



living grace

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sundays (September-May): 9:30 a.m. worship;

10:30 a.m. Fellowship/Sunday School

Garrick Theater, 509 Front Street, Hawley

Dear Living Grace members,

Today I will remember that every situation will benefit by me taking care of myself." I found this quote on a card this week that dropped out of my briefcase. No truer words were ever spoken. What we are learning, is that it is okay to take care of ourselves in the midst of this unknown time.

The Living Grace Leadership Team decided that to protect our worshipping community during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, we have suspended all worship services and activities through March 31, 2020. Gran-Park-Rollag Parish has also suspended all worship and activities from March 18 – April 3, 2020.

This is a time when we are all navigating how to be the church in a new and evolving way. It can be challenging but as Pr. Jim Greene says, "we are better together" and together we will get through this. Though we might be physically distant, the Body of Christ is still spiritually together and getting through this together.

Electronic Worship Services and Resources:

Living Grace, in partnership with Gran-Park-Rollag Parish, will be providing electronic worship services starting this Sunday. Resources will be posted on Facebook, www.Livinggracehawley.org, and through e-mail. If you wish to be included on future email notifications, please send an email to livinggracehawley@gmail.com and we will be happy to add you. Please share these resources with family and friends who do not have access to internet.

Tithing: Here are two ways you can continue to financially support our ministry during this time:

- You can send in your financial donations to:
Living Grace Lutheran Church
PO Box 477, Hawley, MN 56549
- You can set up online giving through our website, www.livinggracehawley.org. We use the app Tithely, which is easy to set up and allows you to give online through your computer or through an application downloaded on your cell phone. If you use the Tithely app on your cell phone, search for *Living Grace Lutheran Church*. Please contact Pr. Hope Deutscher if you need more information or help in setting up an account.

Visitation: At this time, local hospitals and some nursing homes are putting visitation restrictions in place to keep patients and residents safe and healthy. We honor their requests. Pastor Hope is still available for emergency calls, home visits and those who are in need. **As part of our caring for one another, we encourage you to call and check in with your neighbors and people who are isolated during this time.**

If more changes are warranted, we will distribute information via email, social media and church announcements.

In God's peace,

Pastor Hope Deutscher