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Dear First Lutheran Visitors, Members and Friends,

Recently, the COVID-19 dial in Lincoln and Lancaster County moved into the Red (Severe Risk) category. This means that several measures of health, related to the coronavirus pandemic, have trended into critical areas.

At First Lutheran, we believe it is important to work with community partners to improve these results. We have already been offering virtual worship by livestream and many of our small group ministries and committees have been meeting online. **Effective immediately, all in-person ministries and committees at First Lutheran will be discontinued.** This includes worship services, FaithTrek children's activities, middle and high school youth, Dinner+Learning, Bible studies and small group fellowship activities.

Here are some ways you can continue to support your spiritual health in the interim:

- Online worship - Our worship service is live streamed Sundays at 8:15 am on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/flclincoln) and a recording is available for viewing later on our website (www.flclincoln.org/livestream) and Facebook page.
- FaithTrek - You will find lessons, video and family activities on the FaithTrek page of First's website (www.flclincoln.org/learn) and our FaithTrek app.
- Bible Studies and other small group ministries - Watch for information from First or your group leader on online meeting times and plans.

The Dimensions Education Program will continue to operate in our building. Dimensions provides an essential service to the community and we are glad we can help parents manage their work life during a pandemic by providing quality care for their children.

We urge the community to work together to reduce the spread of the virus. When the COVID-19 dial returns to the Orange (High Risk) level we expect to reintroduce some in-person activities at the church. We will provide specific information and details when that time comes.

The church office will be open from 8:30-4:00 Tuesday through Friday and most Mondays. You can contact us at (402) 488-0919 or by emailing any of our staff. We will also stay in touch with you through email, Facebook, our weekly *First Things First* e-newsletter and our website.

These are difficult times for everyone. No one has been spared from the negative effects of the coronavirus. Please know First Lutheran is here to support and help you in whatever way we can. In the meantime, stay in, stay well and stay connected to those you love in safe ways. And lastly, pray, and know God is here for you, too.

Many blessings,
Pastor Steve