



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of South Hills

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*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.
1 Peter 4:10 (ESV)*

March 22, 2020

Good Shepherd Members and Friends,

This is a truly unprecedented time for Good Shepherd. In order to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus, we have temporarily suspended our in-person worship services and preschool classes. We have also asked the outside groups that use our facility to suspend meetings for the time being. This has allowed Good Shepherd to be very creative and resourceful in providing weekly sermon videos (the first installment was absolutely fantastic!). Life Groups, confirmation class, and church council has also started using video conferencing for meetings. In fact, Good Shepherd has not stopped its mission of sharing the message of Jesus Christ with our congregation and community.

Under normal circumstances, the offerings received each week provide for our staff salaries, utility bills and mortgage for the church building, and the supplies necessary for our ministries. Almost all of these expenses remain even if our congregation and members of the community are spending most of their days at home.

Just as we started creating sermon videos and using technology to meet as virtual small groups and classes, we are in the process of setting up online giving to provide congregation members and friends with another option for weekly giving. Until the new online giving solution is in place, we are asking that you simply mail your regular offering to the church.

This is truly an unprecedented time as we all begin an extended time at home. Please take some time each day to reach out to friends and neighbors to check-in on them or to simply have that long overdue conversation.

As always, you can reach out to Pastor Tim, your elder, or any of the council members with any questions.

On behalf of the Church, Council and Board of Elders,

In Christ,

Pastor Tim Bickel

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