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Dear Members of Emmanuel:

By now you most likely know that both our federal and state governments are recommending there be no gatherings of more than 10 people for the next eight weeks. This, of course, deeply impacts our congregation and is the reason for this letter to you and your family.

The first thing to share is that there will be no corporate worship services whether on Sundays or Wednesdays. This also means that both Sunday School and Midweek school will not meet until after the eight weeks or the lifting of the recommendation. What it does not mean is that we won't have any worship opportunities. Both Sunday and Wednesday services will be livestreamed and accessible either through our website at emmanuelnyork.publishpath.com, or google Emmanuel Lutheran Church York NE or visit our Facebook page. Our Sunday 10:30am service will continue to be aired on KAWL 1370AM and KOOL 103.5FM. The Lutheran Hour is also available on Sundays on KAWL at 7:30am and at 8am on KLCV 99.3FM.

As President Matthew Harrison shared via video last Sunday, please be generous in your church offerings as even though we are not meeting, the expenses of ministry continue. You can mail your offerings in or utilize PayPal on either the livestream or Facebook pages.

Right in the middle of the 8 weeks we are talking about is Holy Week, culminating with Easter on April 12th. While the situation before us could change, we are planning to experience all of Holy Week from Palm Sunday through Easter by moving it to the week of May 24th (Palm Sunday) through May 31st (Easter). If the no gathering recommendation is lifted prior to the calendar date of Easter (April 12th) this may be changed. Please mark these dates on your calendar now and invite family to join you for the celebration of Jesus' victory over sin, death and the devil by His cross and empty tomb. The date of confirmation is also being moved from May 3rd to May 17th.

We are also setting up opportunities to receive Holy Communion throughout the eight weeks. The schedule is as follows: Mondays 7 to 8:30pm, Tuesdays 9 to 10:30am and Wednesdays 1:30 to 3pm. We ask you to let us know of your plans to come in advance and note that no more than 9 people will be communed at any one time.

Please also know that we, your pastors, are available if you find yourself in any need. Our phone numbers are: Pastor Mike (402) 710-9208 and Pastor Ben (402) 366-4309. We realize eight weeks away from corporate worship is a long time, but in that time may you and your family draw nearer to God. As James 4:8 commands, "Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you." And as Psalm 50:15 instructs, "...call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me." May each of us glorify God through the trial before us.

Your servants in Christ.

Pastor Mike Neidow

Pastor Ben Kaiser