

## **Around the Mountain**

March 17, 2020

Where God's people are gathered, fed, and sent into the world.

Dear Disciples of Christ who call Mt. Hermon Home,

While serving God over the past 25 years of ministry - in lay and ordained roles – I have not needed to make such an announcement.

There is much anxiety and concern around this virus. I pray you are well and isolating yourself from contamination.

Yesterday the SC Synod "strongly recommended" suspending all "In Person Worship services." That's ok with us – because we have been LIVE STREAMING our entire worship service for several weeks. We are prepared to join as a community for worship. We are working diligently to offer an enhanced way of worshipping. There will not be a Wednesday Lenten service this week.

All events at the church have been cancelled or postponed. The church office is closed and I am working from home. We will work to keep both the website and FaceBook updated. If you are not able to access either of these, please call the church office so that we can communicate with you through phone communication. The office phones are transferred to my cell phone.

We are adding ministries too. The food pantry reaches many families who cannot afford to "stock-up" as some of us have done. We are adding additional time to the Food Pantry on Wednesday. We will be open from 9:00 – noon. We are adding a Food Pantry on Fridays also. It will be open from 9:00 - noon also. This will be a Drive-Up Food Pantry.

We are also looking to open our campus WiFi to the community. Neighbors who do not have access to WiFi, would be able to come to our parking lot and access Mt. Hermon's WiFi. We continue to look for ways to be the Church to the community.

If you need anything, please call 803-794-6430 or visit the website www.MTHLC.com. or FaceBook @MtHermonLutheranChurch. Remember you do not need an account to access FB. The website and FB will provide additional links to announcements and information.

Sister in Christ, Pastor Gina





## You may not know this:

For the past several weeks, we have been live streaming worship. You do not need a FaceBook account to participate. Go to FaceBook.com and find @MtHermonLutheranChurch. You should recognize the outside photo of the church with a rainbow in the background. Scroll down and you should be able to view the Live Stream and also watch the replay later also.