



## Woodlawn Ev. Lutheran Church

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Members and friends,

Easter greetings to all of you! I hope and pray that you all had a blessed day and that you all had the opportunity to watch our Good Friday and Easter services. As of 4:00 today the Good Friday service had been viewed 258 times and the Easter service 322 times! Be sure to share these services with your friends and acquaintances. And while it's been a new experience for many of us to participate in worship through a screen of some kind, I can't wait for the day when we will again be able to gather together in church for worship and fellowship. Thanks to all those who have participated in making these recordings.

Thanks also to all those who continue to send in their offerings by either dropping them off at church, mailing them in, or using our online donation method. We received some very generous gifts and pray that it will continue in the weeks to come.

Last Thursday and Saturday we offered a devotion with the Lord's Supper to small groups. We had 56 people come in and receive this personal assurance of God's love and forgiveness. Our plan is to do this again the first week of May, unless the status of things in our society related to the corona virus changes. Watch for more details as that time approaches.

This week we are starting an on-line BIBLE CLASS. It will be held on Wednesdays at two different times – 3:00 and 7:00 (same material at each presentation). We will be studying First Samuel, especially focusing on the work of God's prophet for whom this book is named. We will be using ZOOM teleconferencing so you MUST SIGN UP in order to participate. So either reply to this message or send an email to one of the pastors ([pastor.kneser@woodlawnlutheran.org](mailto:pastor.kneser@woodlawnlutheran.org) or [bwessel@woodlawnlutheran.org](mailto:bwessel@woodlawnlutheran.org)) by 8:00pm on Tuesday. We will then send you a confirmation email with the materials, and the instructions and passcode so that you can attend. It's not absolutely necessary to have a camera with your computer, so you can participate with an "audio only" option where you can even submit questions and comments. I'm sure there will be bugs to work out, but we want to give it a try.

Finally, if you have watched the Easter service you know that on Friday, April 10, our seventh and eighth grade teacher, Mrs. Erin Martin, and her family survived a fire in their home. Her husband Casey was at work while she and her four children safely evacuated the home. The fire was mostly confined to the kitchen area; however, there is water and smoke damage. The Martins are temporarily being housed with Erin's sister. They have plans to move into a bed and breakfast since they will be displaced from their home for approximately 2 to 3 months. Prayers are encouraged. If other help is needed, we will send out an update.

That's it for now. Stay safe and God's blessing to all of you.

Pastor Kneser and Pastor Wessel