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Dear Good Shepherd Family,

To honor the hopes and intentions of our elected officials regarding suspending group gatherings as a way to curb the spread of the COVID19, and in consultation with our Congregational Council and Staff, **Good Shepherd will be cancelling all worship services for the weekend of March 14/15, including Saturday at 5pm, Sunday at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00am, Family Worship, MANNA and Confirmation Classes.** We will evaluate best practices moving forward on a week to week basis.

Here are some things we want you to know:

- Our church building will be open on Sunday between 9am and Noon and the sanctuary will be available for those who wish to have some time of private prayer. The Pastors will also be available to pray with individuals one-on-one in the front of the sanctuary.
- Jen Jarman will be available to meet with high school students between 9:30 and 10:30.
- The 10:45 Lenten Small group will still meet on Sunday
- Other Lent small groups will continue to meet as a general rule, but some groups may decide on not meeting in person. Watch for information from your leader
- The church office will be open for limited hours this week between 9:00am and 3pm, however our weekday Nursery School has suspended classes for the rest of the month.
- The Pastors want to hear from you if you have concerns or needs during this time, please reach out!
- We will be preparing a video message/sermon for you to view and will send a link as well as have it available on our website and Facebook page.

Here are our hopes for you:

- That you will experience God's presence in a powerful way in these days and know that you are a beloved child of God.
- That you will be even more dedicated to your Vine Time with God each day. Your daily rhythm is most likely already disrupted, so in this new "normal," set aside 15-20 minutes for prayer, scripture and devotional reading. Listen for how God is speaking into your life during this unprecedented time.
- That you will continue to live out the Fruit of the Spirit in your life as God gives you opportunity. Practice them in your home and in your day to day encounters with others. Reach out to those who may be alone or struggling.
- That you will continue to practice joyful generosity as you continue to support our shared mission. You can give online through Realm and our Website (look for the donate button under the "home" tab). You can also send your weekly donation to the church office. We are grateful for your ongoing support!

We take this action not as a panicked response, but as a loving measure, seeking the greatest good for all especially our most vulnerable members. We pray this short-term immediate action will have favorable outcomes for the longer term. In uncertain times, one thing is certain, our God is faithful and with us. We can trust God's abiding presence in the midst of an ever-changing landscape. We are not alone in this! Please know I will be praying for you and our ministry together. If you are adversely affected by current events in any way, please let one of the Pastors know. We love you and you are an important part of our community. You don't have to "go it alone", we want to share God's grace with you in any way we can.

As always you can also reach out to us with any questions or concerns you may have.

God's peace to you

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