



St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

Sharing Christ in Faith, Fellowship & Service

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To the Saints of Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church,

Mary Halliburton and I have been in close conversation along with the Congregation Council over these past weeks. Based on Centers for Disease Control recommendations and guidance from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, we have decided that effective Thursday, Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church will begin Sharing Christ in Faith, Fellowship and Service mediated through online presence until at least March 30th, when the situation will be re-evaluated on a week by week basis.

- **Worship** services will be livestreamed on the internet;
- Meetings, **Bible Studies** and other interactive small group events of this congregation may move to internet media, according to the decision of the leaders;
- Pastor will continue to lead the "**Dusting off the Small Catechism**" gathering by way of internet meeting;
- The **Office** will remain open and Pastor David will be available for pastoral care primarily by telephone;
- During office hours, members may come to the **Prayer Room** for individual prayer;
- Arrangements are being made related to the best manner for continuing the series, "**Conversations on Race**" with Dr. Dawson;
- **Community Groups** such as twelve step groups and others have been asked to identify alternative options for supporting one another;
- Members of Saint Andrew's can and should reach out to one another for **mutual care and support**, showing forth the love of Jesus Christ;
- Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church will host **Loaves and Fishes** on March 22. Volunteers (younger than 60 preferably) are needed to pack sack lunches. Other care for our neighbor ministries will occur in coordination with local organizations and congregations;
- Finally, let us **pray** for all whose health, whose livelihood, whose circumstance is being radically affected by the ways the COVID-19 pandemic rearranges so many parts of life.

Watch the website, the Facebook page, the Facebook group, Flocknote emails and text messages for the most current information.

Physical distancing need not become social and spiritual distancing or isolation. Let this time be a call to live more fully into what God calls this Church to be, worshiping, praying, caring, and encouraging one another. We hold in prayer government leaders, medical professionals and all who discern the best course forward, that they be wise and compassionate in all things.

Yours in Christ

Pastor David Frerichs