March 18, 2020

Dear Our Saviour’s Family and Friends,

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38-39)

Those bold and comforting words printed above from the book of Romans remind us that even while we are social distancing from one another, we are never distant from God! These are words that we will all need to cling to in the coming days and weeks, as we navigate these uncharted waters of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This is the most recent update from the Our Saviour’s Lead Team and Congregation Council: All in-person worship services and activities at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church are postponed indefinitely. Recorded Worship Services will be posted on our website and via social media every weekend. Other resources will also be shared on a regular basis.

Our Saviour's pastors and staff are praying for you and will be providing you with unique ways to stay connected to each other and to God even while social distancing. Here is some important information for you to be aware of:

- Because of the size of our worshiping community, it’s likely that we will not be able to have in-person worship services together until after Easter… but your Worship Team has many inspiring and creative ideas up our sleeves!
- Check our website www.oursaviours.org on a regular basis for updates on our closing status and for links to videos of our worship services and sermons. Please copy and share these links with anyone you know who may be looking for a way to worship in these challenging days.
- Follow Our Saviour’s on Social Media – Facebook and Instagram – for links to videos and other inspiring and/or informative posts.
- If we do end up celebrating Easter via the web, then we’ll celebrate Easter TWICE in 2020 – once online and AGAIN when we’re able to worship together in-person!
- Our church office hours will be sporadic in the coming weeks, as most of our church staff will be working from home as much as possible. Thank you for your patience.
- If you do not already receive weekly e-mails from me, please send me an e-mail at pwarmanen@oursaviours.org and request to be put on the e-mail list.
- Do not look for an April Parish Memo in your mailbox or e-mail.
- In an emergency, you can contact our pastor-on-call at 847-255-8700 extension #4.
- Nearly 40 percent of our parishioners give financially via Realm Online Giving. If you are not yet set up to do this, please e-mail our COO at jvalentine@oursaviours.org. We’re doing our best at the church to be good stewards of time and financial gifts. We know that the coming weeks and months will be a challenge for all of us. Thank you for your faithful giving, as you are able!

Be safe and healthy! Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord!

Pastor Pete Warman
Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church – Lead Pastor