



United Lutheran Church

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*And Jesus said: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. (John 14:27)*

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Friends

Once again I'm going to ask you to take a deep breath and feel the presence of God's Spirit move in and around and through you, giving you life.

Now let it out and read on:

It is almost inconceivable to think that 10 months later we are still in the midst of a Pandemic. We are still trying to listen to the experts, not panic, revise our daily routines, wait for our turn at the vaccine, and lean into our faith for comfort.

At the beginning of the Pandemic, we suspended worship. When the numbers looked like they might be leveling off, we came back in a limited capacity. The leadership council met this evening: Now, with the numbers increasing in our region, and the experts talk of higher numbers to come, it was decided to **once again suspend Sunday morning in person worship/Sunday school**, and most, if not all, of our church activities.

This month's Breakfast Club has been postponed (the program is so good, we're going to save it for later.) WELCA circles/bible studies are being re-evaluated along with the larger gatherings. Our Wednesday Bible studies will again take a break, along with our Worship and Music committee meetings.

We will assuredly continue to offer services online with liturgy both emailed to those with email access and physically mailed to those without.

The leadership Council, the staff, continue to strive to provide help and resources for those in need... to that end, "ask for what you need, it ups the chances you'll get it."

We continue to be in this together. We are stronger because of our community, our love of Jesus, AND because of Jesus' incredible love for us.

Call me if you need me, even to just chat or pray or share.

I will keep you informed, and in my prayers.

Finally, I am asking that you continue to give to United; we have ministry to do and obligations to meet. You can always mail a check or call Marilyn, our Financial Secretary, to discuss other options.

God's peace, may it surround you, *Pastor Karen*

