

Dear Members and Friends of SLC,

We wanted to let our family in Christ know that our gathered worship this Sunday, March 15th, and most other group events, are being temporarily postponed as we proceed with caution through the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus. For this Sunday, that includes our 8:30 and 11am gathered worship, Sunday School, the Youth Auction, and any other gatherings on site. **WE WILL HAVE AN 11AM BROADCAST OF OUR WORSHIP ON FACEBOOK LIVE, WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE ON YOUTUBE LATER IN THE DAY,** and will continue to have our sermons and service recordings available online. We are also looking at producing DVDs for those that do not have internet access.

Acts 2:42 reminds us how important it is to be gathered together and share in worshipping God and caring for one another. But Matthew 18:20 reminds us that this can happen in the smallest of groups. So we pray that you will join together through the gift of technology, knowing that Christ knows no bounds, and is both present with us and connecting us to one another through a unique gathering called for by these unusual times.

We are very grateful to the experts in our community who consulted with us on this difficult decision, and want to be clear that we continue to make these decision out of love, not fear. The ministry of Jesus was to put the most vulnerable at the front, and we make this decision with them in the forefront of our hearts. It is difficult to be apart for all of us when what we need is to be connected and supported, so we offer this - practice physical distancing, NOT social distancing. Use the blessing of technology to reach out and stay connected, seek the welfare of older or more vulnerable neighbors, support your church and other organizations that may suffer financially through this crisis, and pray for our community, country, and world. Your SLC pastors and staff will be working creatively this week to make sure that we stay connected with you as we seek to support this thriving body of Christ. And we will look to our whole community to lift up and support those who may have a harder time staying connected. May we all be strengthened and given peace through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Link to our updated page <https://silverdalelutheran.org/covid-19-resources-and-updates/>

Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/silverdalelutheranchurch/>

YouTube Channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCt0vUuT_uHihH1-thyDmbw

With love for God's people,

Pastor Jonathan, Pastor Paula, Pastor Bill, and Intern Marietta