

A WORD FROM PASTOR ALLAN CHAMBERS

As people of faith, we know that the Lord is in control of our lives, however, we are also very aware of our responsibility to those the Lord has given us to care for – that is each one of you! In light of this, we have been closely watching the situation surrounding the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) over the past couple of days. Together with the Pastoral Team and small group leaders, we have made the decision to follow the state and local recommendations to suspend all Christ the King events until further notice.

This difficult decision does not come from a place of panic or fear, but a sense of responsibility toward our church and community for public safety. In order for us to stay connected, we are going to be communicating with all our congregants through phone calls, email, and social media (our FaceBook page). In order to be united as a body during this time, we are putting the following into action:

We need to remember that a building does not make a church, but rather those people who make up the family of God. We encourage you to keep yourselves in the Word, listen to worship music and above all else, let the peace of God reign in your hearts. Remember that fear is the opposite of faith, so do not let the enemy get you into a place of fear. God is in control, and we need to believe this above all else.

This is also a great time to be sharing the reality of Jesus to those who do not know him. Ask the Lord to lead you to those you will be able to witness to. There is so much fear and panic out in the world, and we have the wonderful privilege of being able to share the love of Jesus to the world. Call someone you know does not know Jesus and pray that Holy Spirit will give you the words to share that will bring hope and healing and salvation to those who need it.

We also encourage all of you to take care of yourselves as well. The ones who are most at risk are the older folks who have health issues, the very young (under two years), and those who may have compromised immune systems. The Bible tells us to be as wise as serpents and as gentle as doves. Good advice to all of us as we fight this virus through prayer and by taking care of ourselves. Let us diligently follow the guidelines that have been given to us by the CDC: Keep close contact to a minimum, and wash

your hands frequently with soap and warm water, especially if you have been out in the public.

We pray the blessing and protection of the Lord for each of you! Keep the faith and lift Jesus higher!

Love you all
Pastor Allan and Rose