



# LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE Good Shepherd

*Scott Trevithick, Lead Pastor*

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## **Dear Friends and Members of Good Shepherd:**

I'd like to let you know how leaders at Good Shepherd are continuing to adapt to ever-changing conditions related to the Coronavirus pandemic and efforts to safeguard public health.

In a Lutheran congregation, the Governing Board, also known as the Council, of which the pastor is also a member, bears responsibility for leading the congregation and making primary decisions about its common life. In light of guidance from public health and governmental officials regarding the spread of the COVID-19 virus and the directive to keep social distance and minimize germ transmission, Good Shepherd has not held public, in-person worship services since Sunday, March 15. Since then, we have been posting video with worship content to our YouTube Channel. (Search Good Shepherd Lutheran, Reno).

The Governing Board and I have formed a COVID-19 Task Force, which will continue to access relevant resources from religious or denominational, governmental, and public health sources and wisely plan to address the health and safety of the staff and congregation and the effective functioning of the church's worship, faith formation, fellowship, service, and other aspects of its common life and make pertinent recommendations to the Governing Board. We are mindful of the risks of worshiping in confined places, particularly for those who are over age 65 or who have a compromising health condition or other vulnerability. We are grateful for the faithful giving and service of members and friends of the church which allow us to continue ministries of the church, serve in the community, care for one another, and permit the church staff to work remotely. We have learned new ways to continue to be the Church. We are not worshiping in-person, but the church is not closed, nor is anyone prevented from praying or worshiping.

If you have any particular feedback or concerns, I welcome your email or phone call at [PrScott@goodshepherdreno.org](mailto:PrScott@goodshepherdreno.org) or (775) 329-0696 x102.

May God's peace be with you as we take these steps for the sake of community health.

**The Rev. Scott Trevithick**