



*The Evangelical Lutheran Church of*  
*Saint John*



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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

It is now day 4 of 18 in the governor's "stay at home" order. Both teachers and students are learning how to do classes online. Employers and employees are adapting as best they can to continue providing products and services. Many businesses have closed their doors for the time being, leaving some with reduced or no hours. The markets have tanked. People are fearful. What a strange reality this is. And yet, in spite of all these uncertainties, God is still in control. In Him we trust. To Him we look. From Him we reach out in love and service to our neighbor.

Because all of us have been affected in one way or another, let us turn our attention to what we as a family of believers can do to assist one another. We want to help those in need and provide a structured process for getting them that help. Please contact me or one of the elders if any of the following pertains to you:

1. you are quarantined at home and need groceries, household supplies, or a prescription picked up (have a detailed list available);
2. you are healthy and willing to pick up items for quarantined members;
3. you are out of work and in need of some basic grocery or household items;
4. you are willing to contribute financially toward members who have one of the aforementioned needs.

We will continue to live-stream our Sunday and Wednesday worship services on our Facebook page; check our church's website for the worship bulletin. You will also find an audio version of my sermons on our Facebook page, SoundCloud ([soundcloud.com/user-340609390/](https://soundcloud.com/user-340609390/)), and Anchor ([anchor.fm/paul-mumme](https://anchor.fm/paul-mumme)).

The office is closed until this "stay at home" order has run its course, though Christina is able to check messages. Please contact me if you need pastoral care or desire a prayer. I am here for you!

May our gracious Lord strengthen our faith, our love, and our hope during these uncertain times. **"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear..."** (Ps 46:1-2a).

In Christ,

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