

Dear Family in Christ,

Our church staff and council have been in conversation this past week in response to the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic. We also continue to listen to experts on the situation – medical doctors in our community and abroad, and leaders in our community. In our discussion and discernment, we would like you to know what steps we are taking in response to this virus.

We **will** be open for worship on Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 and 10:00 AM and 6 PM.

1) We want you to know as a church staff and church council that we are taking this situation seriously. **Everyone's safety and health is of primary importance to us.**

2) **Not feeling well in any way? Please stay home.** Self-quarantining will help us all.

3) **Communion** will continue to be celebrated. If you prefer to not receive the bread or wine for any reason, communion of just one kind is still communion. If you choose to stay away from the sacrament while we wait for this season to pass, that is fine. Our God is a god of grace and understanding.

4) Current medical guidance is that **anyone 60 years of age and older is encouraged to stay away from crowds.** This is your choice, but please know we honor this advice.

5) **Staying home? Worship with us online!** You can worship online live or view worship on Facebook anytime during the week. We will also be putting condensed versions of Sunday morning worship up on Christ Our Savior's YouTube channel, which you can find by searching for Christ Our Savior, Sussex, WI or clicking the YouTube button at the bottom of our website [www.coslc.com](http://www.coslc.com)

6) **What about my offering if I can't come to church?** Consider an online donation using our website GIVE button, or try our new text to give option. Simply text a dollar amount to **844-957-1061**; you will receive a link to the Vanco site where you can enter your preferred payment method. Additionally, you can mail your offering envelope into the church office.

7) Our practice for all other activities is to model the school district decision. While school is not in session, currently through April 3, all events at church will be suspended.

We will keep you informed of any changes or future closures.

May you feel God's presence with you as we navigate these unique times. May God sustain you with peace and calm.

Christ Our Savior Church Council and Church Staff