

Dear Friends in Christ,

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I write today with words of gratitude for your faithfulness and with an update on our worship life. If you have questions you can reach out to me via email at prycklemoe@centralmpls.org.

First, thank you so much for your remarkable generosity. Your faithfulness is so apparent as you support Central's ministry in response to God's love. Enclosed you will find your first quarter statement of contributions. You will note that this statement includes the Mission Forward appeal pledges. If you have questions about your statement please contact Obie Holmen, our director of finance, at rholmen@centralmpls.org, or directly at 612-767-9220.

Second, the rostered leaders had the privilege of being on a Zoom call with Dr. Mike Osterholm this week. He is member of Edina Community Lutheran and Director of the University of Minnesota CIDREP (<https://www.cidrap.umn.edu>). **Based on Dr. Osterholm's insights, I write to share that on-site worship at Central will continue to be suspended through the weekend of July 4. We will re-evaluate the suspension of in-person worship in June and then make the next decision for shared, in-person worship.** The Council is aware of this decision. While we are blessed with the technology, rostered leaders and staff to provide wonderful online and Facebook Live worship for all three of our weekend services, I am sad that we cannot gather in person, quite yet.

As I have shared, these are uncharted waters, unsettling and uncertain. We continue to hold fast to God who both walks on the water and calms troubled souls.

A work group is meeting to explore creative options for our life together. If we cannot gather for in person worship quite yet, are there ways we can reconnect for life together? Yes, so stand by to hear about some ways we can reengage in smaller gatherings once the stay in place order is lifted.

For now, I look forward to online and Facebook Live worship with you. We are grounded in the promise that God is with you and God is with me, so we are always the body of Christ. Thank you for your faithfulness, generosity, prayers and patience during this interesting time.

God bless,



Pastor Peter