

Zion Coronavirus Updates

Dear members of Zion,

As we continue to watch and pray about the COVID-19 coronavirus situation, I want you to know that leaders here at Zion are putting plans in place to help us respond. This brief email is to share a few important reminders and updates with you during this time of uncertainty.

If you do not feel well and are experiencing cold or flu like symptoms, please stay at home. In this way you will help reduce the risk of spreading illness to others. If you feel healthy but are worried about gathering with others in public places like a worship service, you are free to stay at home. We understand and no one will question decisions you make about what is best for you.

Here at Zion we will continue to use common sense measures to limit the spread of germs and reduce the amount of hand and surface contact that takes place in worship and in other gatherings. At church, you are encouraged to wash your hands and use hand sanitizer regularly. In worship, we will explain changes to our normal practices at the beginning of each service. We hope these changes will be helpful without detracting from your worship experience.

In regards to cancelling worship or other church gatherings, we will be following the guidance of government and health officials. Should we need to cancel activities, we will notify you through all the means we have available, including television, email, the Zion website, and the Zion Facebook page. We will also work to provide you resources to engage in worship and devotional activities at home and ways to remain connected to your church family.

If you become sick, please contact the church office, 803-356-2297, or email Zionchurch@zionlexsc.com. We want to know how everyone is doing so that we can respond with care and support.

The peace of the Lord be with you,

Pastor Nathan Gragg

Eternal God, amid all the turmoil and changes of the world your love is steadfast and your strength never fails. In this time of danger and trouble, be to us a sure guardian and rock of defense. Guide the leaders of our nation with your wisdom, comfort those in distress, and grant us courage and hope to face the future; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer for a Time of National Distress, Evangelical Lutheran Worship, page 76

