



March 19, 2020

Opportunities for ministry and fellowship
in, through and around All Saints

Dear members and friends of All Saints,

What a week this has been! Our ways of being the church and 'doing' church have changed almost daily. Emails drafted on Monday were obsolete by Tuesday. Some information that was sent out has already changed.

Pastor Roy and I, along with Christine Franz (church secretary) have been working hard to adapt to new ways of preparing for worship and faith formation. Much of our time has been spent strategizing and participating in numerous video conferences addressing how to proceed with boundaries set by COVID-19 response. Your church council has also been part of this process.

Here are the current updates:

- ▶ **ALL** groups, rehearsals and outside gatherings are suspended until further notice. This includes the Spring Swing Dinner Dance, the annual Rummage Sale and Easter Brunch.
- ▶ The church building is closed until further notice. Staff will be working on site at times so the building will be open, but please stay safe at home.

WORSHIP

- Worship will be livestreamed at **9:00 am** on our Facebook page at facebook.com/allsaintswaleswi. The building is closed to worshippers.
- Prayer requests may be submitted during the livestream by making a 'comment' in Facebook or sending an email before Sunday to revroy@aslcwales.org. You may also call the church office during the week at 262-968-3322.
- A worship bulletin and instructions for accessing the livestream will be emailed near the end of each week.

Please be patient. This is a learning curve for all of us and trial and error will certainly be part of the process.

FAITH FORMATION

- Confirmation – Pastor Roy is working to prepare online interactive classes.
- Faith Trek – Jean is researching the best way to share lessons with kids and their parents.
- Youth group - Shari is working on alternative ways to meet.

HUMAN CONCERNS

- SCRIP sales – Things have changed since the email sent out on Tuesday. See page 3 for details.
- Mt. Meru Coffee sales – Order online [here](#).

FACEBOOK

- Check out our Facebook page [here](https://facebook.com/allsaintswaleswi). (facebook.com/allsaintswaleswi) Like us, follow us, comment, share. This is another way to stay connected while physically separated.
- Not currently a Facebook user? Consider joining. It's free and easy.

The phrase “Do not be afraid” is written in the Bible 365 times. That gives us a daily reminder from God to not live in fear. Fear and faith cannot exist together. When you dwell in fear, that becomes your focus. When you focus on Jesus, our defender and protector, the fear diminishes. Read the following verses from scripture for continued reassurance:

Isaiah 41:10 Joshua 1:9 Psalm 56:3 Psalm 34:4 Psalm 23:4 Proverbs 3:24 John 14:27



= **FREE money for All Saints missions**

SCRIP cards are still available!

Please still order SCRIP by emailing Kathy Theis at kathleen.theis@gmail.com. Send a check to cover your order to: Kathy Theis
825 Lochtyn Ridge
Wales, WI 53183

I will mail your order to you, or deliver in an emergency. Keep in mind that we have many cards in stock, so I can mail those immediately.

Of special interest might be restaurant cards. Even though they have been told to suspend dining in, many restaurants offer carry out. We have Noodles, Subway, Starbucks, Cracker Barrel, Cousins, Great Harvest, Olive Garden, Panera, Red Lobster, Papa Murphy's and ****Cornerstone**** in stock! Of course, go online to verify that a restaurant is offering carryout before going.

Cornerstone will be open for carryout 11-7 Monday - Saturday, and 10-6 on Sunday. Their full menu is available and they will also have wine and beer to go. And, they are offering one Cornerstone \$ coupon per meal ordered. These coupons can be redeemed once they reopen for dine-in service!

Go to shop at scrip.com to see a complete list of available retailers. Or see the order form on page ??

Thanks!

Kathy Theis, SCRIP Coordinator



And now for some good news!

Wednesday, among the turbulence, we received a \$1,000 gift for Songoro Scholarships for Evaline, the young woman in Tanzania that our Human Concerns team is supporting. The gift came through our Breeze on-line giving portal, and we sent that \$1,000 along with \$1,000 from SCRIP to Songoro

so Evaline can start her next semester of graduate school on April 10 (assuming her school resumes). We continue to be the church.

Easter food baskets for Hephatha Lutheran are on hold

The Human Concerns team decided to put shopping for Easter meals for Hephatha families on hold until further notice. Families will probably not be gathering for holiday meals as usual, and we want to minimize the reasons for people to shop and be out in public.

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These are ways to continue to support God's work in and through All Saints even when you are not present at worship.

1. Mail your check to church (705 W. Tomlin Rd. Wales, WI 53183)
2. Give via text-to-give at 262-233-1776.
3. Click on the blue 'Donate Now' button to go directly to our website.
4. Continue (or start) your giving through Breeze, Simply Giving, or automatic payments through your bank.



TEXTTOGIVE at 262-233-1776

Simply text the phone number 262-233-1776 and follow the prompts. The first time you will need to get set up and register your phone. For future donations, simply text 'give' to this number.

When giving via the website

Please be sure to:

- ▶ indicate which account the money goes to
- ▶ click on the drop-down box to specify if your gift is a one time donation, or the frequency with which you would like to give.

Prayer for a Pandemic

*May we who are merely inconvenienced
Remember those whose lives are at stake.*

*May we who have not risk factors
Remember those most vulnerable.*

*May we who have the luxury of working from home
Remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making the rent.*

*May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close
Remember those who have not options.*

*May we who have to cancel our trips
Remember those who have no place to go.*

*May we who are losing the margin on our money in the tumult of the economic market
Remember those who have no margin at all.*

*May we who settle in for a quarantine at home
Remember those who have no home.*

*During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other,
Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors.*

AMEN

This prayer was written by an anonymous member of the Interfaith Hospitality Network in Cincinnati.