



April 22, 2020 - Congregational Letter #5 regarding COVID-1

Dear Friends and Members of Our Saviour's;

**“O LORD, you are my strength and my fortress,
my refuge in the time of trouble.”
Jeremiah 16:19**

We are hearing good news from our state and local leaders that the Covid19 curve is flattening.

Yes, new cases continue to surface but the total numbers are decreasing and we are heading in the right direction.

I was hoping we could report future plans regarding worship services, but Gov. Inslee has extended the “Stay at home” order. When those restrictions are loosened, then we will communicate future plans. The good news is that “places of worship” are included in Phase 1 reopening.

We are currently discussing the possibility of beginning with “Drive In” church as a start to our re-gathering. We have the capabilities to set up worship in our parking lot, while everyone remains in their cars and tunes in with their radios. “Drive In” worship could be a good beginning step before considering worship inside our church building.

One major concern is how the virus spread among choir members during a Skagit Valley Chorale practice. Almost the entire choir was infected. Being

that much of our worship is singing oriented – we are going to need to be very careful. When we do gather, worship will probably be more simple, without congregational singing and might look a little different as we get started. I will give more information as we know more about the changing conditions.

In the meantime, I hope that you have enjoyed and been able to access our worship services and devotionals online. Our services are available on video and audio. Look for the direct link to access worship on YouTube. The audio is available as usual.

Please continue to pray for those who are currently facing health issues during this time.

Thank you for your continued financial support and personal encouragement for one another.

We will gather together one day soon. Until then,

“May the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!” 2 Corinthians 13:14

God Bless You All!

Pastor Mark

Please pray for the following members and friends of Our Saviour’s:

Donna Hefty and the family of Pastor Jerry Hefty; Lou and Dee Jonson; Cindy and Ron TD; Dale and Barb Tetlow; Ingeborg Paul and her son, Hugo Paul; Robin Erickson; Shary Richards; Beverley Klatt; Dave Matthewson; Leon and Marylee Sams; Gary Aldinger; Ryker (grandnephew of Judy and Paul Anderson); Koreen Guillermo (niece of Jon and Jane King); Bill Cayford (friend of Pat Lund)

*We have included an updated offering report as of 4-13-20 and 4-20-20 – please see below.

April 13, 2020

2020 Budget - \$501,377.00

	Actual Received	Budget Need
Weekly Offering	\$ 8,209.45	\$ 9,642.00
Month to date	\$ 18,392.45	\$ 19,284.00
Year to date	\$128,636.54	\$144,630.00

Fellowship Remodel Deficit Balance	\$13,430.17
Building/Remodel Pledge offerings	<u>\$ 2,133.34</u>
Loan Balance	\$11,296.83

April 20, 2020

2020 Budget - \$501,377.00

	Actual Received	Budget Need
Weekly offerings	\$ 3,810.00	\$ 9,642.00
Month to date	\$ 22,202.45	\$ 28,926.00
Year to date	\$132,446.54	\$154,272.00

Fellowship Remodel Deficit Balance	\$11,296.83
Building/Remodel Pledge offerings	<u>\$ 570.00</u>
Loan Balance	\$10,726.83