

Important Message Concerning Sunday Worship

After long consideration and discussion with members, Executive Committee has decided to adapt our schedule for Sunday March 15th Services. At this point the decision is only in effect for services on March 15th. We will continue to monitor as we move forward.

Please note the following changes:

- We will have one service streamed online via Faith Lutheran's Facebook page - www.facebook.com/faithlutheranlex
- The service will begin at 10 AM, but if you are unable to join at that time, the video will remain online for later viewing.
- Executive Committee is highly encouraging members to join us online, but we do understand for some members of our community solace, strength, and hope is derived from the experience of being in our church home on Sunday mornings listening to the Word. For this reason, the church doors will be open.
- The service will be an abridged service. We will omit the Sharing of the Peace, Communion and a receiving line at the end of the service. Choir will not perform. The offering plate will not be passed, but will be in the aisle as you enter.
- There will be no Nursery service offered.
- If you choose to come, please practice Social and Physical Distance

We ask that you understand the decision was not taken lightly. We listened to the opinions of our members, experts in health organizations, and suggestions from the IK Synod and ELCA. Each member of Faith should consider their own circumstances in their decision to join online or in person. We highly recommend you follow the guidelines that have been suggested by both the State of Kentucky and CDC (links below with resources).

Other changes were also discussed:

- The Holden Evening Prayer Service/Lenten Midweek Worship service for Wednesday, March 18th, will be cancelled.
- The Harstad Fine Arts Series has regrettably cancelled the concerts March 20th and 21st.
- All meetings should either be cancelled or moved to conference calls.
- FLY and KidMin Events through the 21st will be cancelled
- The Learning Center staff have decided to be closed next week, Monday, March 16 through Friday, March 20. The FLLC committee will meet at the end of the week to whether or not to open or close the following 2 weeks that schools will be closed. Again, careful consideration was given as to how best balance the needs of our children, parents, and teachers. We hope that you will support Charla and the Learning Center in their decision.

The church office will plan to remain open this next week. Please communicate with the office if you have or are aware of one of our members having a specific need during this

unprecedented time. If you have any questions, please reach out to anyone on the executive committee.

Love in the Lord's Amazing Grace,
Pastor Mark Sloss, Richard Heine, Gayle McGrath, Valerie Dutcher, and Jonathan Delap

Resources and Articles:

CDC <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

KY Covid Response <https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/pages/covid19.aspx>

Coronavirus: Why You Must Act Now <https://medium.com/@tomaspueyo/coronavirus-act-today-or-people-will-die-f4d3d9cd99ca>