

March 30, 2020

Dear member of the Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church community,

The Congregational Council met on Sunday via online conference call to discuss how to respond to the current, and still escalating, pandemic crisis. As a public institution, we are subject to government regulation to suspend physical gatherings indefinitely.

This means that there will be no regular gatherings at the church building for any meetings or worship services (including Holy Week and Easter) until further notice. We will notify you when we are able to resume regular worship services as soon as we are able.

This is an important time to update any contact information (email addresses, phone numbers) with the church office (faithottawasecretary@gmail.com) in order to facilitate alternate ways for us to 'keep in touch' during this time. Please visit www.faithottawa.ca for pre-recorded worship services and the latest news. We thank you for continuing to support the church with your regular offerings, as you are able to do so.

Most importantly, we hope to hear from you if you are in need of material assistance (groceries, delivery of supplies, etc.) or emotional support. Below is a list of some resources in our community that you can access for help. If you would like an interactive visit with Pastor Martin or join an online meditation and bible study please contact the church at 613 224 1971 or at prmartinmalina@gmail.com. The church has a ZOOM video teleconference account and we are using this for most of our meetings now.

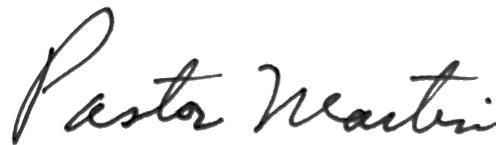
We are also finding ways to support those most vulnerable in our immediate west Ottawa location, particularly the Carlington Community Chaplaincy. Please see the latest letter posted on our website from Harold Rode, a member of Faith and currently the chair of the Carlington Community Chaplaincy, for ways you can support the poor and financially vulnerable people in Nepean.

We all look forward to the day we can resume our regular gatherings and ways of interacting as a church. It will be a great party! In the meantime, the prayers and actions of the faithful will continue.

In the Peace and Life of Christ,



Brian Wirth, Chairperson



Martin Malina, Pastor