Dear LCC Family,

As I mentioned with yesterday's notice, we have been monitoring the coronavirus situation closely. Thank you for your patience as we have tried to ascertain the best course of action for our community. Each day brings with it a new escalation of this crisis and new challenges. Gov. DeSantis has urged groups to suspend large gatherings for the near future. Although we are not a large gathering by definition, we do have a high percentage of those over 60 and those with underlying health conditions.

As a result, we have decided to suspend all in person activities until Easter. This will include worship gatherings for this weekend, as well as Faith in Action. We will decide on in-person worship on a week to week basis. This decision is based on our desire to be a good neighbor to those around us. A lot of uncertainty exists with this virus. We don't want to put others at risk by gathering. Especially those who are vulnerable. By taking this step, we can protect them until we understand a little more about the virus.

As believers in Christ, we are taught to walk by faith and not by sight. We do not live in fear. I am hopeful that this scare will subside quickly. Sometime during next week, we will make a decision about the following Sunday, March 22.

You will still have an opportunity to worship with us. On Sunday morning at 10:30, we will be livestreaming the entire Elevate Service through Facebook Live on our Facebook page. We will have moderators logged in so that you may interact with each other as the service is going on. We encourage you to join us on Facebook for this event. The service will remain on our Facebook page for those who can't watch live.

Some of you already give online, but if you would like to contribute online this Sunday, you may do so here.

This was a hard decision to make. I have never suspended live worship outside of an imminent hurricane threat. We weighed all the options, but felt this was the most prudent. I love you all and we will worship face to face again soon.

With love from your pastor,

Jody