



Due to the order by Governor Wolf, and out of precaution and care for the members of St. James, worship services will not be held through April 1, 2020. This would include both Sunday worship on March 22, 2020 and March 29, 2020, Lenten Soup & Sandwich midweek services, Church Council meeting and all other meetings. This decision was made to reduce the risk of the spread of Covid-19 and to protect the most vulnerable among us. However, the Red Cross Blood Drive will be held as scheduled on Wednesday, April 1, 2020.

Pastor Brandon will be recording a midweek message for Lent that will be emailed each Wednesday, and he will record a sermon that will be emailed each Friday as well as the bulletin to follow along. These video messages will be available on YouTube, will be posted on our Facebook page and will be linked from our website. The Synod staff will also be preparing a digital worship service that will be available on the Synod Facebook page and linked from their website for both Sundays. Feel free to view either or all of these services during this time.

We also remind you that although our church building may be closed, St. James still needs your tithes and offerings to maintain the mission of our church. The church mortgage, salaries, utilities, etc. will continue as normal. Offering envelopes can be dropped off to the church office during normal business hours, placed in the secure mailbox on the outside of the church building or sent in the mail. Thank you in advance.

An important part of life together during this time is that we don't react in fear. We must make decisions that help us care for one another in this new situation. At present older adults and people with underlying medical conditions seem to be at a higher risk. As Christians our first response should be toward one another. Please care for your family, neighbors and yourself. Create a plan to limit exposure. If you are sick, please stay at home. But most of all, trust that God is always with us.

In roughly two weeks, recommendations and conditions will be evaluated and an update will be posted and emailed to you.

