

March 14, 2020

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

The leadership of our church, in order to combat the spread of the coronavirus, made the decision to follow the recommendations of Bishop Suarez to cancel congregational worship, meetings and activities for the rest of the month of March. We feel strongly that this measure, while difficult, is the best practice. The wonderful people that God has gathered as Peace Lutheran Church appear to have the greatest issues with this virus.

Tomorrow has been declared a National Day of Prayer. Like many other churches, Peace will not be gathering at our facility for worship. But that doesn't prevent us, as the Body of Christ, from coming before the Lord, kneeling in prayer, and pouring out our hearts to him. *"Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."* (Hebrews 4.16)

- We will gather by modern technology to share God's love. Sunday at 10am we will broadcast a brief worship service via YouTube. You may participate by visiting our webpage [www.peaceftmyers.com](http://www.peaceftmyers.com). On the bottom of that page is an icon to click that will open the YouTube page. You may watch Sunday worship at 10am or anytime during the week. By clicking on "Videos" videos will appear of Eucharists, concerts and congregational events. Watching them will bless your faith as the wonderful ministry of Peace is celebrated in every gathering!
- The operations of our church will continue and will be shared by the staff and leadership. Please send an email ([peace@peaceftmyers.com](mailto:peace@peaceftmyers.com) or [pastorwalter@peaceftmyers.com](mailto:pastorwalter@peaceftmyers.com)) to the church office or leave a message if you call (239.437.2599) the church office. We will return your email or call as soon as possible.
- We are blessed by your generosity through your offerings. Your offerings may be mailed. Our address is: Peace Lutheran Church, 15840 McGregor Blvd, Ft Myers, FL 33908. Another means that many folks use to share their offerings is "bill pay" at their bank. The bank will send your gift to the church.
- PLEASE BE AWARE OF EMAIL AND TEXT MESSAGE SCAMS THAT WILL HAPPEN DURING THIS TIME! I am certain that someone will create a heart-wrenching story that will use my name/this church to ask you to buy a gift card or send money to some phony address. Please DO NOT REPLY to the message. These scam messages are ALWAYS BOGUS as the church has a discretionary fund for Pastor to help others in time of need. If you are in doubt, please contact the church if you receive such a message.
- We hope that you will be in contact with your friends at Peace. When Wittenberg Germany faced a health crisis, Luther implored the faithful to be good neighbors! I know that you will find ways to do those good works! Please find ways to turn off the 24/7 news, take walks, read a book of the Bible, make a new friend, order a meal from your favorite restaurant... God's people are very creative in times of crisis. We believe that Christ has triumphed over our fears! Let's pray and be of good will this day and every day.

Janet Carter, Chair  
Leadership Council

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