

Dear friends and members of Northminster,

Northminster Campus is Closing Temporarily With the announcements made today from the President, the Governor and local school districts, Northminster is joining other central Illinois congregations—including all local Catholic churches, in deciding not to hold services and meetings onsite for the time being. We'll keep alert for additional communications from the authorities so that we can resume normal functioning just as soon as possible. The office staff will maintain their normal hours, practicing all the recommended personal hygiene and social distancing guidelines.

Worship Services Available I'll send out an additional email tomorrow, March 14, on how to access our worship service. We're opting to use YouTube play lists for our worship services, and we'll set up easy to use links through our website and church app. Each week there will be the usual elements of worship—including announcements, a call to worship, prayer, songs, a sermon and a blessing.

Other Ministries Will Find New Ways Our Children's Ministries are already working on getting resources to parents to use at home and producing videos to connect with children. Youth Ministry leaders are currently developing ways of connecting with students and have plans for a version of "youth group" to continue online. Other Northminster ministries will be exploring ways to effectively and safely carry out the work God has called us to.

For Such a Time as This Northminster exists to represent the love of Christ. I invite you to consider how you might represent Christ's love to the people living and working around you. Our Deacons and others will focus on connecting with our more at-risk members. If you or someone you know is quarantined, sick, at heightened risk or simply too anxious to go out on their own and would like someone to run an errand please let us know.

Communication Expect more communications. We'll do our best to keep you informed, and at the same time not overwhelm.

Coronavirus Information We recommend that you visit the Centers for Disease Control website (<https://www.cdc.gov/>) for information regarding the Coronavirus.

Our Absolute Reason for Peace Our God reigns. And our God loves. And since he reigns and loves we can be at peace in all situations. If you need additional encouragement, please take a look at Philippians 4:4-7.

You are in my prayers! If you need to reach me, my cell number is 402.943.8218.

God's amazing grace and his life satisfying peace be yours today!

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