

Dear FELC Family,

Your Church Council would like to provide an update on the COVID-19 situation and the actions being taken to keep our congregation connected during these trying times.

In light of the recent stay at home order imposed by Governor Mike DeWine, **live Sunday worship services for March 29th and April 5th are cancelled.** The guidance we have received from the NW Ohio Synod indicates that we should be able to continue recording alternative worship services at FELC as long as we follow social distancing guidelines. We will continue to look for guidance from Governor Mike DeWine and the NW Ohio Synod concerning this pandemic and look forward to the time when we can worship in person again.

Alternative worship materials are being made available on the [church website](#), [Facebook page](#), and [YouTube channel](#).

- Rebecca Van Meter is recording daily children's messages for our youth that are available on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#). While these short videos are intended for a younger audience, there is certainly something for everyone who wants to stay connected with their church family in these lovely messages.
- We are working with the supply pastors that we have scheduled for weekly worship services to record shortened services that will be published to the [church website](#), [Facebook page](#), and [YouTube channel](#) every Sunday morning at approximately 7am. Our next video features Pastor Jim Budke.
- Our Sunday School staff has organized remote lessons through Zoom web and call conferencing that began this past Sunday morning.
- Adult 'Sunday School' classes will be held through Zoom web and call conferencing starting this Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Instructions for participating were sent in a separate email.

The home page of our [church website](#) is being updated daily to provide our congregation with timely and relevant information to keep our church family connected and well informed.

Finally, the church office is temporarily closed and Hilary is working from home. Hilary can check her email and phone messages from home, so please use the contact information below if you need assistance. Church mail is being checked daily.

Prayerfully,  
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FELC Council President

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