



# Zion Lutheran Church

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Greetings Friends & Members of Zion,

In order to slow down COVID-19 in our area, protect those who might be most vulnerable to it, and to observe the White House's "15-day social distancing guideline," Zion's Council decided to cancel ALL church meetings, practices, worship and events through March 31. We have also closed the building to community group meetings and events, while giving support groups a chance to make other arrangements. On March 31, Council will meet (again via video conference) to decide the upcoming weeks, including Holy Week and Easter.

If you have suggestions or concerns regarding church scheduling or outreach efforts in this time of COVID-19, please contact Judy Bumpus, Council president, at [judy@bump.us](mailto:judy@bump.us), Pastor Ingrid at 215-692-2091 [ingridfathwengert@gmail.com](mailto:ingridfathwengert@gmail.com), or any member of the Council. *From Judy: "Thank you for helping us continue to make Zion a loving community in Christ even in the midst of these challenging times!"*

I am communicating with the Mayor and other clergy in town in order to gather information on how we might offer help to those who need it now and in the days ahead. We thank God for all of the ways we've witnessed so many people caring for the neighbor!

## Ministries Continue:

- Please keep abreast of changes by regularly checking our social media (Facebook & website). We are developing ways to stay connected with our Sunday school students and other ministry groups.
- Mayor Murello shared how people might volunteer in town "*We are continuing to ask for volunteers to assist with picking up groceries for our seniors and people can contact Donna Daly at [ddaly@wtmorris.net](mailto:ddaly@wtmorris.net) to volunteer.*"
- **Lenten Vespers:** We will be "live streaming" a Lenten Vespers, spoken service on Wednesdays, March 25 and April 1 at 7 PM via our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ZionLutheranChurchOfLongValleyNj/>

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble,  
Pastor Ingrid Wengert

For more information please visit the following links:

- CDC's homepage for COVID-19 <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>
- President's 15-day guideline <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/coronavirus-guidelines-america/>
- NJ DoH cases by county [https://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/topics/covid2019\\_dashboard.shtml](https://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/topics/covid2019_dashboard.shtml)