

MOUNT CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Jesus said "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."—John 14:27

It is my prayer that you and yours are safe and well! It has been almost a month since last we corresponded and wanted to bring you up-to-date on a couple of items. The one item that is still unanswerable is "when will we gather again?" That remains to be seen - 1) we need to have the State of Michigan Shelter-in-Place order lifted and 2) design a safe way to congregate. We continue to gather together electronically on our Prayer Check-In (Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday - see details below). You are able to join us by phone or by computer. Please note the new numbers and meeting ID numbers below. During Easter, we are using a bible study provided by ELCA that uses the lectionary. The weekly lessons are available through our website: www.mtcalvaryelca.org/weekly-lessons.

On April 22, 2020, the council held a meeting via Zoom to discuss the business of the church. It is hard to believe that business continues, but the church is still very active. The Food Pantry and Baby Pantry have remained open under the leadership of Nancy McMurray. God bless her and her team that provide such an essential service to those in need. Leaps and Bounds and DHHS are closed to observe the Executive Order. Head Start ended their season early, but will return in the fall. Room rental at Mount Calvary has been suspended until the council feels it is safe to allow people to gather at the church.

The council is starting to plan for renovation repairs when the ban is lifted. Two major repairs that are in the process of being arranged (as best as can be arranged now): 1) completion of the parking lot with sealcoating and stripping and 2) stain glass repair. It is the council's hope that these can be arranged and completed this summer.

Thank you to all those who have continued to send their offering. It is much appreciated, helpful and very needed. Having said that, to date this year; all bills have been paid without

using funds from our savings account. That includes continuing to pay the secretary and Pastor salaries. What a blessing! In addition to that good news, the loan to the Mission Investment Fund was paid in full during the month of March. This will free up much needed money to weather the storm this year.

The website has become the critical link for information. It is being kept up with vital links and information; including a blog by "Dr. Linda". Just a quick reminder, online giving is available through the website.

A couple of member notes that need to be relayed:

- Condolences to Carol Otto on the loss of her son
- Gerrylyn Tawflick has a free electric hospital bed for someone who may have need of it. Contact her at (586) 519-3563.

These are extraordinary times. We remain, as always, the body of Christ in the midst of this crisis. Continue to lift one another up in prayer. Connect with one another via phone, letter or email. Join us for our Prayer Check-in for a word of prayer, scripture and song.

And now, may the Lord bless you and keep you. Make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace. Amen.

Blessings,

Linda

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Link to join the meeting (this can be found on our website at www.mtcalvaryelca.org/prayer-check-in)
<https://zoom.us/j/9317528202?pwd=N2lYWDR3M0QrVUpDVk5XaStZUFdNQQT09>

Call (415) 762-9988 - follow the prompts using the Meeting ID and password below

Meeting ID: 931 752 8202

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