

Greetings in Christ this morning from Pastor Chris,

I am going to try to send regular updates and encouragements to this list in the coming weeks. If you know someone who needs to be added, please let me know.

1. We need to start in the right place. Our Scripture of encouragement for the day.

**NIV Matthew 11:28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."**

2. The Sermon I would have given last night for Lent is on the website now at [www.princeofpeaceracine.com](http://www.princeofpeaceracine.com). We also have last week's sermon posted as well. Unfortunately, we were not able to load the full service from last weekend on the website because the file size was too big. We are working to get that resolved. You can go on our church Facebook page however and view the whole service if you would like. It was live streamed last weekend.

3. I was able to call a lot of our senior members yesterday and they are doing fine. Please pray for Dick Kosinski, Betty Kulas, and Ron Weitkum however because they are battling illness right now. If you find out about anyone else who is sick and needs prayer, please let me know. My # again is 262-977-5077.

4. One of our members was so gracious to donate some gift cards for groceries. If anyone knows of someone who might need them, let me know. Also, the food donated for the Rally can be used for those in need because the LWML Spring Rally has been cancelled.

5. Our child care remains open right now and has small numbers at this point. If you know of someone who needs child care, especially if grandparents are having to watch kids, let them know that Prince of Peace could take them.

6. I have had people take me up on the time slots on Saturday and Sunday. Right now we have no more than 5 at any time slot. Here is what we will do. We will have the doors open and song sheets on a table separated out for people to take. We will spread out in the front pews with me staying by the pulpit. For distribution, I will have separate plates with wafers and wine for each person signed up, so you will not have any contact with another's bread and wine. We will also remain standing, so you do not have to touch the communion rail. Liz is going to wipe down those front pews thoroughly on Friday. Once again, just because we are offering this DOES NOT mean you should feel obligated to sign up. We want to keep everyone safe, but also offer this for everyone who feels strongly about wanting to worship in God's house through this. We don't know how long this is going to go, but I am hoping having this process in place can still allow us to worship in safety and according to law.

If for some reason, I am feeling remotely sick. We will forego all of this and I will contact you. If you are feeling sick or feel you have been compromised in any way, PLEASE do not sign up and come to church. Also, if any of you feel strongly about wanting to just come to church and pray privately, contact me and I will see that the church is open. Obviously I am not going to be out doing visits right now except in emergency, so I will be available at church.

**An IMPORTANT note about this-I am not going to stay the whole time on Saturday and Sunday if you do not notify me that you are coming at a particular time. I will then spend that time with my family. You MUST set up an appointment before coming.**

7. Also, a few days ago an email was sent out giving you information about PURE, which sells products to boost immune systems and for sanitation. This was not intended to be a commercial for their products, but an act of brotherly love of making you aware of these products. DO NOT feel obligated to buy them just because they benefit the church. Rather, we wanted to make you aware of them in this time of need. Along those lines, I got an email from one of our nurses in the congregation that the sanitizer through the company may not be strong enough to kill the coronavirus and prevent you from the illness. We wanted to put that disclaimer, however any little

bit helps in this time and it can be just another means of defense if you are no longer able to find sanitizers at the store. They do online orders.

8. Also, I referred to a letter Martin Luther wrote during the Bubonic Plague in the 1500's in my sermon last week. The Missouri Synod has now put that letter by permission of Fortress Press on their website. It is worth the read in this time.

9. Also, I hope it is self-explanatory but there will be no Sunday School or Children's church for the foreseeable future.

Well, I hope that is it for now. I hope this helps in these trying days. Please spread the word around to people you know that they can check out our services and messages online. The harvest may be ripe for encouragement and sharing of Christ in this time.

I pray for Christ's peace and strength for you now and always,

Pastor Chris Lockie