

COVID 19 UPDATE from Sheila Fretz

At the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis, First Lutheran Church cancelled all church services and activities until April 5, Palm Sunday. Unfortunately, due to government restrictions and public health guidelines, all worship services and events will continue to be cancelled until further notice. We were optimistic that the social distancing recommendations would last for a short time, but we now know that these measures to protect our public health may extend for much longer than we initially hoped.

Pastor Jukka will prepare an Easter message that will be available on this website. This sermon will also be sent to the congregation either by e-mail and regular mail.

To help First Lutheran with our ongoing financial obligations, it is still possible to mail (or drop off) a cheque to the church office mailbox. Your support is appreciated at all times, but incredibly so during these difficult times.

It is our hope and prayer that everyone in our community stays healthy. Please continue to follow the restrictions and guidelines from our government and public health officials, especially the practice of social distancing and handwashing. Their recommendations will help keep people in our communities safe and reduce the timeline for this pandemic.

We pray for those who struggle in any way at this time of huge uncertainty. We pray for the safety of our health care and essential workers. And we continue to pray for a resolution to this crisis.

Although we cannot gather in our church building, we can still maintain connections with one another. We encourage you to use alternative ways of coming together without being physically present. Finally, we look forward to worshipping with one another as soon as it is safe for us all.

Sincerely,

Sheila Fretz, and the church council of First Lutheran