



valley of peace
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Covid 19 Update and Community Response

April 2020/**August 2020**

Dear Members of Valley of Peace Lutheran Church,

I wanted to provide you with an update from the church council meeting. **On Tuesday, April 21, the Valley of Peace Church Council voted to continue with the cancelation of all on-site activities at Valley of Peace until further notice.** This means that we will plan on holding events and meetings online and over the phone until the recommendations from the Minnesota Department of Health and the CDC allow for in-person gatherings. **On August 18, 2020 the Valley of Peace Church Council approved the COVID-19 Response Plan: [COVID Plan Final-1](#)**

I am also grateful for the promises of God that remind us that God is with us and that the church does not need a building to be the church. Even when we are not worshipping in the same building, we are still worshipping together. **There are several opportunities to gather each week as the Valley of Peace community.** You will see information about these opportunities below. And if you lead a small group or would like to create an opportunity to connect with folks from Valley of Peace please let me know and I can help set this up for you and communicate this information.

I am also available for pastoral care. If you would like to connect please e-mail me or call me on my cell phone. My cell phone number is 651-587-7506.

Much of our communication is happening over e-mail and Facebook. If you are not receiving e-mails from Sally, please contact her so that you can be receiving communications. Also, I want you to be aware that we have multiple Facebook Pages. The main Facebook Page ([click here](#)), Valley of Peace Lutheran Church, is a public page. On this page information will be posted about worship, Zoom gathering invitations, weekly devotions, and other announcements about upcoming events. The Valley of Peace Active Community Group ([click here](#)) is a private Facebook Group for Valley of Peace members only. In this group, you are welcome to post prayer requests and needs so that we can support one another.

The Valley of Peace staff has worked hard to find ways to create opportunities for connection and will continue to connect with you in the weeks to come. Below is a schedule of events and where you can find information for these events. If you are unable to find a Zoom Meeting invitation before a Zoom Event, please e-mail me and I can send you the invitation. Please note that you can join us on Zoom via phone call as well if you are not able to use a smartphone, tablet, or computer.