March 19, 2020

Dear Members of Grace,

COVID-19 leaves us all asking what's next for our congregation. Regulations allow us to have a maximum of 10 in church at any one time, including pastor, elder and organist. We will need to rely on electronic communications and we are working on putting our worship service on line on our website graceoakcreek.org. We will need to communicate through email which I hope you have given to us. If you have not shared your email with us please do so by calling the church office and speak to Dena, school administrative assistant, 414-762-8990 or myself at tony.mirenda@gmail.com or my cell 414-807-7445.

Pastor Uttenreither is working with pastors and South Wisconsin District office and pastors around the country to find our best solution. He will be adding additional service schedules to maintain lower number of worshipers per service.

Although our day school is closed, our teachers will be doing "Virtual teaching" for day school children. Our Early Childhood Center continues to remain open with new regulations coming in hour by hour. We may be allowed to open Camp Graceland to accommodate older children.

Revised Service schedules will be: Sunday, 8:00 am service with Holy Communion and organ Sunday, 9:15 am abbreviated service, no Bible study Sunday, 10:30 am service no organ Thursday schedule will be a 5:30 pm abbreviated service Thursday evening 6:30 pm

Pastor Uttenreither would be available for home Communion visit on Mondays after 1:00 pm and Wednesdays after 1:00 pm. He will also be available at church on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Please call Pastor's cell at 262-305-2600 to set up a time.

Prayer is essential at this time and so is communication and your support. I ask that you would prayerfully consider continuing with your offerings and if there is a chance for special giving now is the time, we need your support more than ever. Electronic offering is available on our website and if you prefer you may mail your offerings to the church at:

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Blessings in Christ,

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