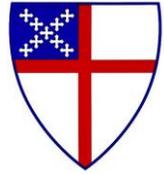


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March 13, 2020

Dear ones,

I write to you at this unprecedented time in which we are being asked to take precautionary measures to slow the spread of COVID-19. I attended a meeting this morning called by the Rock County Public Health Department. It was a gathering of faith leaders. We learned about the spread of COVID-19, and we learned about the precautionary measures that the health department is strongly recommending.

Guided by the recommendations of the health department, and those from our adjudicators, we have developed a plan. These plans come with much grief and heartache, but with much faith that we will get through this together.

We will gather for Holy Communion this Sunday, March 15th, for both 8 am and 10 am services. We will take precautionary measures. We will wipe down all public surfaces with disinfectant. Please carry your own hand sanitizer and use it liberally as you enter the church, and before you come to communion. We do have some hand sanitizer in the church. Those who are serving at the altar will use hand sanitizer as well. We will take communion in one kind only (bread) at a standing station. You are encouraged to keep your "social distance".

If your health is compromised in any way, please stay home.

This weekend will be our last physical gathering for at least two weeks. There will be no Wednesday night soup suppers. There will be no gathering for church on Sunday March 22nd, and Sunday March 29th. I am right now working on a plan to livestream on Facebook on those Sunday mornings. We will reevaluate as we receive more information from our expert sources.

Please care for each other in any way you can, phone calls, cards, messages. It is doubly important in these days that we stay connected.

Use your Book of Common Prayer, your copy at home or online, <http://justus.anglican.org/resources/bcp/bcp.htm> for your prayers. Remember that we pray together whether we are gathered or dispersed.

Look for other resources as I post them online and on our Facebook group.

Let us pray, Lord God in this time of disquiet and disease, be with us. Help us remember that you are with us even when we are absent one from another. Be with us in our grief at the cancelations of those things we have looked forward to. We especially pray for those whose jobs, food, shelter will become compromised in the coming days and weeks. Keep us mindful of all the ways we may be able to help those who need our help. We pray in the name of the One who heals, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Rev. Kathy, Rector
Paula DeRubeis, Senior Warden

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