

## E-blast sent on Thursday, March 12th

### Coronavirus Update

Beloved people of St. John's,

As you all know, the local and global situation regarding the COVID-19 pandemic is rapidly evolving, and so must our precautionary and mitigation measures. As people of faith, we know there is one thing that is steadfast: the love of God which is more powerful than all else, and which is the basis upon which we are invited by Christ to live our lives. We also need to be good stewards of our bodies, time and building, to promote health and safety for all in the community.

We believe that it is time for us to implement much stronger prevention, containment and mitigation measures based on social distancing. Therefore, your clergy, staff and wardens are developing a plan we will communicate and implement tomorrow. We will follow [CDC](#), [MN Department of Health](#) and [ECMN](#) guidelines. **Please check your email tomorrow** to learn what we plan to do and how we intend to remain connected, faithful and thriving as a community of faith, even if our way of operating must change significantly.

Since this situation is evolving rapidly, we may need to adapt our plan multiple times. Please check your email daily to learn what is new.

In the meantime, I invite you to do the following:

- Pray without ceasing for all who are sick, for all who are caring for the sick, and for all leaders seeking to implement wise policies in face of this pandemic.
- Remember to be non-anxious and generous of spirit. Christians throughout time lived their faith in many kinds of trying circumstances; now, more than ever, is the time to be loving.

Please do stay at home if you are sick, and please let us know if you need support, food, medicine or care.

With love and trust in the goodness of God,

**Lisa Wiens Heinsohn, Rector**