

COVID-19

Dear Friends,

The global health crisis in our midst challenges all of us in many ways. One of those ways is to determine how we should properly respond. COVID-19 is thought to be spread mainly through close person to person contact. The urgency of this issue moves all of us to act responsibly. Our main priority is the well being of our members, volunteers, staff, and guests. Therefore, in addition to the closure of our Early Childhood Education Center, these are the steps we are taking:

1. Weekend Worship services are cancelled.
2. All weekly events are cancelled.
3. All Bible studies, Sunday school, Confirmation, and weekday Religious Education classes are cancelled until further notice.
4. Concerning further restrictions and closings Zion Church and School will generally follow the actions of local school Districts 181 and 86 and from local and state public health officials. For further information here are some helpful links

DuPage County Health:

<https://www.dupagehealth.org/590/Coronavirus-Disease-2019-COVID-19-Info>

Illinois Department of Public Health:

<http://www.dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/diseases-a-z-list/coronavirus/media-publications>

Center for Disease control:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

5. Please contact Pastor Klein if you should require an immediate need.

The President of the Lutheran Church Missouri synod, the Rev Matthew Harrison, reminds us of a great and wonderful truth during this time of crisis. He writes, "You all know Martin Luther's great Reformation hymn, *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*. It's his hymn version of Psalm 46. But you may not know that it was written during the plague in Wittenberg in 1527. The first verse is: *A mighty fortress is our God. A trusty shield and weapon; He helps us free from ev'ry need That hath us now o'ertaken.*"

Our great and gracious God promises to never forget nor forsake His people (Hebrews 13:5). While our weekly worship is temporarily interrupted, our relationship with Jesus never is! Our Savior always remains and *lives* to be your Rock and Redeemer. May the Holy Spirit use this opportunity of crisis to deepen our personal understanding of God's love and sacrifice.

"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus."
Philippians 4:6-7

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Galatians 2:20

"The life I live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me."

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