



## Woodlawn Ev. Lutheran Church

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Brothers and sisters,

Blessings and peace to you from our compassionate and gracious God! May He whose love and power are still at work in this time of uncertainty hold us safely in his hands. At this point we are not aware of any member who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 and we thank God for that.

I'm sure that while the new restrictions from the governor have tightened things up for many of you, religious organizations remain under the same guidelines as last week. **We are still able to be open** but no gatherings of more than 10 people at a time. So the pastors will be able to meet with you at church for a **devotion with Lord's Supper**. Thus, we are setting up a schedule for this – Friday, March 27 from 4:00 – 7:00pm and Saturday March 28 from 9:00am – 1:00pm, with a group every half hour (4, 4:30, 5, 5:30, etc.) . Please call ahead or email us so we know which time you would be coming so we don't have more than 9 at a time. If you feel uncomfortable about gathering with others or cannot come during these selected times, we can meet privately as well. We will do our best to accommodate you.

As for the online services, here is what's happening:

For **this week's Lent sermon**, you can access the sermon by Pastor Wempner by going to [goodshepherds.net](http://goodshepherds.net) and clicking on the tab to the right "Sermons," then selecting the March 4, 2020 message "The Warrior Rejected by Many." This does not have the full service, only the sermon.

For **this weekend's service** we will be recording a slightly "slimmed down" service that will again be posted to the Woodlawn Facebook page Sunday morning, if not sooner. Access to the Facebook page can be gotten at our webpage "[woodlawnlutheran.org](http://woodlawnlutheran.org)". Just click on the tab at the top. Also, we are trying to recruit a few singers to help lead the service which we are recording at 1:30pm on Friday. If you are interested contact one of the pastors.

Here's a Lamb of God Lutheran School update from Principal Tim MacKain:

Thank you members for your tremendous support of your school in this difficult time. Believe me, none of the teachers desired to teach from a distance.

Speaking from my own experience, I am spending more time now than when I am at school. Making video lessons, correcting online submissions, corresponding with parents and children, etc. all take up an incredible amount of time. I am also attached to my computer so that I can respond to any child's question.

I am certain that the other teachers share my frustration and devotion.

What do we need from our members? Pray for our children, parents, teachers, school, pastors, and congregations. With the Lord's help, we will all get through this. Talk to Mr. Gittins or Mr. Kreel. The Board of Education will be setting up a time for disinfecting the school.

*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. - Philippians 4:13*

Thanks to those who have continued to support the ministry of our church and school. A reminder of how you can give your offerings:

- 1) On the church website, use the "Donate Now" button and follow the instructions. You can even set up a recurring gift from your credit card (3% service fee assessed to the church) or from your checking/savings account.
- 2) Stop by the church during our office hours (9:00am – 4:00pm) and give them to one of the pastors or church secretary.
- 3) Mail them to the church. (do NOT place them in the church mailbox)

Remember in your prayers: Harold Arrowood (Aurora-St. Luke's), Belinda Diercks (going from St. Luke's to Heritage Rehab in Greendale), Evelyn Bauer (now at Lutheran Home for rehab – Room 3094), Lois Leikam (coming home today from St. Francis); and especially for all the healthcare workers who are giving their all in this crisis. Also, praise and thanks to God on behalf of Casey and Megan (Jefferson) Wisniewski on the birth of their daughter, Zoey Elizabeth, born March 19.

God be with all of you!  
Pastor Kneser and Pastor Wessel

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## **State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services**

### **EMERGENCY ORDER #12 SAFER AT HOME ORDER**

#### **13. Essential Businesses and Operations.**

All entities described in this section shall meet Social Distancing Requirements between all individuals on the premises to the extent possible. Essential Businesses and Operations shall, to the greatest extent possible, use technology to avoid meeting in person, including virtual meetings, teleconference, and remote work (i.e., work from home). For the purposes of this Order, Essential Businesses and Operations means Healthcare and Public Health Operations, Human Services Operations, Essential Infrastructure, and Essential Governmental Functions, and the following . . .

##### **h. Weddings, funerals, and religious entities.**

Religious facilities, entities, groups, and gatherings, and weddings and funerals, except that any gathering shall include fewer than 10 people in a room or confined space at a time and individuals shall adhere to Social Distancing Requirements as much as possible.