

Sisters and brothers in Christ of Shepherd of the Hills,

God's grace and peace be with you, today and always!

The COVID-19 virus has caused changes day by day, hour by hour. We are all affected, the church included. As a result, we will be suspending all church activities, including worship, beginning immediately. This will go through Sunday March 22 and be reevaluated during this time.

We are following the example of McHenry County school districts that have closed, cancelling all activities. They have gone to distance learning to enact the "social distancing" model to abate the virus spread. As a result, we are taking similar action because social distancing works best when followed widely. Other churches are taking similar action.

Although the building will close, the church will still be active. We will livestream our Sunday worship service for sure and try to do Wednesdays as well. Nick will also stream confirmation on Wednesdays. We will also strive to get Sunday School material online as well. Visit our website at shepherdofhills.org or our Facebook page for more information. We will also keep you informed via email.

Outside of worship, I encourage you to use the basic faith practices. **Pray** unceasingly, especially for those who are sick, those who are vulnerable and for healthcare workers throughout the world. **Study** the Bible and our *Enough* book study. **Worship** via the web. **Give** to others and the church (*see below for giving possibilities*). **Share** the faith with others. **Care** for the needy around you, especially those who might be homebound or at-risk.

Also, feel free to call me if you need to talk. And if you are willing to call on others please let me know. We all need to be supported in this time.

In closing, let's remember the words of 2 Timothy 1:7: "*God has not given us a spirit of fear, but power, love, and sound mind.*" God will lead us and is with us, as God always has been.

With God's peace,

Pastor Tom


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