

From Your Church Council and Pastors

We have been living through the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic for about six weeks, and we continue to learn more about it and respond accordingly. Per health official guidelines, we know we must continue to social distance and delay our various gatherings until at least further into the summer and perhaps even later into the year.

HOW YOUR CHURCH IS RESPONDING TODAY

Our guiding principle is to safeguard everyone, especially the most vulnerable. As a result, there will not be gatherings of any kind well into the future. No one knows specifically how long social distancing will last but we know it is not a brief period.

We are taking guidance from the Wisconsin Council of Churches, The Greater Milwaukee Synod, trustworthy public health resources, and are taking a cautious and conservative response.

ONLINE OPTIONS

Online worship, study, and devotional options are currently the primary ways we are attempting to connect with each other. If there are other virtual formats you would like us to explore, please let us know.

TENTATIVE PLANNING

In a time when it is not possible to safely gather, we are still making tentative plans for Vacation Bible School, some form of local youth mission work, and registration of members to participate in worship leadership knowing that none of those events might be possible. All events for the foreseeable future are tentative and may need to be cancelled. Even if we need to cancel these events, we want to be prepared to adapt with an alternate format.

We are also preparing for much more adaptive options for things like live and interactive online Sunday School, Confirmation, and other faith formation venues for the fall in the event safely gathering is not an option by that time.

We continue to explore and learn from other resources for helpful and effective ways to prepare for a future that likely will be different than any "normal" we have known. During this time, we ask that you pray for your church and our leaders, and remember that we are doing our best to be agile and effective in our responses to provide for safety in the midst of a crisis none of us were prepared for.