

Rogers Memorial Church

Associate Reformed Presbyterian Synod

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To: RMC members & regular attenders

From: Pastor David & the elders

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Our leadership team met Thursday night to make decisions on the ministries of RMC. All of us are experiencing something that none of us have ever experienced before. I want to encourage you to focus on the goodness and grace of Jesus rather than the media hype and sources that might cause us to live in a state of fear! I believe that the Lord has a gazillion good things that He is doing in the midst of the pandemic.

Let me share with you what the leaders have decided:

We will not have public worship services for the next 2 weeks (April 22 & 29). On April 30 we will reassess the situation and decide if we can or cannot meet for worship.

However, we will provide a sermon that will be available through various internet sources. Mark Donald and I will record it tomorrow and have it available for you by 10:30am this Sunday. We will make that available on our website and our Facebook page.

While we will not be meeting publicly, the business side of our ministry will continue. We will still need to pay the utility bills, staff salaries, etc.... You will be able to give online through our secure website, or you may send in your tithes and offerings through the U.S. postal service. In case you need it, the church mailing address is:

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Shepherding: Our elders love you and we want to do all that we can to care for you during this time. We have divided the congregation up into 5 groups. The elders will be contacting you over the next week or so. I know that most of you will think, "I don't want to be a burden." But please let your elder know if there is anything you need, including prayer, groceries, or medical needs delivered.

The church office will remain open during our regular office hours. Please contact us if you need anything. The church phone number is (803)327-5724. Our email address is: rmemorial@comporium.net. Also, please contact us if you know of someone that needs assistance. This is a great time for God's people to love our neighbors, serve one another, and be the hands, feet, and heart of Jesus!

Community groups and home groups are welcome to continue meeting unless a member is sick and not feeling well.

Reading through the Bible: If you are reading through the entire Bible or just the New Testament, we will send next quarters Bible reading charts to you through an email, regular US postal service, or through a text message. Contact Christi at the church office to receive your chart.

Grow in God's grace during this season. Our lives have been interrupted. And this may not be a bad thing. My mother-in-law is from Minnesota. Whenever it snows, her favorite saying on a snowy day is, "God just wanted to slow everybody down!" This slow down time is an excellent opportunity for us to grow in our faith! Stop, listen to the Lord. Read His Word or a spiritual book that you haven't had time to read. Listen to that pastor/preacher you've always wanted to hear! All of us are now tele-evangelists! Don't invest the majority of your time sitting in front of the godless chatter box (TV). There is rarely any (correct) mention of God, His ways, what HE is doing, and the good things that are going on. That stuff doesn't sell!

Thanks for listening! As always, let us know if you have questions about anything above.

By His grace & for His glory,

Pastor David & the RMC leaders