

April 2, 2020

Good People,

Some of you have asked about Holy Week and Easter around First Lutheran. Please keep in mind that Governor Ricketts has placed a ten-person limit on public gatherings at least until April 30, in Douglas, Sarpy, Cass, Lancaster, and Washington Counties....so that includes First Lutheran Church. That means that will not be having on-site worship services for Holy Week or Easter. Those services will be Livestreamed on our website.

We will not have a Livestream Maundy Thursday Service, rather I will post two "Fireside Chats" next week (Holy Week) one on Wednesday afternoon and one on Maundy Thursday.

We will Livestream a Good Friday Tenebrae Vespers service on Good Friday at 7:00 p.m. and we will Livestream our Easter service beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Easter Sunday.

Also, until further notice we have suspended offering communion at First Lutheran Church, Papillion. This is not a decision that is made lightly, or with any joy. But given all the data, we simply think we have come to a time where we need to do this. The Word of the LORD endures forever, the coronavirus will not.

You can still check out a hymnal. We have them and we can get more!

Remember to be in God's Word!

Be a good neighbor!

I think that's it!

Blessings to you dear people!

Pastor Ziegler

Also, I share this from Bev Ruff, Chair of our Social Ministry Group:

Tri-City Pantry needs community support to constantly restock their shelves with many food and non-food items. We all have witnessed how the corona virus pandemic has robbed many people of work, income and the money to buy groceries to put food on the table. As we look around our own confinements, so many of us wish we could just do "something" to make this struggle easier for those who are searching for answers to feed their families. Our Mission of the Month commitment, Tri-City Pantry, offers us an opportunity to still put "outreach" to work by rethinking our way to support. Gift cards, personal checks, or groceries delivered to the pantry are workable alternatives. We are so blessed to have our family, our church family, our community and the opportunity to help those who really need us at this time. Gift cards can be purchased for any local grocery store; personal checks can be made out to Tri-City Pantry and sent to Tri-City Pantry, Director Melissa Nelson, 302 American Parkway, Papillion, NE 68046; and groceries can be dropped off at that same address during the drop-off hours listed on tricitypantry.org. If you have any questions, call Bev Ruff at 402 592-1397