

LUTHER VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH

7107 South Luther Valley Road
Beloit, WI 53511

March 16, 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Bishop Rogness said in an email to pastors yesterday: "The gathering of people in our faith communities is central to our life as God's people. It is also an avenue of loving one another and our neighbor to recognize that there may be times when not gathering expresses that love."

After prayer and discussion, Luther Valley is canceling **ALL** church services and activities until Palm Sunday. This includes Sunday worship services, Wednesday Lenten services and suppers. This is not an easy decision to make, but we trust that our congregation will remain committed in prayer to one another during this unnerving time.

Many are in a position to help others, while other folks could use some help. (Have you been to the grocery store lately?!?) How can we connect these 2 groups? If you are able to help, speak up. If you could use a favor, ASK. Believe me, people love doing favors. Give us the opportunity to be a blessing or to receive a blessing by calling the church office (608-879-2934).

Luther Valley is still in need of your financial support. Please consider going to **LutherValley.org** to donate electronically (see "Online Giving" button). While Luther Valley will be able to record your gifts, we do not have access to your credit card/banking information. A secure, third party called Vanco.com processes all contributions. Of course you can also mail your checks to the church. Any extra support that you can give at this time will be appreciated more than you know. We understand that some folks will not be able to maintain their regular support due to loss of income.

We do plan to hold a farewell reception for Pastor Jack & Val on Saturday, April 4th from 11-1pm in the Fellowship Hall. It is unfortunate that the timing of Pastor Jack's departure coincides with this public health crisis, because we do want to give him the farewell that he and Val deserve. However, if you want to continue with "social distancing," the US Mail still delivers cards & letters! (7137 S Luther Valley Road, Beloit, WI 53511). Texts & phone calls can be sent to him at 262-443-3130.

The TENTATIVE schedule for Holy Week is as follows:

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| April 5 | Palm Sunday | 9:00am |
| April 9 | Maundy Thursday | 1:00pm & 7:00pm |
| April 10 | Good Friday | 7:00 pm |
| April 12 | Easter Sunday | 7:00 am & 9:30 am |

with Pancake Breakfast between Services

Pastor Dan Dibbert from Edgerton will be our Supply Pastor for all of Holy Week.

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Beginning April 19 (first Sunday after Easter) there will be one service:

9:00 am Sunday Worship Service

10:00 am Sunday School

Dial a Daily Word will continue to provide messages for our spiritual needs. Sunday morning worship services can be found on TV and online.

If schedules need to be changed from what is listed in this letter, we will communicate it as quickly as we can. It would be wonderful if we could contact you via email, if possible. For this reason, please send your current email address to secretary@luthervalley.com. Please do this as soon as possible. At no time and for no reason will Luther Valley share your email address.

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| Office hours: | Monday – Thursday 8:00 am - 12:00 / 1:00pm – 3:00pm |
| Church Office | 608-879-2934 Best to call first, before coming to church |
| Emergency Contacts: | Pastor Jack 262-443-3130 (Until March 31 st) |
| | Roger Nelson 608-577-7945 |

Prayers of safety, blessings and health be yours,
Pastor Jack & LV Executive Council