

To: Zion Members

Date: March 19, 2020

In the last week, we have learned about ‘social distancing.’ The Governor of Ohio has issued multiple directives designed to reduce the exposure of individuals to Covid-19. On Tuesday Zion received a directive from the Synod as follows:

**The Southern Ohio Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has issued an advisory to all congregations from Bishop Dillahunt:**

**I recommend that all congregations stop face-to-face worship for the next 8 weeks, in accordance with the latest CDC social-distancing guidelines.**

Council has decided to comply with the synod and state guidelines. **We will suspend Worship Service and all other Church Activities, and all Events for the next 8 weeks until Monday May 11th.** As conditions we will change and update our policies.

In order to remain connected as a congregation, council has adopted the following policies:

- 1) A worship service will be “Live Streamed” each Sunday at 10:00 AM via the live channel on You Tube. This can be found on You Tube under ‘Zion Lutheran Tipp City’. Please follow that service each Sunday. The Worship Services are available at the Zion Web Site at [www.ziontippcity.org](http://www.ziontippcity.org) and can be viewed there or on You Tube at a later time.
- 2) Those who have not yet accessed the Zion website are encouraged to contact family who can help you get online and navigate the website. The hope is that all members of the Zion Lutheran Church Family can stay connected and get the most updated information during this most challenging time.
- 3) Bulletins and pastoral Devotionals will be posted on our website weekly.
- 4) Copies of the Sunday Bulletins will be available at the Office.
- 5) The church office will remain open from Monday-Friday 8-12 daily.
- 5) While direct offerings at worship service are not available it is important that we support the church. Please consider sending an offering by mail or drop an offering at the office. An option to donate via the website will be explored as well.
- 6) Council meetings will be held by conference call. We encourage other groups to consider similar channels. Contact Chuck Powder or James Sebastian for help setting up a channel. We are listed in the Church Directory. By email contact: [chuckpowder@gmail.com](mailto:chuckpowder@gmail.com) or [jamessebastian@hotmail.com](mailto:jamessebastian@hotmail.com)
- 7) It is important to stay in touch with isolated members. For many the only contact will be via telephone. Please ‘visit’ shut-ins by calling or sending a card.

This is a time for reflection and “**Serving Christ through serving others**”.

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