

We are ALL in this together.  
We can do this!  
Altering our lives to save lives!  
Love will win!

Governor Evers has declared that beginning tomorrow, Tuesday, 3/24/2020, we will follow a "Safer at Home" mandate. Because of that we are switching from our regular email distribution to our Weekly Reader distribution list that works through Mail Chimp and can easily be accessed remotely by our staff.

So please note:

..... If you are not receiving the **Weekly Reader** from Peace (comes by email every Tuesday) or have previously unsubscribed from the Weekly Reader, click on the link below to subscribe to all Peace Lutheran Church Covid 19 Wilderness Communications.

<http://eepurl.com/gXjLyn>

If you have Questions or need help subscribing, please email Carrie Miller at [carrie.miller@explorepeace.org](mailto:carrie.miller@explorepeace.org). Please let her know if you need help and she will reach out to you to make it happen.

Let's love big. Let's hang out at home! Let's stay connected via email and FaceBook! We can do this!

Also, to find us on **FaceBook**, like us at Peace Lutheran Church (with the pic of our sanctuary)

March 23, 2020

Holy Moment

Text for the day:

# *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*

*—Philippians 4:13*

Dear Friends,

Today is a hard day for many as restrictions tighten and we grow even more aware of the deadliness of the corona virus we all fear in our own ways. But this mandate by the Governor is a good thing for all of us. The more we stay away from each other right now, the more likely that more people will survive this disease. Our ultimate goal is to preserve lives—including those of our healthcare workers and friends/family on any of the frontlines of caring for our communities.

Yesterday, we reached out to the healthcare workers of our congregation (that we are aware of). We are sure there are more. Please let us know if you are working in the healthcare workforce right now (email: [karen.locken@explorepeace.org](mailto:karen.locken@explorepeace.org)). Of the people we contacted, over half of them responded, sharing their concerns, feelings, fear for the people of our community and gratitude that our church cares about them.

We also heard from some parishioners, who, like Doug and me, have family members on the frontlines of health care. Most healthcare staff are still in preparation mode trying to be ready for the storm they see—all too clearly—is coming within days/week. Although plans have been created, the fear is that the plans will not be enough to care for the volume that will need care. Which brings me to ask you for two things:

- 1.) Follow the mandate as if your life depends on it...because even if yours does not, someone else's does—probably someone you know. We can do this. We can stay at home. We can follow this mandate. The faster we peak this virus, the faster we move around freely again. So stay home! After all, we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.
- 2.) Let us know of healthcare workers and/or frontline community service workers that are part of your tribe—whether they are part of the Peace community or not. We will be praying for them and sending words of encouragement and gratitude every day. You can email us their names for the prayer list at [karen.locken@explorepeace.org](mailto:karen.locken@explorepeace.org). Further, If you would like them to receive our healthcare CV19 outreach encouragement and daily prayer, please email their electronic contact information to [karen.locken@explorepeace.org](mailto:karen.locken@explorepeace.org).
- 3.) Snap a pic of any sidewalk chalk art you have done...or a simple note of encouragement you could write to these heroes...and send it to me so that we can encourage our healthcare workers and frontline people (grocery store workers, drugstore personnel, truckers, police, firefighters, etc.) through this daily messaging system.

Also, put signs in your windows or in your yards sharing your gratitude in ways that they will see it as they move from home to work/work to home everyday.

Some of these doctors and healthcare folks will be staying at work for the duration to protect their families. For certain they and their families, need our love and gratitude. ALL THE TIME. EVERYDAY!

*We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.*

We can. We will. We have to. Together, in Christ, we can do this!

WE LOVE YOU SO MUCH,  
The PEACE TEAM

Prayer of the Day:

Gracious God, Help us remember:

We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.

We can do all things through Christ.

We can do all things.

We can! Amen.

Song of the Day: <https://youtu.be/V4bB7BUxBbY>  
Jason Gray - With Every Act of Love (Thanks, Melissa!)

Family/Kids Tip for the Day: Get up and Jump (Thanks Melissa)

Check out the Badger Virtual Jump Around Facebook page. Every day at 6:33 you can call in and join in a jump around. The phone number is (978) 990-5000. Call before 6:30. They are suggesting you head to your driveway and jump around. (seeing your neighbors from afar...but not jumping together). Have more ideas? Send them to Melissa at [melissa.hathaway@explorepeace.org](mailto:melissa.hathaway@explorepeace.org).

P.S. Tomorrow we will be addressing more of the theological questions of this.