate a video of a worship opportunity that can be viewed in your homes via our website or through our Vimeo channel. We will send out a link to the video at the end of the week. Should you not have an internet connection, please call our office and we will be happy to send you a DVD copy of each week's service.
- All planned group activities in the congregation will be canceled for the near future.
- Devotions or Bible Classes will continue to be emailed out to our congregation as well.
- We will be establishing a calling team who will be calling all of our members via phone, offering a word of Scriptural encouragement, verifying current contact information, and asking if any of our members have any prayer requests they would like included on a weekly prayer email. These phone calls will begin on March 24. The first weekly prayer email will be sent out on March 27.

We would ask all of our members who are continuing to receive an income whether from their employment or social security to please remember that the work of God's Kingdom continues (and that some of their brothers and sisters who have hourly employment are out of work). Whether we hold services with 400 people present each week or send our weekly services via video, our budgetary needs don't really change. Please continue to support the work of the church with your offerings. You can submit your offerings through the mail. You can stop by church and drop them off in the office (Erin plans to hold regular office hours from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Monday through Friday). You can also enroll in our EFT program through Vanco by filling out the attached form.

In the meantime, amid all the uncertainty, let's remember what we know from God's Word.

- **God is in control.** Psalm 46:1 - "Be still, and know that I am God."
- **God loves us and promises to help us.** Isaiah 41:10 - "Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."
- **God promises to use all things for our good.** Romans 8:28 - "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."
- **God wants to use us to reflect his love to others.** Matthew 5:14, 16 "You are the light of the world... let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and praise their Father in heaven."
- **In times of adversity Christians can demonstrate a calm confidence that others don't have.** "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have" (1 Peter 3:15).