

Dear congregants at St. John Ev. Lutheran Church,

I pray that this message finds you well. I have contacted many of our members whose health is most at risk directly, and I hope that you all continue to check in on each other while we are physically separated.

I wanted to update you on our current plans and offer some resources to strengthen your faith while at home.

- 1) We will not have service on Thursdays for the time being.
- 2) The elders are currently planning to have service on Sunday morning, but only at 9am. Please do not come if you are sick or at risk of sickness. If we get more specific direction from the state government we may have to cancel this service also.
- 3) Please understand that our congregation still requires money to operate during this time. We are trying to conserve oil and electricity, but most of our expenses continue. We also understand that some of you are under significant financial strain. However, to the extent that you are able, please continue to support the church. You can mail a check to the church address below and we are working on an online solution for donations.
- 4) We will be posting video and/or audio of sermons and readings for you soon.

In the meantime, consider the following resources for strengthening your faith during the current confinement.

1) <https://issuesetc.org/>

This is a Lutheran radio show. They have music, talk, etc. available including a significant archive of material.

2) <https://www.ctsfw.edu/daily-chapel/>

The seminary in Fort Wayne is closed, but they have begun posting chapel services online again and also have a significant archive.

3) <https://www.kfuo.org/>

KFUO is a St. Louis radio station run by the LCMS. You can find daily chapel from LCMS headquarters, bible study, music, and other content there.

We will soon add our own content on Facebook, our website, or some other way!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Kirkup

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