



Our Savior's Lutheran Church and School

Inspired to Love, Encouraged to Think and Sent to Serve."

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RE: Important Worship and Program Changes at OSLC:

Dear friends,

I truly give thanks to God for all your love and support on behalf of the ministry that God has given us here at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. You are all appreciated, and thank you for your love and support during this current time. Sometimes it is unclear what exactly is the best course of action to take; but for followers of Jesus we have two mandates that we hold front and center: "Love the Lord your God and Love your neighbors as yourselves." Ultimately in every time and place these twin commands direct us.

Currently public health officials have asked those most vulnerable to the Covid-19 virus to refrain from any unnecessary social interaction and even for those who are otherwise at low risk to likewise exercise extreme caution. I am interpreting this as the most reasonable way for us to 'love our neighbor' in a time of heightened health concerns. Taking the recommendation of our local Bishop and considering the current health concerns we are embracing the following changes to our worship and programing here at OSLC.

School Ministry: Our School Ministry, Infant Care Center, Mommy and Me, Sprout and other ECE programs are all closed as of tomorrow. Our initial closure is for two weeks (April 1st). We will evaluate and adjust as conditions and recommendation change.

Soup Suppers: Soup Suppers have been canceled for the remainder of Lent. We are so grateful for those who have helped us thus far; and for those whose soups we haven't tried yet...we wait with anxious anticipation!

Wednesday Lenten Worship: We ask that you stay home and participate via live stream ONLINE. The worship service will be live at approximately 6:30pm. Again this is for the safety and welfare of our neighbor. You can see the live stream either on our website: <http://www.oursavioronline.net> or on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/oursavioronline/>

Sunday Worship: We ask that you stay home and participate via live stream ONLINE. The worship staff will be here broadcasting worship at both 8:30am and 1030am. Again we

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are encouraging everyone to worship at home as a way to love our neighbor. You can watch either on our website: <http://www.oursaviorsonline.net> or on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/oursaviorsonline/>

Everyone who has graciously signed up to volunteer on a particular Sunday is released from their duties. (Ushers, Communion Servers, Readers, Refreshment Servers, Sunday School Teachers, Choir members etc..).

We will post an update to the status of worship on a weekly basis via email and Facebook.

What can you do? During such a time as this we need to be CHURCH together. Remember the church is not a building, but it is the living presence of Jesus Christ that serves as his body in the world. I ask that you take on two distinct responsibilities: **CONNECT WITH EACH OTHER**. Please take a moment to phone, email, chat or connect with each other. Call the church office and we can send you a directory if you need up to date phone numbers or emails. Why not send e-cards of encouragement via email. And if you hear of someone who has a particular need--let us know.

Secondly, this is our mutual ministry and we need to continue to be faithful and perhaps even overly generous with our gifts at this time. We have ministry that we support and without you--that simply doesn't happen. Use online giving (see our website). Send in your checks to the church office or utilize Venmo if you use that APP: (Our Saviors Lutheran Church @oursaviorssancllemente). Or if you use the Zelle App: look for Lutheran Church of Our Saviors or oursaviorslcsc@gmail.com

I told church leadership that we will get through this--we will! God is good, all the time! That being said, we all might need to be a bit flexible and I so appreciate your continued love and support. Pray for your church. Pray for our nation. Pray for the world. And pray for one another. And let us do what we can to lift each other up in the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

Peace!

Pastor Jeff Frohner

