

LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Special Edition—Coronavirus Pandemic

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As you know, we are in an unprecedented public health situation, the circumstances of which are changing daily, even hourly. After discussion with our church leaders, we have determined that it is in the best interest of Pella members and our local community to follow the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control which restricts gatherings to 10 people or less. Please read through this mailing for current announcements concerning the activities of our congregation. There will still be opportunities to be strength-

ened in the Word while at home and opportunities to receive the Lord's Supper. Also, we have several excellent Lutheran devotional resources available on the radio and online. As we all know, the Lord is always with His people and will help us through this. May we all continue to call upon the Lord, He is a very present help in trouble! God be with you all!

Pastor Knuth

"Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" ¹⁷ ***The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress."***

Psalm 46:10-11

SUNDAY AND MID-WEEK SERVICES ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Pastor and a small group (organist, Elders) will conduct a Sunday service which will be recorded.

Listen to the weekly Divine Service at 11 a.m. Sunday mornings on WFDL 103.3 FM or 1170 AM

Like and follow us on Facebook. We will do a Facebook Live video of the Sunday morning Divine Service at 9 a.m. The video will be shared to the page so it can also be watched at a later time.

Weekly sermons can be heard through our website, pellalutheran.org. On the right side of the Home page, click "Sermons."

AROUND PELLA

HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor will schedule times for small group Holy Communion services (approx. 15 minutes) for up to 10 people. We ask that all those who are sick with ANY symptoms please refrain from attending. Those who attend should sit with some distance between others. Communion will be prepared in an exceptionally sanitary manner. If you would like to receive communion, please call the office to schedule, 324-3321.

Weekly Bulletins

If you have internet access, go to the Pella website at pellalutheran.org and look for the bulletin under "Quick Links" in the lower right corner, or click on the "Resources" tab, then click on "Bulletins".

If you do not have access to the website, call the church office and we will temporarily mail a weekly bulletin to your home.

Borrow a Hymnal

If you will be listening to the service on the radio and do not have a hymnal at home, call the church office to borrow one during this time. The hymnal will need to be returned promptly once we resume regular weekly worship in the sanctuary. We also have hymnals available for purchase (\$25) if you would like to keep one.

NEED HELP? CAN OFFER HELP?

Our Lord calls us to care for our neighbors.

If you are available to provide help to others with picking up groceries and supplies, and other needs, please call the church office.

If you need help with getting groceries and supplies or any other needs, please call the church office.

We will try to match up those who need help with those who can provide help to be a blessing to one another.



Offerings

We don't know for how long we will be unable to gather for worship; perhaps a couple weeks, perhaps a month, or more. During this time, please mail your offerings to the church or drop off in the depository near the inside gym doors.

Or, consider this online option:

Simply Giving



Simply Giving is a convenient, easy way to automatically contribute to Pella on a schedule that fits into your pay schedule—you choose the day (weekly, monthly, biweekly or a one-time special contribution). It saves you from writing out a check for each contribution and will automatically be deducted from your account.

To set this up, go to pellalutheran.org. On the right side of the home page is the 'Online Giving' icon. Just click on that, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on 'Give Now'. Follow the instructions and this will get you set up. OR, call Sandy Armga at the church office, 324-3321 ext. 104, or home at 324-5435. She will be able to set it up for you.

There is no cost for you to set this up and the church does not have access to your bank account information. We use a third party provider—VANCO to provide us this service.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday

8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Psalm 138:7-8

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me. The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

AROUND PELLA

CANCELLATIONS

With our desire to honor God and His command to love our neighbor, we have taken the following steps to reduce the spread of the Coronavirus:

IHH Preschool is closed until Waupun schools resume classes.

All Bible Classes and Sunday School have been cancelled until further notice. We encourage all members to continue to study God's Word at home and to make time to teach God's Word to your children and grandchildren.

Youth Group: The Pella Youth will not meet until further notice.

Mercy Meals: The Mercy Meals packing scheduled for April 4 has been cancelled.

Easter Breakfast: There will be no Easter breakfast this year.

Please call or email the office if you have questions about cancellations.

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

We want to be able to share information in a timely manner, through mailings, email and phone calls when necessary. If you have had a change to your address or phone number (many no longer have valid land lines), please call or email the office with your new contact information. We are currently looking at mass email options, so please send an email to Tomi at tknuth@pellalutheran.org with your current email address if you have one. This will help us notify everyone and keep our expenses low. Thank you.

RESOURCES

The April-June Portals of Prayer devotional booklets are here and available to pick up, or call the office and we can mail it to you, while supplies last.

Go to pellalutheran.org and in the lower right corner you will see "Quick Links" to various helpful resources for devotions and study.

Quick Links

CPH Blog-Resources

The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

South Wisconsin District - LCMS

Lutheran Hour Devotions

In addition, the following websites also provide useful resources:

Issues, Etc.: www.issuesetc.org

Around the Word Weekly Devotions: www.whatdoesthismean

The Word of the Lord Endures Forever Podcast: www.thewordendures.org

Lutheran Public Radio (Sacred Music): lutheranpublicradio.org

Concordia Theological Seminary: www.ctsfw.edu

KFUO Radio: KFUO.org

App for your smartphone: PrayNow (from Concordia Publishing House - this is the *Treasury of Daily Prayer* for your phone or tablet) - search your app store for "PrayNow"

Prayer:

Spare Your people, O Lord! Preserve us from this and every illness. Give healing and strength to those who are sick, protect those who care for them, and grant us steady minds and calm hearts in the face of fear. You have borne our infirmities in this human flesh and purchased us with Your own blood. Keep us in this faith and embolden us in love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

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