

“For all the saints”
ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH “Oasis of Joy” USA
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Dear Friends ...

Tough times ... uncertain times.

Whenever we've had a crisis that rocks our soul and spirit ----- the church has always been one place where we come together and hold each other up.

And now??? we need to live in “separation.”

Often away from those we love the most.

This can be a lonely time. A time of anxiety ... doubt ... fear of the unknown.

Our sanctuary may be empty on Thursday nights and Sunday mornings for a while.

How long? we don't know.

But the CHURCH is here ---- to bring you HOPE ... and STRENGTH ... emanating from the rich combination of the goodness of the human spirit and the healing of God's spirit.

The church is us together. It's a spiritual connection born of grace and caring and reaching-out.

Here's a few of things we are trying to do to stay “connected.” Remember ---- you can call the church anytime if you have questions or concerns. My cell phone ... if you need it ... is always on the church voice-mail.

**We are live-streaming a “thought for the day” --- usually about noon. After that you can tap into it anytime through our “Friends of All Saints” Facebook page, YouTube, or the church web-site.

**On Sunday ... our worship service is live-streamed at 9:30 ... after that you can watch it anytime that's convenient for you. There's even a kids' s sermon for “my younger friends.”

Palm Sunday this Sunday!! Holy Week. Your living room, kitchen table --- it's the altar. Our procession is a spiritual one ---- from darkness into light. We hope our humble efforts will help you and your loved ones stay connected. Many of you have asked about the financial impact of all this on the church. Well ----we do have money in reserve --- that helps. If you are in a position to support our church ... mail is the best option.

Also, if you are on your way up-or-down LaGrange Road and see a pick-up truck ...
you can drop your contribution off.

***We have set-up a “love-bucket fund” to help folks facing financial hardship ... the response is heart-warming. If you or someone you know can use a boost ... please, please, let us know. GIVING UNTO OTHERS is at the very heart-and-soul of who we are.

Never hesitate to ask for help. This week we shared some money with one of our folks, who has been laid-off. She calls: I live alone ... feeling isolated. This gift reminds me ---- I am not alone ... and people really care.

We care. We love. A humble temple.

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