



All Saints Lutheran Church

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Called to Know, Follow, and Share Jesus

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Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

Dear people of All Saints,

I give God thanks for each of you, and pray that God surrounds you with peace, comfort and love in these uncertain times. We know that God did not give us a spirit of fear and worry, but a spirit of hope and joy. In the midst of the reality we are currently living in, we rely on that hope and joy to carry us through.

Our council met last night (a safe 6 feet apart from each other) and talked through many of the ways the COVID-19 guidelines are affecting our church life and how best to continue being the church as we walk through this together. Here are the decisions we have made:

Worship Online — Our current state and local guidelines prevent gatherings of more than 10 people, so all in-person worship and activities have been suspended until further notice. We will, however, continue to gather for worship online. I will be on Facebook Live and YouTube on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. and Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. These opportunities for worship will be accessible on those formats after the fact as well, and will also be added to the All Saints website (www-allsaints-madison.org).

Building Closed—Following the most recent recommendations from Public Health Madison & Dane County that people should stay home as much as possible, the church building will be closed. There will be no regular office hours. I will be regularly checking my voicemail at church, and you can always reach my by email or my cell phone.

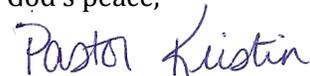
Stewardship—Even though we will not be meeting in person, it is as important as ever that you continue to give your offerings. Our bills will not stop during this time, and many of our staff will continue working in whatever way they can. You can mail your offering to the church (we will have someone checking the mail regularly), but now may also be the perfect time to sign up for automated giving, which can be set up directly through your bank or by clicking on the “Giving” tab above. Thank you for your continued support!

Communication—We will do our best to communicate with all of you throughout this disruption in our regular life. Email is the quickest way to be able to do that. Watch for emails from me— a few have been sent out over the past week or so, so if you haven’t received them, check your junk mail. If you haven’t received any of my messages, please contact me with your email address so that you can be added to the list. And when you have received updated information, help us out by sharing that information with church friends that you know don’t have email. Thank you!

Phone Calls— We recognize that this time of physical distancing may feel socially isolating, and we want to stay connected to one another. While our online connections will help provide some of that, phone conversations will be important as well. If you would like to help make phone calls to All Saints folks during this time, please contact Heather Quartaro. We will regularly be checking messages on the church voicemail system.

We know that this is a difficult and uncertain time, but as we do what we can to help flatten the curve, we also trust in a God who holds us in the palm of his hand.

God’s peace,


Pastor Kristin Woelk