



March 17, 2020

Dear Members and Friends of Holy Spirit,

At its meeting last night, the HSLC Council prayerfully made the difficult decision to **suspend in person worship and group events until further notice**. We believe this is in the best interest of our congregation and the public health of our community.

However, this does not mean that opportunities to worship have been suspended. **We plan to offer live streaming worship** on Wednesday evenings in Lent at 7:00 pm and on Sundays at 10:00 am. This is uncharted territory for us, so please be patient with us should there be technical difficulties. Our plan at this time is to use YouTube Live. We anticipate sending out an email before any live streams events that will also include a link to a bulletin so that you can follow along. Please update your email with the church office if you are not receiving our weekly electronic communications.

In addition, the following resources are available:

The HSLC Church Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/HolySpiritLC>

A variety of resources will continue to be posted here including links to videos.

The HSLC YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC85bUDP2U2x85eRop_kRwxw

Video recordings of sermons are posted here regularly. If you are not already a subscriber, click on the red "subscribe" button to be notified of new videos.

Our Online Church Directory: <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/>

If you have never used the directory before, click on "Create Login" using the email you supplied to our directory. You can also download the app version of this directory to your phone.

In order to keep our ministries going, we encourage you to continue giving either by mailing checks to the church, directing a payment through your banking institution, or electronically using Vanco or "Tithe.ly" on the church website: <http://holyspiritlc.net/>. For more information about how to set up recurring payments through these programs, please contact our Financial Secretary, Debbie Zemaitis either by email: finance@holyspiritlc.net or by leaving a message at the church office: 810-424-6707.

At this time, **we plan to have the church sanctuary open for individual prayer on weekdays from 10:00am until 2:00pm, and on Sunday mornings from 8:30am till Noon**. However, access to the sanctuary may be limited if those gathered exceed 10 people. Because of the limitations around meeting collectively, Holy Communion will not be celebrated as a part of the live stream worship. If you desire to receive Communion, please contact Pr. Nathan directly to schedule a time to meet one-on-one.

As leaders of the congregation, we are grateful for this community and for all the faithful who call Holy Spirit their spiritual home. As we face the coming weeks of "social distancing," we do so *together in spirit*, even if we are apart in person. And we do so as people of faith reminded that *"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble"* (Psalm 46:1).

On behalf of the HSLC Council,

Pr. Nathan Allen & Mr. Mike Lipka, Council President