



COVID-19 Update from St. Peter's Lutheran

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Covid-19 virus discussions are dominating daily life. Decisions about life at St. Peter's are evolving day by day. Here are today's decisions and suggestions:

- There WILL be worship, coffee and Sunday School this week (3/15)
- We will be making changes to worship procedures to minimize potential exposure
- Worship will also be "Facebook Live" beginning this Sunday, and for the foreseeable future. Videos will be uploaded to the website for non-Facebook users.
- People who feel ill, or are at high risk for serious complications from Covid-19 are encouraged to stay at home and participate remotely
- Coffee servers will change serving protocols to keep contagion risks minimized
- Sunday School is cancelled for the two weekends of Spring Break (3/22 & 3/29)
- Groups that regularly meet at church are encouraged to consider cancelling their meetings, or meeting in homes where there is less traffic and less chance for contamination to be left behind
- Decisions about Wednesday programming will be made next week

How to be the church during this period:

- Check on the at-risk people in your circle. Offer to go places for them to keep them safe.
- Help out your friends and neighbors who are most greatly impacted by these events
- Remember that you can contaminate others and avoid unnecessary gatherings or stops
- Donate to the food shelf for local needs and to relief organizations for other areas
- Pray, pray, pray for wisdom and guidance for all decision makers and protection for those who are most vulnerable
- Look outward in love and not inward in fear

We will continue to update you through this means and via Facebook and pray for your well-being and the well-being of all.

May the love of Christ infuse your choices and our decisions,

St. Peter's Staff & Council

You can click on the following link for COVID-19 information and updates from the Minnesota Department of Health: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/situation.html> and the CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>