

ANNOUNCEMENTS APRIL 19, 2020

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE *Worship and all public activities are cancelled throught at least May 3.*

**THANK YOU** to all who participated in the Southridge Easter Coloring Contest. All entries where beautiful and prizes are on the way!

**FRIDAY MORNING CHECK-IN** Friday, April 17, at 10 AM, pastor will be hosting a Zoom video chat meeting. You are all welcome to attend. You can access the meeting , using this link <u>https://zoom.us/i/93906997280</u>. This will be an opportunity to check in with other members from Southridge, hear what's going on, and make any suggestions you think could be helpful during this time. This may be the way we continue different weekly Bible studies for the time being and a chat like this may happen again. You can test out this link before the meeting, and if you have any trouble/questions, please contact the church office.

**NEED FACEMASKS?** The CDC is now recommending that we all wear face masks when we are out in public. If you are in need of one/some, there are individuals in our congregation who might be able to help. Please contact our church office and we can make sure you receive a handmade cloth mask.

**MOVE INTO NEW BUILDING/LOCATION** As of today, work continues at our new site, but it has slowed down. The delay should not be much longer than the overall virus shutdown will be, but we have no idea how long that will be. For now, it's hard to know whether or not we will have another public worship service in our old building. We hope to put out some information about our new Sunday morning schedule and activities in our new building soon, but exactly when those things will go into effect is currently unknown. We'll try to keep you up to date as much as possible, but don't ever hesitate to contact the church office with your questions.

**PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION** In these very uncertain times, it can be hard for us to focus on the positives and keep moving forward. Nonetheless, we continue to plan for the future, trusting that God will continue to lead us and bless us. We are getting closer to our building project being done and waiting to worship together again! In the meantime, we can share that people have been reaching out to us about our preschool even though we can't do any official advertising yet. Our waiting list is growing every week. If you or anyone else you know of would also want to be placed on this list, please contact our church office. The types of things we'd be looking for are:

- Name of legal guardian
- Name of Child
- Age of Child
- Good contact phone number
- Good contact e-mail address
- What would serve you best?
  - 1/2 day, 3/4 day, Full day
- How many days a week?
  - o 2 days, 3 days, 4 days, 5 days

**COVID-19 SUPPORT REMINDER** During this unusual and limiting time, please be aware of the following support that is available to you and your family though our broader church family:

- Virtual Worship Every week that we can't meet together for worship (and probably beyond that time), we will email out some sort of virtual worship materials for you to use with your family. At this time those materials will include audio of the worship service along with a PDF of the worship folder, but soon that will include video as well. These materials, along with previous weeks' materials, can also be found on our website at <u>www.southridge-church.com/covid-19/</u>. For those of you who are wondering about what to do with your offerings, you can mail them in to our old church address, mail them to our office manager's house (2101 Sky Meadow Ave., Richland, WA 99352), donate through PayPal on our website, save all of your offerings to give in person once we can meet again, or join several other members who have set our church up as a regular automated bill pay through their personal bank or credit union. If you have any questions about this, please contact the church office.
- Grocery/Other Necessity Front Porch Delivery This week, volunteers from our congregation attempted to contact all our members over 60 years old and other members with identified special needs. Our goal was to see what assistance may be needed at this time. If you could use assistance with grocery drop off or something related to that, there are members of our congregation who are willing to assist with that. Please contact our church office to let us know if this need comes up for you.
- Home School Support Many families are suddenly finding themselves homeschooling their children for the foreseeable future. If you need to vent, hear an encouraging word, or learn about some resources, we do have a number of excellent teachers in our congregation as well as a number of parents who are experienced in homeschooling. If you could benefit from any of this, please contact our church office and we'll be able to connect to one of these resources.
- Professional Counseling Our congregation has a partnership with Wisconsin Luther Child and Family Services (WLCFS) that allows us to offer discounted virtual counseling with qualified Christian counselors. If you'd see benefit in talking to a caring Christian professional during this time when we're all dealing with irregular causes of stress and anxiety, please contact pastor (509-820-1080) directly or through our church office. Our congregation can currently provide at least one session at no charge to you.
- Spiritual Support Please feel free to contact pastor (509-820-1080) if you could use some spiritual support during this time of cancelled worship services or really at any time. He'd love to talk with you or just listen to you. That's what he's here for.

Offerings for the Month of March \$14,608.93 April \$ 9,635.00

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