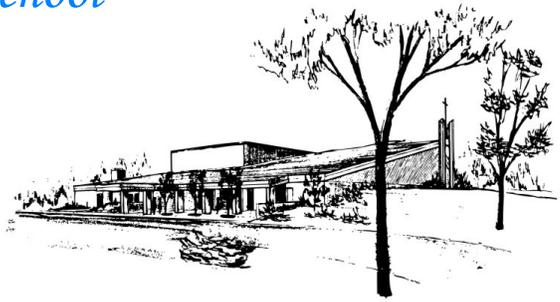


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St. John's Family,

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling." (Psalm 46:1-3)

In the midst of our current troubles, we can confidently seek refuge in our God, who promises to help us in all upsetting situations. He, who was willing to give up His Son for us and for our salvation and who promises to be with us always, will certainly not abandon us now. Let us remember and trust in Him always, even now, as we walk through this challenging time.

Much has happened in the last week concerning efforts to curb the spread of the Corona virus. Governor Whitmer has closed all of the public schools, the CDC is now recommending that events with over 50 people be cancelled or postponed, and this week President Trump recommended that we not gather in groups greater than 10.

Although we at St. John's have an overwhelming desire to remain open for worship services, an abundance of caution is advised.

In response, the Board of Elder met Tuesday evening (3/17). We concluded that we would suspend all activities of St. John's for at least the next two weeks and possibly for even longer. Specifically:

- Sunday worship services are suspended until further notice.
- Wednesday Lenten worship services and dinners will not be held.
- All Bible classes, Sunday School, Preschool, and other various groups will not meet.
- The church office will remain open (except in the case of staff illness) to assist you in any way we can.
- Pastor is available for pastoral care. (cell number: 313-530-3639)

The reasoning behind this decision is as follows:

- Desire to comply with the recommendation of the CDC and other civil authorities.
- Realizing that we have an older population who are more susceptible to the virus and suffer greater complications if they have contracted COVID - 19. (30% of our members are over the age of 65)
- Recognizing that through radio, or the internet, we can offer suggestions for online worship with other more technically advanced LCMS Congregations. (See back for list)

Holy Week services are planned for now, but may have to change due to health concerns. We are prayerfully working diligently to devise possible options.

Our offerings are critical during these next weeks. Please mail your contributions to the church, or drop them off at the church office. (9am to 2pm M-Th) We would love to see you.

We will continue to monitor the situation and communicate with you in a timely manner. Please look for updates and information on St. John's website (www.mysjp.org), on Facebook, from staff, or from the church answering machine. Otherwise, be constant in prayer, devote yourself to God's Word, and check in on your neighbors to see if you can be of any assistance. We continue to thank God for His faithfulness and the hope and confidence that it gives us!

In Christ,

Michael Boetefuer, Chairman

Don Michalski, Head Elder

Rev. David A. Jung, Pastor

AVAILABLE RESOURCES

The Lutheran Hour - Sundays - WSAM - The Bay - 1400 am radio at 8:30 am.

Sunday Radio Broadcast - Immanuel Lutheran Bay City - WSAM - 1400 am radio at 9:00 am

LCMS Rado KFUEO - St. Louis <https://www.kfuo.org/> for many resources and live stream

Sunday School Curriculum for home use: <https://www.cph.org/t-bestill-study.aspx>

For Daily Devotions: www.mysjp.org
<https://www.cph.org/t-bestill-home.aspx>