

March 19, 2020

Good morning, People of God!

**“God’s got this . . . because God’s got us—you and me—living, human instruments through whom God intends to guide us in this unsettling time.”** These are words of encouragement from my friend and former bishop Larry Wohlrabe. These are good words for us today as we maneuver through these times. Here are some things you need to know--

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP DURING LENT: I will lead Wednesday Lenten worship (*Holden Evening Prayer*) at 6:30 p.m. on March 18 (last night), March 25, and April 1. We encourage you to worship with us on Facebook Live. You can access last night’s worship and all future worship services on Facebook and the Christ Lutheran website ([www.welcome2clc.com](http://www.welcome2clc.com)). Wednesday’s Table will continue to serve meals from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. but on a pick-up and go basis. The CLC pop-up pantry will continue to give food bags.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP: Again, the building will not be open to worshippers. Similar to Wednesday Lenten worship, a small group and I will lead worship that will be available on Facebook Live or the radio broadcast at 9:30 a.m. on WMEQ AM880. My hope is we will be able once again to gather together on April 5, Palm Sunday. We will keep you updated.

All other meetings and gatherings are put on hold.

Concerning home, nursing home, and hospital visits, our home communion ministers and I are “on lock-down” as well. Phone calls will be used to keep in touch, and we suggest that all of our members use phone calls to stay connected to their family, friends, and church family. We need a strong sense of community right now, and since we cannot meet face-to-face, we must find alternate ways to care and support one another.

Under these circumstances, we are learning how to be church together in a different way for a while. For now, almost everything has changed. The one thing that hasn’t changed is God’s love for us. It is imperative to remember our mission: Love Jesus, Grow Together, Serve Others.

Finally, the better we comply with these difficult expectations, the sooner we can gather to worship, continue our ministries, and use our building. As usual, our office secretary Jane will be in the office from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday. The church office can be reached at 715.235.5573. I am still available anytime at 218.329.7904.

Please stay posted, and may we all strive to love Jesus, grow together, and serve others. And let’s be GRATEFUL!

In Christ,

*Pastor Randy Skow-Anderson*

P.S. Please remember your offerings! We may not be gathering together in person for the time being, but ministry is still taking place and needs your support and dedication to keep it going. There are several ways to give—online through our website or Facebook and by sending your offering in the mail. Thank you for your gifts!