

Dear members and friends of St. Peter's,

The COVID-pandemic has reached us in Winnipeg. This has an impact on our ministry at St. Peter's. Church Council met on March 16, 2020, and made the difficult decision to follow the recommendations made by the Canadian government and medical establishment. We have the welfare of all in mind and therefore suspend our worship services for the next three Sundays, on March 22, March 29, and April 5. This also includes the Holden Evening Prayer Service that was scheduled for this Wednesday, March 18th. In the meantime we will be monitoring the situation and will keep you posted.

We will also continue to provide the Word of God and worship for you through the following means:

- You can watch a video of the worship services on the days listed above through a link on our website (stpeterslutheran.ca).
- A word document of the transcript of the service will be sent to your e-mail.
- For those who do not have Internet access, we will send you a hardcopy by mail.

Our church office is still open and we will be updating our website. If you need assistance with groceries, medical appointments, extra support or pastoral care, please contact us by calling the office: 204-775-6477, or Pastor Meinhardt on his cell phone: 204-792-3346. St. Peter's also thanks you for your ongoing support in these difficult times.

Please remember to follow the recommended general health guidelines (see the bottom of this letter).

This is also a time for us to practice our faith with confidence that God will take care of all of us. Paul, no stranger to hardships himself, kept a positive outlook, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

In Christ,
Pastor Bjoern
The Church Council

Some general health guidelines to keep in mind and practice:

- Stay home if at all possible (keep self-isolation). Anyone over 70 should take special precautions to limit ANY social interaction.
- Wash hands frequently and thoroughly for at least 30 seconds using soap and warm water.
- Avoid contact between unwashed hands and mouth, nose and eyes.
- Anyone experiencing cold or flu-like symptoms should avoid contact with others.
- Sneeze into your sleeve or a scarf.
- Refrain from shaking hands or hugging or elbow-bumping; nod, wave or smile instead.
- When in the company of others practice social distancing (1-2 metres apart).