

Zion Lutheran Church and School

"The Mission of Zion Lutheran is to better know and show Christ's Love"

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Dear Members of Zion,

Remember these words from the apostle Paul, "First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." -1 Timothy 2:1-4. In Romans 13 he writes, "Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God."

God gives us governing authorities in order that we might lead peaceable and quiet lives. Such authorities are to look out for the health and well-being of their citizens. The mandates that our Governor has given in recent days, including limiting gatherings to 50 people or less, is in an effort to do just that; look out for the health and well-being of Michigan citizens. Our nation's President has asked that gatherings be limited to 10 people.

These decisions are not aimed at or limited to religious organizations. They are not persecutions of the Church. These mandates and requests are in line with the role of Government as established by God himself. On account of that, and in an effort to look out for the wellbeing of our neighbors, we will not be gathering together at Zion for worship through March 29th. The elders met on Monday evening, March 16th and made this decision. They will reevaluate the situation at the end of the month. We believe this is the best way to show Christ's love at this time.

In the meantime, Christ's mission and ministry will continue to be carried out. Our teaching staff is working remotely to provide distance education for our students. Both pastors will be working to proclaim the Gospel through different means. An abbreviated service will be live streamed on our Facebook page (facebook.com/zionbeaver/) on Sundays at 9am. You do not need to have a Facebook account to view this page. The Sunday service will likely include confession and absolution, readings, a sermon, and the prayers of the church.

As pastors, we will also be reaching out to our shut-ins and others over the phone. You can expect devotional readings and prayers to be posted on our Facebook page on a regular basis over the next two weeks.

If you or someone you know is in need of food assistance at this time, our food pantry will be available. Contact Emily McMenemy, Barb Jammer, or one of the pastors for more information. If you are financially in need during this time, please contact one of the pastors. We will do what we can as the body of Christ to lift one another up for the duration of this pandemic. (Letter continues on back of page)

During this time, we encourage you to continue to support Christ's work among us through your tithes and offerings. There is a link to give electronically on our website, zionbeaver.com. You can also mail your offerings to the church office.

Finally, please understand that these decisions have not been made in haste, fear, or panic but out of respect for the authority God has given us and in love for our neighbors. Remember also the words of St. Paul from 2 Corinthians 13, "comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you." Yes, God will be with you, for He has promised never to leave you or forsake you.

In His Service,

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