

Congregational Update in Response to COVID-19 April 5, 2020

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Our church council, as part of its regular meeting on March 17th cancelled our services through April 4th. That date has come and passed. Even though we had hoped that the Coronavirus would have subsided by now, that isn't the case. Going forward now until May 2nd, we will continue as we have done with the past two weeks while adding a few changes.

What will continue:

- 1) Worship services will continue to be posted online. We will try to post it by 6 pm Saturday night. You can also call the office at 419-326-4685 to request a DVD.
- 2) We will continue to keep you updated through our Undershepherds. If your Undershepherd has not contacted you, please call the office above. We may not have your number, so please give us a phone number where we can reach you.
- 3) You can still send offerings in three different ways. 1) You can send a check to our school office at 105 Allen St. Jenera, OH 45841. 2) You can also drop it off at the school office from 9 am to Noon, Monday through Friday. If you not able to drop it off, please call school or pastors to arrange a time to meet. 3) You can make an online offering by using the "Online Giving" link at our website www.tlcjenera.org.
- 4) All other activities at church have been cancelled, but the Board of Education, the Council, and the Elders will still meet to stay informed and make decisions to help out at this time.

What will change:

- 1) We have added hymns to our worship service videos and will continue to do so. We will include the lyrics, where we are able. We will also have a bulletin each Sunday posted to our website, so you can get any announcements that you may need to know. We plan to create these videos as part of our permanent ministry from now on, in order to better reach everyone. If you have any further suggestions on how we can make these videos better, please contact Pastor Nowak at pastormattn@gmail.com.
- 2) While we will not have any communion services during the month of April, you can still receive communion by making an appointment with our pastors. Please call Pastor Schmitzer at 419-365-1350 or Pastor Matt Nowak at 419-302-5271 to set an appointment for private communion, if you would like.

3) If you would like more online resources for devotional material, you can check out our school Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/tlsjenera/>. After Easter, we will keep that updated with devotional material from other WELS churches and schools. It will also keep you updated with the most recent school information.

I pray that this information helps you navigate this stormy time and I look forward to the day when, we can meet again in the House of the Lord.

God bless you all as you celebrate our Savior's victory and your victory over sin and death.

In Christ,

Pastor Matt Nowak