Dear Church Family,

Please know I am praying for all of you during this difficult time. If you need help during this difficult time, please call the church office at 862-5597. I wanted to update you on our current plans going forward.

The leadership of our church met last night to discuss our plans for the next two weeks as we continue to navigate through this time of uncertainty due to the COVID-19 virus. We have decided to continue with the cancelation of all church services and activities except Sunday morning service, which will be an on-line format only. This will continue through April 12th. We are making this decision to continue to honor our government’s request as they seek to lessen the impact of this virus throughout our community.

April 12th is Easter. On this date, I want us as a church to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by participating in the Lord’s Supper in each of our homes. Please be prepared for this by having some juice and crackers and joining together as a family as you watch the online service. Also, for our first Sunday that we are able to meet again in the church building, we are planning on celebrating Easter together in person. On that Sunday, we will have our service at 8:30am, Sunday School at 10:00, and our Easter cantata at 11:00. I am hoping that date will be soon. Until we are able to meet in person, please continue to focus on the items listed below.

1. Pray for our nation. There are several groups to pray for: 1. Our government as they decide the best course of action. 2. Our first responders (EMT, police, nurses and doctors) as they provide care to those affected by the virus. 3. Those who have contracted the virus and their families. 4. Our homebound and ones that are most susceptible to the virus.

2. Spend time in God’s Word. Most will have more free time as we go through this. Use that time to grow closer to God by spending time in His Word.

3. Sunday School material. Please use your Sunday School material as a bible study tool during this time. If you need a book, you can stop by the church to pick up a copy. We will also post each week’s Sunday School material on the church website.

4. Sunday sermon. Continuing for the next two weeks, I will be recording a Sunday morning sermon. It will be shorter in length. It will be located on the church website and Facebook page. Remember to be prepared to participate in the Lord’s Supper on Easter morning, April 12th.

I also wanted to update you on the status of online giving. Last time I had told you we were working on setting up online giving. The setup is complete, so you can now go to our website and give online. You can also either tithe by mailing it to the church, or you can drop it by the church office during regular office hours. I would like to thank those of you who have been able to tithe during this difficult time.

Finally, last time I told you that the church isn’t a building but the people. Let’s use this time to be the church to this community. Please remember to continue check in on our homebound and those that are at high risk for complications from the virus. Also, continue to use this time for your family. Lastly, remember that Jesus told us He will never leave us or forsake us.

In Christ,

Sean