



People's Congregational Church

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Greetings to All - In the midst of uncertainty, the Leadership Team of People's is working to develop both a short- and long-term plan that allows us to continue the critical work of the church, and in so doing to maintain the strong spiritual community which brings and keeps us together.

The gravity of the current public health situation, as well as instructions from the State of MN, requires us to carefully evaluate options for the next few weeks. This letter is intended to offer some starting points and to suggest ways in which we can maintain our connections with one another. We WILL be back together, in our beautiful and sacred sanctuary, listening to the word of God and some wonderful music and praying together, in the not-too-distant future. And we WILL complete our "conversational planning meetings" as we are able, so that we can facilitate implementation of a Pastoral Search Committee.

In the meantime, here are a few important updates:

*Kimberly will continue to come to the church office to, in addition to her usual excellent work on communications, answer phone calls and direct folks to resources, with the assistance of the Leadership Team.

* A complete list of resources available to the congregation is in the process of being developed. At present, the following is offered:

*Kris Strasburg is heading up the Care and Wellness Team which is committed to assisting those who may have a variety of needs - a visit, a ride, access to food or simply some companionship. Pastor Rich Larson of Bethlehem Lutheran is available for emergency pastoral care. 651-439-3450 or pastor.blcbayport@gmail.com

* The church building is essentially closed. The AA Group, Garden Gathering ladies, and the Barbershop Quartet that practices at the church have been notified. If you need to come into the church, please call Kimberly first. Thanks to Jackie Savage, a "temporary closure" message is posted on the big announcement sign in front of the church.

* There will be church! Watch your email! A plan for the next few Sundays is in process. The PCC music and worship planning team is coordinating an electronic "service" that will be delivered via email and posted on our website, to include prayers, music, and/or recorded sermons. This format will evolve, but the most important thing is that we stay connected in prayer and remain spiritually nourished.

PLEASE keep in mind that positive comments and assistance in helping the Leadership Team, Kimberly, and the worship planners will be appreciated as we maneuver down this new road together.

Thank you and God Bless the people of People's.