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From the Desk of Pastor Tanney



Dear members of St. Johns,

There is only one thing that seems to occupy our minds these days. The news will not let us focus on anything else but the coronavirus these past months. As much as they do not want to create fear or panic, they have done just that. (try to find toilet paper) As much as they have informed us what we should do to safeguard our lives they cannot keep it from us. We are living in times which this generation in America has not experienced before. So, it can be scary. Yet, we are told not to be anxious... about anything. (Phil. 4:6)

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Plan to Attend

Wednesday, April 1 **Eyes on Jesus Lenten Service**6:30pm

Sunday, April 5
Palm Sunday Service
9:00am

Thursday, April 9 **Maundy Thursday Service**7:00pm

Friday, April 10

Tre Ore Service-South City Circuit

Messiah Lutheran Church

12:00pm-3:00pm

Tenebrae Service

7:00pm

Sunday, April 12 **Easter Sunday Service** 9:00am

Sunday, April 19 **Voter's Meeting** *Immediately following Bible Class*

Sunday, May 31 **Executive Council Meeting** *Immediately following bible class*

Some feel helpless, some follow the guidelines and recommendations. Others don't think it's as bad as they make it seem. Some don't know what to believe. Others are playing it safe and staying in while others take risks and possibly expose others or themselves to the virus.

The pastors from our circuit met last Tuesday for worship and prayer for the many who already have the virus and many who are affected by the pandemic. We gathered also to discuss what they and their congregations are doing in reaction to the virus.

A quick summary: Each have a slightly different view, as you can imagine. Some see this as an opportunity to connect with their inactive members. While others are concerned about the future of an already low membership. Some churches video daily devotions, while others are streaming live their services. Food pantries are closing while others try to figure out ways to stay open and meet the needs of the community who depend on their pantry. Those who have schools already have seen a quick exodus and closed their doors to the children and staff, while at the same time leaving them with homework and teachers finding ways to teach online. They hope to return April 6th. Other churches have gone through great lengths to modify their worship to keep as many safe during their time together.

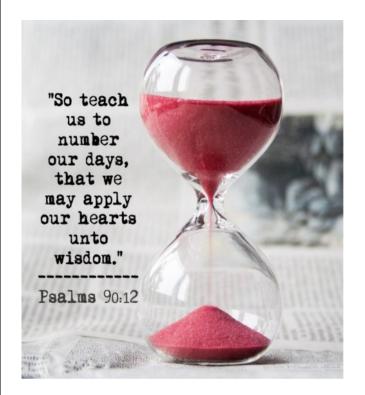
You might be wondering whether we might be coming together for worship. The answer is YES. The doors will be open during our regularly scheduled services. We will be open to hear God's Word, pray, and receive his forgiveness. At the same time, we are attempting to put our preaching and worship online. You will be notified on how you will be able to see it on YouTube, Facebook and our website, from your computer, laptop, iPad or smart phone.

Listen, dear flock, my intention is not to make any feel guilty. If you feel you are at risk by coming, don't come.

If you feel you might infect someone else, don't come. If you feel you are breaking the law, don't come. During these times of uncertainty, what most news channels neglect is to inform you to pray.

In our pastor's worship time Psalm 90 was read and meditated on for us to consider during these days where death seems lurking. Let me share with you one verse Psalm 90:12 "So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom." The idea is to trust in the Lord and make the most time the Lord has graciously given us. Pastor Tanney

PS. I'll let Jonah explain how you might join us in worship.





Hello all, this is Jonah. Our President, Pastor, and myself have been experimenting with ways that we can bring Worship to you during this time of crisis. The plan right now is to record Pastor during the services and then upload them to YouTube. Once uploaded to YouTube, the plan is to also post the videos directly to our website and to our Facebook page. The best place to find our video would be to look on our website or our Facebook page. I can also email you the link directly if that is easier for you. Just give me a call in the office 314-773-0126 or shoot me an email at stjohnslcstl@gmail.com.





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