



18 March 2020

The LORD is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; he knows those who take refuge in him. Nahum 1:7

Dear Members of Redeemer:

Regretfully, it has come to this: Everything at Redeemer is cancelled until further notice. This decision has been made after a great deal of discussion, advice, thoughtfulness, heartache and ultimately after the decree from the state about attendance restrictions.

At the center of it lies this question: How best can we serve God and love our neighbors in this troubled time and place? For now, closing Redeemer to all public gatherings is the best answer.

Please note: We are still at work. If you need care, then call us as before at 920-684-3989 or the cell phones of the pastors. Soon, we pray, all of it; Worship, the Liturgy, the Sacraments, Bible Studies, Life Together, and Joy will be restored.

Until then, a weekly, abbreviated liturgy will be posted on Sunday mornings at 9:00 A.M. on Redeemer's Facebook page, which you can also find at www.redeermanty.com or on YouTube searching for "Redeemer Lutheran Manitowoc." Our first liturgy will be available this weekend. Please utilize the internet as much as you can especially Redeemer's Facebook page.

Private Worship/Communion

Pastor DeArmond will be available at the following scheduled times for private/family/small group (9 or fewer) Confession, Holy Communion, and a Blessing:

- Mondays from 10:00 A.M. until Noon
- Mondays from 4:30 P.M. until 6:30 P.M.
- Tuesdays from 10:00 A.M. until Noon
- Days/Times will be added/expanded if a need should arise.

Please stay home if you are sick or exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19. Private visits may be scheduled by contacting a pastor.

Jesus said, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

This is an opportunity for us to grow stronger together and be the light of Christ in a temporary darkened time. If you are willing to help with errands or you need help with basic needs and errands please call or e-mail the church or a pastor and we will try to connect those that can help with those who need help.

What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me? Psalm 116:12

For those who are able, please prayerfully consider being generous with your offerings. Many are impacted by the financial crunch of the stock market and reduced hours at work. This situation is more than understandable. We will, as always, be proper stewards of God's gifts and will work to limit expenses. Any offerings to the Lord's work and His mission are appreciated.

What Does This Mean?

- What is God teaching me through this momentary affliction and interruption?
- What does this experience make possible?
- How can I be a blessing to others?

Here is what we know.

- God continues to preserve His creation.
- Even in Lent, "Christ is Risen!" Because he lives we know he is interceding on our behalf.
- God will use this time to grow our relationships with one another.
- *For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38-39*
- This is just "one season." Ecclesiastes 3:1

In the coming days and weeks we will do our best to be in regular contact. Please do not hesitate to reach out. Pray for Redeemer. Pray for our world. Pray for the mercy of God.

Lord Have Mercy,

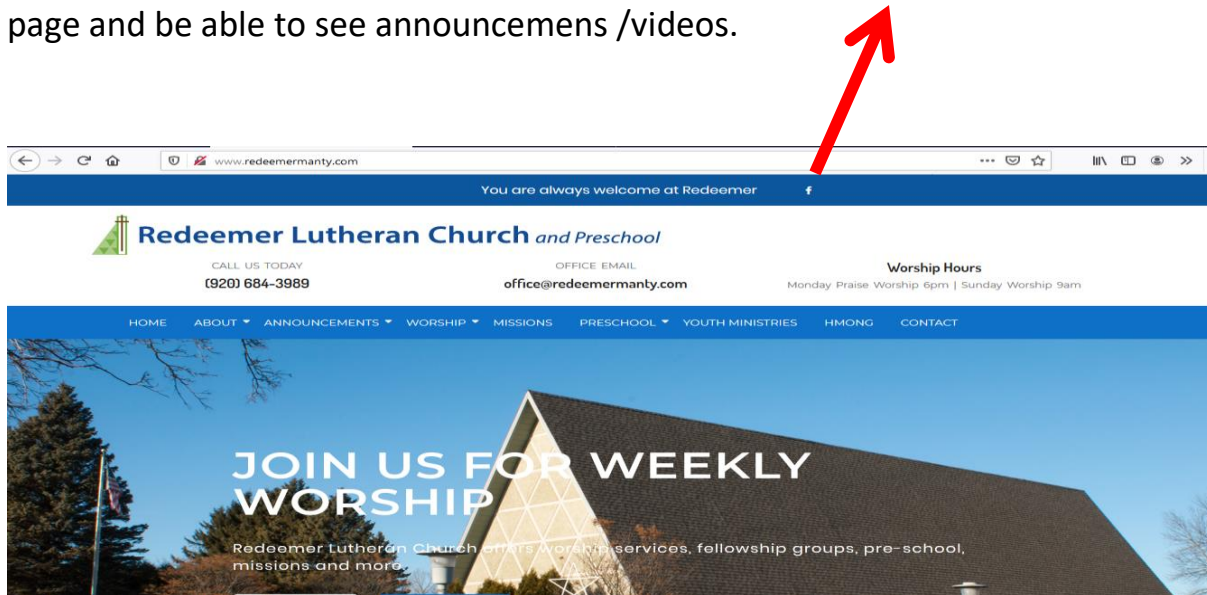
Rev. Zachary M. DeArmond

ON-LINE HELP

Things are changing quickly everyday regarding the Coronavirus/Covid-19. Hopefully the following will be able to help you stay connected to Redeemer.

If you have a Facebook account make sure to “Like” Redeemer Lutheran Church-Manitowoc.

Even if you do not have an account you can go to Redeemer’s website, www.redeermanty.com, and click on the Facebook “F” near the top of the page and be able to see announcements /videos.



YOUTUBE

We also will try to utilize our “YouTube” page.

Go to www.youtube.com

Type: “Redeemer Lutheran Manitowoc” into the search box and see our videos.

