



COVID-19 (Coronavirus) March 18th Update

Dear friends,

After consulting with a number of health care experts, both within Messiah congregation and outside of it, and also after many hours of consultation and discussion with many church leaders in the area and beyond, we have decided to make some temporary changes to our ministry schedule.

Out of love for one another, Messiah will only deliver worship services online until the gathering ban is lifted. We will update you immediately if this schedule changes on account of updated/new information.

Worship isn't cancelled. Rather, gathering for worship in our building has been temporarily suspended until the local restrictions are lifted. To help you worship in your home, our pastors and technology experts will be leading worship services live from church. You will be able to view these **worship services online** and participate in them as they happen.

ONLINE WORSHIP SCHEDULE via Messiah's YouTube page
(Links to the live and archived feeds as well as worship folders are available at messiahgb.org)

Livestream @ 7:45 am
Every Sunday

- * All completed worship services will be available online to view at any time
- * Downloadable worship folders will be available for each worship service
- * You are encouraged to gather a small group of family & friends to worship together
- * Contact our office if you need help viewing the live worship service (920-465-6013)

THE FOLLOWING MINISTRIES HAVE BEEN TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED:

Sunday School

Sunday morning bible class

THE FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN CANCELLED:

Choir Practice

Pizza Fundraiser

Easter Breakfast

Easter for Kids and Easter Canvass (scheduled for April 4th)

Any church related duties other than our counting teams (Ushers, Greeters, Cleaners)

Yours in Christ.

Messiah Lutheran Church Council

(Frequently Asked Questions on the back)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How will everyone stay informed with the latest updates and announcements?

- Each Messiah member with an email address will receive a detailed **email update each Thursday** for as long as services are suspended.
- If you are unsure if we have your email, send an email to office@messiahgb.org.
- A copy of the Thursday update will be posted to all **Messiah social media** sites (Facebook, Instagram and Twitter).
- Hard copies of the Thursday update will be sent via **Mail** each week if requested.
- A designated “Coronavirus Update” link will be prominently displayed on the **Messiah website (messiahgb.org)** where you will find the latest information.
- Messiah’s **office** will remain open to receive all phone calls, emails, and visitors. If you get the church answering machine, we will respond as soon as possible.
- Messiah **pastors** will continue to be available via phone and email.

How will I give my firstfruit offering?

- Members who have set up recurring offerings through the Messiah website do not need to do anything; your firstfruit offerings will continue to be automatically given as you have determined.
- **Online giving** is always available through the Messiah website. Visit messiahgb.org – click on “give” near the top of the screen – then click on “Online Giving.” You will be able to give a one-time offering or set up regular offerings on your preferred schedule.
- We also have **Venmo** and **Zelle** instructions available at messiahgb.org/give.
- **You are also able to mail** your offering to the church office or **drop it off** in person during office hours.

Monday – Friday
8 am – noon

Church Mailing Address:
3316 Sitka St
Green Bay, WI 54302

- Your regular firstfruit offerings are vital in allowing us to meet our congregation’s needs at all times, but especially so in times of distress.

What if I or someone I know needs individual attention from a pastor?

- Your pastors are as determined as ever to shepherd our Lord’s flock at Messiah, especially during this unusual time. Continue to reach out to them with any concerns, questions, or needs.

Should I panic?

Not at all. Our government and health care systems are generous gifts from God by which he cares for our lives. We show our trust in God by trusting the guidance given to us by individuals he himself has placed into these positions of authority. Continue to wash your hands, follow the guidelines, seek regular comfort from the Word of God, and go about your business as best you can. He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all ... has this. And you. We’ll get through this together, and God will be glorified through it.