

March 18, 2020

Dear People of First Lutheran Church,

So much has happened in less than one week. In just a matter of days we have gone from gathering restrictions of 250, to 50, and now down to no more than 10 people. Because of that, the Board of Directors made the decision to suspend all activities at First Lutheran Church involving 10 people or more. That means that we will not be having Wednesday midweek services, nor will we be having Lenten suppers, regular Confirmation and midweek, or music practices. Confirmation, Youth, and Sunday School will now take place electronically. While currently these restrictions will be for the remainder of the month of March, they could quite possibly last much longer. Those decisions have yet to be made.

Beginning this Sunday, we will Livestream one service beginning at 9:00 a.m. You can access that service by going to our website <https://firstlutheran.360unite.com/home> and clicking the blue Livestream via You Tube lettering and that will take you to First Lutheran's You Tube service page. Please note, you can access the service at any time once it is up. Also, beginning next week, we also will be offering a midweek teaching time on our Livestream page and we hope to also put it on our Church's Facebook page.

Obviously, this raises issues regarding communion and other pastoral care concerns. If you wish to take communion, you simply need to call the Church office at 402-339-3668 and schedule a time with Diana. We will be scheduling those times beginning Sunday the 22nd. If you wish to take communion privately, please let us know that, otherwise you will be grouped in groups of no more than 9.

Also, if you wish to check out a hymnal you may do so. You again simply need to let Diana know so that we can keep track of who has taken one. We also have a limited number of hymnals for purchase/donation of \$10.00.

At this point any funeral or public use of the facility will have to wait until the ban on public gatherings is lifted.

Please know that we have not made these decisions lightly. They are made with the welfare of our neighbor in mind, and in recognition that God has given us Civil Authorities for the protection and the welfare of our larger community.

In the Name of our Risen Savior,

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