

March 27, 2020 (copied from email)

Dear Family of Holy Trinity,

I hope this finds you safe and healthy.

We all realize that your lives are changing day to day due to the corona virus outbreak, but this does not mean that you are alone. You are part of our church family and we care about you. Along with your council and our pastors, we are looking at every way we can safely reach out to one and other. Thanks to modern technology, we can stay connected in new and exciting ways. We are using these sources for sharing our worship, essential meetings, and keeping each other informed. But these technological advances can't replace the old-fashioned way. – sending cards and calling people directly. It is important for each of us to stay in touch with each other. This keeps us connected and makes us stronger. Supporting each other is the best medicine.

Here are some of the concrete things we are doing:

- Pastors are working diligently to bring worship services to your home. We are recording worship services each week. These are live on Facebook at 9am (Celebration Service) and 11am (Traditional Service) each Sunday. A separate recording of each service is posted later in the day on Sunday to our web page at www.htlchurch.org.
- We held our regular March council meeting this past week using Zoom – an app for live video meetings. We pray the incorporation of this technology will help us in the future with meetings, Bible study, and other gatherings that some people might not be able to attend.
- Like your home, your church continues to get bills. We need your regular or special financial donations.
- o We are staffing the office on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9 to 11 am if you choose to drop your donation by the church.
- o If you cannot do this, please mail your donation to the church or use bill pay through your bank.
- o We are also looking at a way for you to donate on-line. Stay tuned for more.
- We have closed the office for regular business and our staff is working from home.
- Our food pantry remains open; however, we are practicing safe distancing and giving out pre-bagged food.
- We have asked several church members to call our church family. They will identify themselves as being from Holy Trinity. Please share how you are doing. It is important for us to stay connected.
- Also remember, you can call or email the church office if you have any needs. Office@htlchurch.org, pastorandrea@htlchurch.org, or pastorken@htlchurch.org.

I cannot wait for us to be together. I pray that we will all be able to share the joy of being a family at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church soon.

Peace be with you

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