

Dear Friends in Christ,

Immanuel Lutheran of Wadena, Minn., out of a desire to exercise an abundance of caution for the sake of our most vulnerable neighbors, will be suspending public worship until further notice. We have reached this decision based on the wisdom of our public health leaders.

But we are still a congregation of God's people. Here are some ways we'll be staying connected during this time:

Radio Broadcast

We will continue to offer our radio broadcast on KWAD 920AM. We will broadcast a radio show using music, preaching, and prayer at 9:30am each Sunday. If you have musical gifts or are willing to read scripture and are able to come in during the week to be recorded, please contact the church office.

Sermon Podcast

We will continue to offer a podcast of Sunday sermons. You can find "Sermons from Immanuel Wadena" on your favorite podcasting app. Or visit www.wadenaimmanuel.org and click "Podcast." New episodes will be available Monday at 9am during our break from public worship

Children's Time via YouTube & Facebook

Every Wednesday at 6pm, we will premiere a short video message especially designed for children and their families, including a few activities or questions families can do together. Join Pastor Nate and Pastor Megan – along with their puppets and books! – for this fun and spiritual time. Pastor Megan also has a newly created personal channel where she plans to release 1-2 videos per week. You can find all the links on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/immanuelwadena>) or the church website (www.wadenaimmanuel.org/covid19).

Weekly Email

We will be sending out a weekly email to all the email addresses we have with a short devotion and weekly news. We will send this out through our Remind lists, too. Not sure you're on our lists? Email the church office (church@wadenaimmanuel.org).

Holy Communion

As our time of "Social Distancing" goes on, we will all likely feel the absence of Holy Communion more profoundly. Though we haven't decided on the best way to do this, we will work to find ways to share communion in small groups. If you feel a pressing need for communion, talk to Pastor Nate.

Phone Calls

In lieu of in-person visits, our pastoral staff will be spending regular time connecting with the homebound on the phone. We encourage you to be in regular phone contact with your friends, neighbors, and members of the church, too. If you'd like to be part of an official calling ministry, call or text Pastor Nate (218-640-5913).

Food and Supply Delivery

we are hoping to organize occasional food and supply delivery, especially for our older members. These would be knock and go type deliveries to minimize face-to-face contact. If you would appreciate these kinds of deliveries, please call the church office and let us know what your needs are.

When will we resume our regular worship services? We're not sure. Whenever the best advice from our public health officials suggests we can do so while still keeping our most vulnerable members safe. Stay tuned to our website (www.wadenaimmanuel.org), and the church's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/immanuelwadena>) for the latest news.

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