



Cross Lutheran Church Proclamation June 2020

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Sadly once again, all in person events are cancelled until further notice.

However, join us Online at the Parish Facebook page for Worship Services and Daily Reflections, or check your email for updates.

Dear friends in Christ,

Last week the Supreme Court of Wisconsin issued a ruling that, whether one agrees or disagrees, leaves a great deal of confusion. Even those who brought the lawsuit were expecting a six day stay on the verdict to sort things out. As much as many understandably wanted the restrictions eased, very few expected regulations to be thrown out immediately.

So then what are we as followers of Christ to do? First and foremost, this is a time for caution and consideration. While the emotions are running hot on all sides, Jesus' command to love one another still stands as our ultimate guide. So as always, be kind and loving to one another, even if you are not seeing eye to eye with your neighbor. Give a listening ear and be sure to love the person beyond any disagreement.

The ongoing illness and death from the coronavirus did not disappear overnight with the ruling. People are still suffering and dying. Our medical personnel still struggle with decisions of life and death every day. Those in our workplaces still must wonder whether they will contract COVID-19 today. Many of our neighbors will continue to struggle financially, mentally, and physically for a long time to come. This needs to be our focus, serving those and even just earnestly praying for those who need our love, concern, and care. Maybe it's a close relative, perhaps a friend from school or work, but let's commit ourselves to somehow making a difference in their lives by sharing what we can in these times and in doing so be God's healing hands in this world.

Hoping that the legislature and governor will come together and actually listen to one another, there certainly will be reasonable, life-giving guidance will be offered sooner rather than later—guidance that considers the well-being of all. Until then, I humbly request that we continue to follow the well-researched guidance of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Wisconsin Council of Churches in determining our path forward as the communities in Christ known as Cross and Zion.

In following that guidance, we will remain worshiping online for the time being. The church building will remain closed as we wait for further guidance on what to do next. Please know that no matter where we gather to offer our praise to God, God is there. God's love cannot and will not be bound within the walls of a building, no matter how sacred we may proclaim it

to be. God's word stretches beyond all man-made barriers and boundaries, with us even when we are at home in our pajamas.

So, we will cautiously move forward in love for all of you. The church councils will be meeting in the next few weeks as we plot our course. While it's a certainty that we won't please everyone as we try to make faith-filled decisions for our future, we will make these decisions in good will and with deep care for each one of you. We ask you to keep the leadership in prayer and have patience with us as we truly do the very best we can in such uncharted waters.

In God's unending love,

Pastor Doug

Confirmation: Confirmation has been rescheduled for Reformation Sunday, October 25th.

Serving:

Ixonix Food Pantry: Great work on the food drive! The food pantry will be in need of continued support, keep them in mind when you have extra. Thank you for your help! Stay safe!

Family Promise: Our times to serve Family Promise in 2020 will be June 7-13, Aug. 30-Sept. 5 and Dec. 6-12. So far there are no updates to report for June's dates.

Leadership:

Church Council: Council will meet on Tuesday, June 9th, if possible.

Fellowship:

Pastor Visits Pastor would like to visit with members of the congregation. If you would like to receive a visit from Pastor, please contact the church office with your availability. Safety precautions will be taken to help maintain the health of those visited, if you have any questions contact the church. Thank you!!!

Friends of Cross Lunch are currently cancelled. We will update you when we know more.

Cross Book Club meetings are postponed.

Coffee Shop conversations are cancelled till further notice.

Maintenance:

The Decorating Committee is comprised of Elmo Wendorf, Cathy Stein, and Terri Watermolen.

Please contact Kurt or Brian if you can help with maintenance work on the parsonage or church.

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Upcoming Events:

- All future events are cancelled, we will update you when we know more.

All those a part of the Worship Assistant and Usher Calendar, Stay tuned for updates. A copy of this month's schedule went out via email earlier in May, updates to that schedule will be posted soon. Stay tuned. Thank you!

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