

March 25, 2020

Dear fellow member of Calvary,

In compliance with the Executive Order of Indiana Governor, Eric Holcomb, Calvary Lutheran Church will be closed from Wednesday, March 25 until Tuesday, April 7.

This means that there will be no services held on Wednesday, March 25; Sunday, March 29; Wednesday, April 1; and Palm Sunday, April 5. Sunday School, Adult Bible Class, and Confirmation Class will not be held as well. The church office will be closed and all church activities are cancelled during this time period.

However, we will complete our midweek Lenten journey with Peter to the cross. Audio versions of the final 2 Wednesday night Lenten sermons will be posted on our website. I will also be posting 4-5 short audio devotions over the next 2 weeks. The next 2 Sunday worship services will be recorded in our Sanctuary and you will be able to view them on a "You Tube" link on our website.

The first Wednesday night sermon is already available, the first audio devotion will be posted shortly, and the Sunday service will be on the site by this weekend. You will be able to watch them on demand (Whenever you want!). Our website address is calvarylutheranplymouth.org. More details about these services will be emailed to you as well as electronic versions of the bulletins.

Regarding Confirmation Class, details will be forthcoming about the possible use of the app "Zoom" to hold virtual classes. Also, a sermon study sheet is attached to this email. This will allow students to complete their sermon studies. Sermon studies can be completed by listening to or watching the Wednesday night sermons, devotions, and Sunday sermons.

If you do not have access to our website, listen to the Lutheran Hour on WOWO 1190 AM/107.5 FM at 10:30 am on Sunday and then watch Worship Anew (formerly Worship for Shut-Ins) on WHME 46.1 at 11:00 am on Sunday.

The Board of Elders is monitoring the situation with regard to scheduled worship services and church activities and will keep the congregation informed. Brian Piazza and Dan Tanner have kindly volunteered to answer any medical questions with regard to the virus. Please contact them. If pastoral care concerns arise over the days ahead, please contact me on my cell phone @ 812-525-3800.

We hope to resume worshipping in our Sanctuary on Good Friday, April 10, and Easter Sunday, April 12. Let us pray for that gracious blessing!

Always remember my dear Christian friends, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in our time of trouble. **THEREFORE WE WILL NOT FEAR.**" (Psalm 46:1-2a)

In Christian love and concern,

Pastor Eric Ahlemeyer