



# Christ Lutheran Church

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Dear Friends in Christ,

I am writing to inform you that the Church Council, with heavy hearts, voted unanimously last night to suspend all in-person worship services, education classes (including Sunday School and Confirmation), and all meetings effective immediately until May 10th. We are following the CDC guidelines and it is our fervent hope and prayer that we will be able to gather sooner than that. The coronavirus pandemic is something that no one ever thought we'd have to deal with at this level; nevertheless, as a congregation, community, and country, we are needing to respond to this situation in ways that will protect our most vulnerable people.

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

We are working with a few people to bring you weekly worship services on-line while we are not able to gather in person. There will be information about how to access these worship services on our website: [www.christlutherandeforest.org](http://www.christlutherandeforest.org).

For people who do not have internet access, we can send you a weekly bulletin and printed sermon. Please contact the office if you would like to receive these (608-846-4718).

For our children who have attended Sunday School, we will be mailing lesson packets and leader guides so families can continue to learn the stories of our faith.

It is important during this time that we remain connected as a community of faith. I will be sending out weekly devotions as well as daily Fixed Hour Prayers so that we can all be praying the same prayers and reading the same Scriptures each day. I wrote the Fixed Hour Prayers for Lent a few years ago, so these will be the same ones from that time. Each day for one week you will receive an e-mail with the day's prayers. You are invited to read these prayers during the designated times and repeat each day while we are unable to gather in person for worship. We will also be mailing hard copies of Fixed Hour Prayers to people who do not have e-mail.

The office will remain open and I am available for all pastoral needs. I am working with our Stephen Ministers and Member Care Committee to establish phone trees and other ways for us to remain in contact with you.

Please pray for our community, nation, and world during this difficult time. We would also ask that you prayerfully consider mailing in your offering or contributing on-line so that we can continue to be good stewards of our financial obligations. As we navigate these uncharted waters, it is our desire to continue to bring the Word of God to you in new and creative ways. When we can gather again in person, we will celebrate with joy the good news of Jesus our crucified and risen Savior whose Holy Spirit will sustain us and guide us until then.

Trusting in the hope and love of Jesus,

Pastor Sue Beadle