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Dear Members of St. James,

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; 3 though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. (Ps. 46:1-3 NRS)

We are passing a difficult time as a nation, indeed, as a world. The numbers of people infected with the COVID-19 virus and the numbers of those who have died seem unreal and hard to fathom. There is economic uncertainty as well and we know that some things about our world will be irrevocably changed. One thing will not be: God is our refuge and strength! Hold on to that.

In response to our government and health officials telling us that by **not** gathering together we can help to slow or stop the spread of the virus, the church council yesterday voted to remain closed for services and activities through the end of April. We have also followed the recommendations of the Governor that there not be gatherings of more than three (3) people which affects one sensitive area—funerals. Thank the Lord that no one is that ill amongst us! In the event, however, of a death, the council has authorized a graveside service for immediate family to be followed at a later date by a memorial service when the crisis passes.

Please note that the expenses of the congregation continue during this time. If it is at all possible for you to mail in your envelope, bring it by or use an electronic means (see next page) it would greatly help! The offering envelopes are designed so you can fill them, seal them, put a stamp on them and mail them.

You will find a weekly sermon and three devotions per week on our web page: www.stjameslex.com or on our Facebook page, Friends of St. James. There is also a recommended children's program there called Morning Watch done by two Lutheran pastors: <https://www.facebook.com/MorningWatch20/>. The next quarter devotionals are in. If you would like a copy, please call the church office (803-359-2122) and we will be happy to mail you one.

Please call me either at the church or on my cell: 803-553-7800 if there is anything you need. We thank the Shepherding Committee for their calls to check in on all of us!

Wishing you God's gift of patience as we endure this time together, I am

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Kevin



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"God loves a cheerful giver." ~2 Cor. 9:7