



Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church
899 Salem Road
Selinsgrove, Pa 17870

March 16, 2020

Dear Salem Church family,

Grace and peace to you on this day that the Lord has made.

Based on the recommendations of the Center for Disease control and prevention and the decision of the Governor of Pennsylvania to implement a statewide shutdown for two weeks, the decision has been made to close Salem for the next two weeks (3/16/20 through 3/30/20). This decision is not one that is made lightly, but one that is made in prayer and out of a concern for the health and safety of our whole community.

Please know that as the old Sunday school song goes, “The church is not a building, the church is the people”, we continue to be the people of God, though not physically gathered for a short time. We will continue to worship each week, both in our homes as family units and together via live stream, video and phone.

Please continue to be the church in the world, with ample opportunity to serve God and one another. Call and check in on each other and your neighbors. Send cards and notes of encouragement. Share resources as you are able. And most of all join together in prayer.

Instructions to join us for worship on Sunday will be forthcoming. As always, please reach out to Pastor Stina if there is a need. She can be reached by call or text at (845) 636-9487 or by email stinaschaeffer@gmail.com.

We are living in time that is uncertain and ever changing. As people of faith, we are called by God to care for ourselves and our neighbors. Know that you are in our prayers and the words of Jesus, “Remember I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:20)

Blessings,

Pastor Stina and Church Council