

COVID-19 UPDATE #8  
3/19/2020

*Please share this information with friends, family, neighbors who don't have access to email.*

Reminders:

- We are planning to have a live video update at 10:00 a.m. every weekday. It will be broadcast on Charter Channel 191, live-streamed on-line, and on Facebook Live.
- The live-stream can now be accessed simply by clicking on the "Worship" tab at the top of our church web site. We will be archiving those video updates at the bottom of the homepage under "COVID-19."
- To receive a notification that we are live on Facebook, please "Like" the St. Lorenz Lutheran Church and School Facebook page. For those of you who don't use Facebook, this might be a time you decide to make an exception.

Items from today's video update:

- To volunteer to help or to indicate that you need help, please email [church@stlorenz.org](mailto:church@stlorenz.org) (best for us) or call 652-6141. When you indicate your willingness to help, please tell us if it is to make phone calls or to help meet physical needs (perhaps picking up groceries or a hot meal or some other such need yet to be identified).
- We have begun trying to reach by phone all those who are 75 and above. About half of those we'd like to call have been assigned to a volunteer caller. Since my broadcast this morning, we've gotten several more volunteers to make those calls. THANK YOU! I think we can use a few more, especially if this thing drags on. You will be provided a list of people to contact and a script for your initial contact. One of the questions we will be asking is if a regular phone call would be helpful. Please see above for how to contact us to volunteer.
- I also corrected my mistake about to which fund we are asking you to make a special donation to assist those individuals whose hours have been reduced or who have been temporarily laid off. If you'd like to help with those specific needs, we have a "Social Ministry" fund to receive those contributions. You may designate your gift specifically for COVID-19 within that fund, or simply indicate that it's for **Social Ministry**.
- If you have a topic you'd me to talk about, please let me know. You can just reply to this email to do so. Your reply is seen only by me. If you are having trouble reaching us through [church@stlorenz.org](mailto:church@stlorenz.org) (one person couldn't get that email address to work), feel free to email me: [mbrandt@stlorenz.org](mailto:mbrandt@stlorenz.org)

Thanks again for your patience and cooperation! We are truly blessed to have each other – and God – to be with in this time.

At the end of the video update, I read and offered a few thoughts on a Bible passage. Here's that passage:

1 John 4:17-18 (ESV)

"By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. There is no fear in in love, but perfect love casts out fear."

I suggested that none of us has perfect love, so we shouldn't be surprised if we experience fear. Only God's love is perfect, and His perfect love offers us peace and security especially with regards to our eternal home.

I also mentioned that while "Faith over Fear" can be a nice thought and a great thing to which we might aspire, it might be more realistic to think in terms of "Faith along with fear" and/or "Faith makes fear more bearable."

Finally, I reminded everyone that CrossRoads Christian Counseling can be a great resource with trained, Christian counselors. Phone number for CrossRoads is 652-0764. Many of their sessions are now taking place over the phone.

We continue to thank God for His faithfulness and the hope and confidence that gives us!

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