

Members and Friends of Zion Lutheran Church

Due to the risk of the spread of Coronavirus, **all activities at Zion are cancelled through at least the end of March.** This includes worship, all study groups, AA, everything. However, this crisis invites us to imagine being church in new ways! Your church staff at Zion is finalizing plans for online worship, faith formation activities, and support for those who are required to remain isolated and those who may be out of work due to this crisis. If you are in need of support (someone to get groceries or pick up medications, etc.) please let us know. We have a growing list of volunteers who will be happy to help you with those needs.

The mayor of San Antonio, as of this morning, has issued a **ban on all gatherings of groups of 50+ people.** For those who are in the "at risk" groups – compromised immune system, lung issues, and those over 65 – they recommend that no groups larger than 10 people meet, and even then, to exercise "social distancing" of at least 6 feet between people.

Also, our collective attempts to control the spread of this virus have had, and will have a growing impact on our congregation as a whole. Zion Lutheran Church is "Us". **Without your ongoing offerings, even when we are unable to gather in person, our church will struggle to continue.** We invite all of our members to look at the giving options Zion has to offer: through the website at <https://zionsa.org/get-involved/donations/>, or you can still use US Mail to send in your support. If you would like to sign up for Simply Giving, our automatic draft giving, give Suzie a call in the church office (210-688-3090).

For those of you who have or are in danger of losing your job, please take care of your family and don't worry about giving for now. When life has gotten back to normal, you can say "Thanks be to God" with your offerings then.

God bless you all as we work our way through this uncharted territory. God is with us and we will get through this. **Our calling as a church,** as a community, and as a global society is to care for one another in every way possible. May God use us as his hands and his heart in the days ahead.

Pastor Dave Schulte
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