



MESSIAH

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To the community of faith at Messiah Lutheran Church,

Messiah leadership has prayerfully continued our conversation regarding the worship life and activities at Messiah Lutheran Church in the wake of COVID-19 (coronavirus). Erring on the side of caution and to promote the well-being of the community in which we live, Messiah will be suspending all Sunday worship services, all church-related activities, and non-church-related activities, with the lone exception of the Preschool and Childcare.

1. Worship services will be canceled tomorrow, March 15th, and Sundays March 22nd and 29th. Instead, **we will live stream worship each of these Sundays at 9:00am** via our website, www.messiahlc.com, and our Facebook page, [Messiah Lutheran Church Fort Wayne](#). Our plan is to resume normal worship services on Palm Sunday, April 5th, 2020.
2. Secondly, we are suspending all church-related activities – youth and children's ministries, dance teams, bible studies, PALS, bells, choir, etc. – through Saturday, April 4th, 2020.
3. Finally, we will also be suspending all non-church-related activities including table tennis, pickleball, volleyball, yoga & stretch/balance, TOPS, and AA and Al-anon meetings.
4. At this point, our office will remain open during regular business hours. Donations can be mailed or made online through the website. Pastoral visits will be made wherever they are permissible.
5. Our Preschool and Childcare will remain in operation until state authorities mandate otherwise. The Preschool and Childcare are taking precautionary steps to eliminate visitors, make hand sanitizer available in classrooms (with permission from the state), and by increasing daily cleaning and sanitizing practices.

These are difficult decisions for sure, especially when we feel so strongly that the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ speaks directly to the current realities of our world. He is the life and light of our salvation. He will not forsake us or leave us, ever.

Hear the words of the prophet Isaiah: "Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand." (Isaiah 41:10)

Please join me in the practice of constant prayer for Messiah, for our community, for the whole church, and the whole world. And again, join us tomorrow for live stream worship at 9:00am.

God's peace be with you,

Pastor Tim Graham