

This weekend, March 15, Living Faith Church will not gather as a church but will post this weekend's worship service online by Sunday at 9:30 a.m. It will be posted on the home page and the health and wellness page of our website

To honor the recommendations of our governing agencies who have urged extreme caution, and to love our neighbors, many of whom are particularly vulnerable to COVID-19, we have made the difficult decision to cancel services and all programs and meetings at Living Faith Church from Saturday – March 14 to Saturday – March 21. We will reevaluate on Thursday March 18 about future services and building use.

We are closely monitoring and prayerfully considering how we will continue to respond to COVID-19 concerns. We will make decisions regarding future weekend services and weekday programming on a week-to-week basis and will communicate those decisions at <http://www.livingfaithmn.org/health-and-wellness>.

Pastoral Care

Our elder and staff teams are developing plans to care for our people during this season, especially for those in our community and faith family who are at greatest risk. We ask that you communicate to us if you have specific needs or are aware of neighbors who need a church community to serve them due to how they have been impacted by this virus.

We encourage in-home Bible studies to explore other ways to meet and stay connected such as phone calls and video calls. It will be increasingly important for you to find ways to stay connected and minister to others in the days and weeks ahead.

Giving

It is our goal to roll out online giving early next week. Check the website early in the week for the opportunity to give online. If you haven't used on-line giving, then we would like to encourage you to try. You can contact Paula at paula@livingfaithmn.org and she can help you to set this up over the phone. We will also have an app available for giving. Both are safe and secure methods of giving and allow ministry to continue to be supported. We will be receiving mail, so feel free to mail in your tithe. In the coming days and weeks, we foresee that Benevolent needs may increase so it will be important to continue to have the necessary resources available to meet those needs.

Stay in Prayer

For many, this has caused fear and anxiety but God has given us a spirit of love, not fear. To that end, we pray for our church, community, state, nation, and mission partners. We ask that God will bring peace in the midst of these circumstances and we pray for healing and a resolution to the spread and impact of COVID-19. We invite you to join in prayer for these things and would encourage you to turn to scripture each time you are tempted to scroll

through another article or turn to another news station. This does not mean we should be careless or reactionary but presents us an opportunity to work to serve our church and community in a way that shows that God is in control.

Spiritually, this situation is a time to be reminded that our trust is in God. He is sovereign and in control. Scripture tells us:

“Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.” –
Philippians 4:6-7