

3/19/2020

Dear redeemed in Christ at Trinity:

The Coronavirus pandemic has brought necessary precautions to be in place and with recommendations nationwide to slow its spread. Based on what was said by District President Brege and Synod President Harrison about both honoring those in authority over us (4th commandment) but yet remembering we obey God not man, and not wanting to bring hurt nor harm to our fellow mankind (5th commandment) but yet honoring not forsaking gathering together (3rd commandment) the following is our plan.

1. If anyone at Trinity has known symptoms and/or is diagnosed with the virus please let the office know.
2. Although the recommendation is no more than a group of 10 because we are fortunate that the size of our sanctuary means we can easily practice safe distancing we intend to continue with our worship services as planned.
3. But, we are canceling all meal gatherings, Sunday bible studies, choir, handbell, etc. practices and other 10 and more activities until further notice because they can easily cause non-safe distancing.
4. Holy communion is still offered and we have and are practicing safe preparation and serving. Yet if in your conscience you prefer to hold off receiving for now please know it is all right to do. If you choose to receive please practice safe actions including distancing, and a container of sanitizer is present as you come forward.
5. There is to be no judgment placed on members who exercise the desire to not attend services or abstain from the sacrament for God does not do so.
6. We continue no touching while greeting, having the offering plate as you enter, and not passing the fellowship pads.
7. The Council will regularly monitor everything and make plans and inform of any changes.
8. Finally, please know although Pastor Good has set aside regular visits of those home bound or in care centers he is available in emergencies such as hospitalization.

Through this we certainly remember God having Paul say in Romans 8:35, 37 and following: "who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us, for I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

In Christ:

Pastor Good and the Church Council