

March 17, 2020

To: First Lutheran Church
Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

Dear Friends in Christ,

We are currently living in a challenging and perplexing time as the Coronavirus threatens the entire world. Facing the reality of the virus spreading throughout our country, we need to consider what's appropriate for the people of God regarding worship and serving one another. Today the Governor of Iowa has asked us to cancel all religious and spiritual services for at least 30 days; unless, the Governor terminates her emergency order of March 16th early.

Therefore, after thoughtful prayer and consultation with the Church Council, we are canceling all programs and worship services at both First Lutheran and Christ the Servant Lutheran until after Palm Sunday. There will be no weekly or monthly activities at either congregation from today, until after Palm Sunday (April 5th). This means that we have discontinued the Midweek Lenten Services for the next three weeks in both Chariton and Corydon and there will be no Sunday worship services until Easter (April 12th) – however, we will re-evaluate Holy Week and Easter Services after March 31st. There will likewise be no confirmation classes, Bible Study, Prayer Shawl Ministry, LAF, or WELCA until after Easter.

Now, we also recognize that some of you are currently reluctant to leave your home for the next few weeks. So, if you find yourself in need of groceries or prescription medications, we would be honored to help, by shopping for you and delivering your order to your home or apartment. If you would like us to help you, please call the church office (641-774-4875) and give Wendy your order, and we'll shop and deliver your order to you.

As we look forward, let us all pray for the Lord to protect and restore the health to all, thereby enabling us to celebrate the wonder of the resurrection on Easter. May the joy of "He is Risen" fill our future with the wonder of new life!

Blessings to all of you!

Pastor Dick