



March 17, 2020

Dear Redeemer family,

In light of recent CDC recommendations and out of Christian love for our neighbor, during this time of uncertainty regarding the Coronavirus, the pastor, in consultation with the Board of Elders have decided the following:

ALL CHURCH ACTIVITIES INCLUDING WORSHIP, DINNERS, BIBLE STUDIES, SCOUTS, SUNDAY SCHOOL, AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES ARE SUSPENDED BEGINNING WED., MARCH 18 – SAT., APRIL 4, 2020.

Please pray we are able to resume regular worship for the beginning of Holy Week on Palm Sunday, April 5. We will reassess the situation as we get closer to the time.

Here are some items to know going forward:

1. Pastor will have a pre-recorded service on Sundays at 8:30am. These services will be a uploaded with a link released in time for us to worship together remotely on Sundays at 8:30am (or whenever time works best for you). If you're on Facebook, be sure to engage others in the service by commenting prayers, encouragement, or just to say "hello" on the post. A link for these services will be placed on our church Facebook page, website, and Remind. A bulletin will be posted along with the video.
2. Confirmation Sunday is postponed to a later date, yet to be determined.
3. For your prayerful consideration, ongoing needs of the church will continue during this time, your continued generosity will ensure basic needs are met. Online giving is always an option. Go to our church website, and under the "resources" tab is an option for giving electronically (<http://redeemerrolla.org/online-giving>). If you need help, contact Ruth Neher or the church office. Or if you prefer, mail your offering to the church (1701 Hwy 72E, Rolla, MO 65401). In the meantime, church spending will be kept to the basics.
4. Pastor and elders will still be visiting those who need pastoral care, especially emergency hospital visits, as we are able and allowed. We always call ahead to our shut-ins to make sure they are able and willing for us to come, and we will continue to do so.
5. It is too soon to determine whether we will hold the Easter Breakfast. With things being so fluid at present, this will be determined as we get closer to the time.
6. If ANY MEMBER OR FAMILY OF THE CONGREGATION IS IN NEED OF ANYTHING URGENT, please call the church office at 573-364-7071, and we will do our best to get what you need.

7. In regard to the Church Office, as we move through this time, things may be a bit more locked down, but phone messages and emails will be checked on a regular basis. Office hours are currently in transition as we work with our new secretary, Carly Rhodes, to establish set hours. Hours will be posted on a weekly basis through Facebook as well as on our church office door. Please call before you come to ensure someone is here.

Hopefully things will have changed drastically by the beginning of Holy Week and we will be able to return to normal worship. If not, God's still got this, and we will make due as we are able.

In the meantime, I invite you to join with pastor and elders in prayer for our nation, community, leaders, and Church, that God would keep us steadfast in His merciful grace and loving care as we walk through this time. Love one another, look out for one another, serve one another. We are brothers and sisters—a family—tied and rooted together by the blood of Jesus. So, let us “BE” the Church, shining His light into the present darkness! We are better and stronger together!

We will seek to live out our faith in positive ways in this trying time. Remember to check on your neighbors and friends as well as the elderly in your circle of influence. There will be those who will have needs that perhaps you can meet as God's hands and feet. Maybe there is someone needing a roll of toilet paper, an encouraging word, or a cup of hot soup. Be blessed, live out your faith responsibly, and above all trust God that He is in control.

In closing, let us heed Paul's words: *“For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.”* (2 Tim 1:6-7) Be courageous, stand strong, and be well dear flock.

Go now, in the love, joy, care, and peace of our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

In Christ Jesus,

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