Dear MLPS Families,

First and most importantly, we all pray that you and your families are staying well and safe during this challenging and uncertain time. We hope that you all are continuing to check all communications with MLPS and from your teachers as we move forward with a distance learning plan for our families.

Per the most recent announcement from Governor Larry Hogan and the State Superintendent of Schools Dr. Karen Salmon, "Maryland public schools will extend the closures until April 24, 2020". While the Office of Child Care/Early Childhood Education Division states "The Governor's Executive Order does not require Child Care Providers to be closed", MLPS will err on the side of caution to keep everyone safe and continue to follow the directives from the state and county and MLPS will remain closed through April 24, 2020.

Teachers and staff have been developing online distance learning plans to stay connected with your child through this time. We hope that you are using the different links and activities and the YouTube stories that the teachers have sent out recently. Yesterday's email also included an MLPS Coronavirus story which was hopefully helpful to your children.

You will receive your April calendar and newsletter as scheduled next week. It will include:

* A "kick off" plan from your teacher. More details will follow.

* The office will send you links to Chapel stories these next 2 weeks and they will be posted on the website. Stories include Palm Sunday and The Easter Story. You will also receive some great links to additional resources related to chapel themes, Fruits of the Spirit and Character Traits.

As part of our mission and ministry, MLPS will continue to reach out and provide support through the various forms of communication. The loving and caring staff at Messiah prays for all of you and looks forward to staying connected with you and your child these next few weeks.

Blessings,
Carol Carpenter, Director
Susan Wollman, Office Manager
and the Messiah Lutheran Preschool Staff