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To the faithful of Lutheran Church of the Resurrection:

I greet you during these tough and uncertain times with a word from our Lord, **“And lo, I will be with you until the end of the age.”**

Your LCR leadership and staff have been working tirelessly making plans so that we, whether gathered or not, are connecting with and caring for one another. Currently we hope to communion in small groups on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday – limiting ourselves to groups of 10 or less. That may change...

We have a Health Safety Team assembled that includes our Executive Council (President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary). They are responsible for making the decisions for our rapidly changing mandates from the CDC, government, and city officials. Notices of changes will go out as often as we need to make changes.

We have mobilized other leaders to oversee our property and its disinfecting if groups of 10 or less assemble. We are also looking into conference call meetings for our ministry teams while we practice social distancing. **Staff will be available by phone and email whether working remotely or in the office.** Staff will be at church, however days and times are yet to be determined.

All are being affected by the COVID-19 virus and world events. It is imperative that we, the faithful followers of Jesus, live the mandate of **“Love one another as I have loved you.”**

To do that, I am asking you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for one another, check-in with each other, shop for those who can't go out, drive people to their appointments if needed, and share what resources are available that ALL may have their daily needs met.

People willing to be **shepherds** to a group of 5 people are needed. (shepherding means calling or checking in with people electronically) We need to make sure ALL members are contacted through this effort.

People willing to be **shoppers** for others who cannot or should not go out in public are also needed.

**Most importantly, I encourage you all to set aside time at 7pm each evening to join in prayer wherever you are.** Lift up your concerns as well as regularly pray for the vulnerable, containment of the virus, safety for those still working, families in tight living situations, those who are homeless, hungry, mentally ill, and for our government and the CDC as they help us navigate the unforeseen.

May peace dwell in your hearts as you focus on how blessed we are to have each other and the grace of God through Christ to weather the storms around us.

Pastor Mary +