

PUBLIC WORSHIP GATHERINGS SUSPENDED THROUGH APRIL

Dear Family and Friends of Memorial –

Blessings from our God who gives us all things and holds our lives in His Almighty hands!

Two weeks ago we suspended our meeting together for worship through the end of March. As the month of April is just about upon us we've decided to **continue the suspension of our worship gathering through the month of April.**

While we strongly desire to be able to gather together physically with our Memorial family, especially as Easter draws near, we want to serve everyone's health needs by refraining from our large group gatherings. We reach this decision based on the best information available, the urging of our local and national officials, encouragement from our Church Council, and our concern for all of you.

Please see other notes in this newsletter regarding worship opportunities, concerns regarding receiving The Lord's Supper, and continued financial support during this time.

Blessings! Please, keep in contact with one another!
Pastor Aaron

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Thank you, Cole, Dusty, and Blake for helping us get going with online worship opportunities! Thank you all who have helped!

Sundays, worship service at 9:30 AM
Wednesday, April 1 – Lenten service at 6:30 PM
Thursday, April 9 – Maundy Thursday service at 6:30 PM
Friday, April 10 – Good Friday service at 6:30 PM

You can connect through Facebook or YouTube. Visit www.memoriallutheran.net for links. Access written devotional opportunities also through this website. Portals of Prayer devotions are also available for you to pick up at the church.

Also note, our SD District television worship offering "Main Street Living" airs on KDLT (NBC) in Sioux Falls on Sunday mornings beginning with "This is the Life" at 10 AM and a worship service at 10:30 AM.

REGARDING THE LORD'S SUPPER DURING SUSPENSION OF WORSHIP SERVICES

We've become accustomed to having an opportunity to receive the Lord's Supper every Sunday at every service. Not gathering for worship has kept us from receiving this Sacrament.

What a wonderful gift we've been given of our Lord's promised physical presence and this special assurance of forgiveness! We cherish this gift. We must also note, however, that God's Word continues to powerfully proclaim His gifts to us even when we are not able to receive the Sacrament. Receiving the Lord's Supper is not a necessary means for salvation.

We have considered several options for sharing the Lord's Supper while not being able to gather, mostly the consideration of gathering small groups of people at various time periods at church or possibly offering a "drive-thru" method as we've seen some congregations do. However, each of these options introduces added concerns for spread of the virus.

At this time we are not planning to establish an alternate way of gathering people for the Lord's Supper. We are not considering an "on-line consecration" of elements to be used in individual homes. HOWEVER, PLEASE contact our church office and speak to Pastor Doug or Pastor Aaron if you have a special need with regard to receiving the Sacrament.

We really look forward to gathering at the Table of our Lord together as soon as possible!