



Crown of Glory Lutheran Church: COVID-19 Response Update

March 21st, 2020

Dear Friends in Christ,

In the past few weeks, each of us has been called to make sacrifices and decisions that we normally wouldn't have to make. People are anxious, yet people are hopeful. People are fearful, yet people are sharing courage. People are confined, yet people are finding new ways to stay connected.

Throughout all of these new changes, it is important to remember our faith. As God's people, we believe it is also our calling to support our community's response to "flattening the curve", which will greatly reduce the spread of this virus and the impact to the vulnerable amongst us, while at the same time decreasing the strain on our hospitals and health care system.

In response to the growing number of restrictions and at the urging of state officials to practice social distancing and stay home, Crown of Glory Lutheran Church will be closing its doors to the public beginning Saturday, March 21st, 2020.

Furthermore, the following actions and items will be in place until Sunday, April 5th, 2020, or until further notice:

- **Building Use:** *The church building and facility will be closed and locked to all group activities and visitors.*
- **Worship Times:** *Worship will continue to be available online only. A live-stream broadcast of worship is available at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings and Wednesday's at 6:30 p.m. for the Holden Evening Prayer service. Recordings of services are available on our YouTube page, accessible through the link on our website. Please share the link with others who may benefit from a streamed worship experience.*
- **Pastors:** *Pastors will be available by phone in case of an emergency or for any other pastoral care needs. To reach one of our pastors directly please call the church office at 952-448-3230 and select the appropriate extension. The office phone system will forward the call directly to the pastor's personal cell phone every time you call.*
- **Staying Committed to Safety:** *Staff will continue to practice "safe distancing" and proper hand washing during recordings and worship preparations.*

- **Building Cleaning and Sanitizing:** We are moving from a 3-day a week cleaning service to 1-day a week cleaning service for the “church side” of our facility. Please note: The Pre-School Place/Emmaus Learning Center side of the facility will still remain on a 3-day a week cleaning schedule. This includes professionally cleaning all door handles, common surfaces and bathrooms.
- **Church Staff:** Our staff will work from home as needed and can be reached by phone or email during our regular operating hours; Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- **Pre-School Place:** In support of parents and providing daily care for children and their families, the Pre-School Place will remain open and staffed until further notice.
- **Access Code:** For those who have been administered an “access code” to the church’s north entrance keypad, please do not enter the church without prior authorization from one of the pastors.
- **Offering:** Members and guests are encouraged to mail their offering or donations to: Crown of Glory Lutheran Church, 1141 Cardinal Street, Chaska, MN 55318.
- **Text to Give:** We offer a convenient and easy way to make a weekly offering through our secure account. Just text your gift to 833-497-3991.

If you are in need of support for yourself or for your family in the coming weeks, please call and share your specific needs. We will continue to seek new ways to stay connected in faith. Our *Sharing and Caring Hands Team* is also available for those who need assistance shopping for groceries or other household needs. Please contact Pastor Reggie at pastorreggie@crownofglory.org with any specific needs. Check out our email newsletters twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays and by checking our web site at www.crownofglory.org for updates on worship services and building operations.

On behalf of all our members and all who call Crown of Glory home, we pray that you stay safe and well during these uncertain times. We will continue to keep you in our prayers and we are here to support you and your family as we weather this storm and stay connected in faith.

Warm Regards,

Pastor Reggie Klindworth

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