

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

“To know the love of God, to show the love of Christ”

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Dear Members of St. John's,

We are temporarily pausing indoor worship services at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church. This decision was the consensus of our Worship and Music Committee which met on November the 16th. The decision to pause 'in person' services was in response to the rapid rise of COVID-19 in our community, the request of Bishop Kurt Kusserow, and the advice of local, state, and national health officials. As of now, we are pausing 'in person' worship services for the first two weeks of Advent, November 29th and December 6th. We are holding out hope that the rate of infection will subside for the remaining Sunday's in Advent and also Christmas Eve.

For me, as your pastor, this is very disappointing news because I truly love the season of Advent with its growing anticipation of the arrival of Christ. But while this is a difficult thing to do, I think that it is the right thing to do. We need to be good neighbors and take care of ourselves and others. I am sure that many of you are feeling fatigue and frustration like me and long to see unmasked faces, give handshakes, and sing together. That day is coming; just not yet. So let us be diligent in our practices and remember that we are people of hope, even when the world seems so hopeless. The services will be broadcasted on YouTube and Facebook. Please call the office if you would like to receive a weekly worship link or use the YouTube QR code below.

I long to see you and miss you dearly. I remember you in my prayers and ask that you continue to view the broadcast services, pray for St. John's and the Church at large, continue to support our ministry as you are able, and look for ways to love those in need.

Peace,

Pr. Mike

Pastor Mike

“we boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, endurance produces character, character produces hope, and hope does not fail us because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.” -Romans 5:3-5

