

"Sharing God's Life-Changing Love"

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From Your Pastor's Heart



As I wrote to you last week, we are living in unusual times. Currently, we are still not able to meet together for worship at the church. Like you, I am ready for this season to be over! I ask for your patience and participation as we make our way through these "unchartered waters". I'm a pastor, not a medical expert. But there is one thing I do know about this medical crisis and that is we need hope.

That hope can be found in the words Jesus said to His disciples on the night of His crucifixion. He said, *"Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid"* (John 14:27).

There's something else I know: we can choose to respond with faith and wisdom instead of fear and panic. Here are a couple of ways we can do that during this crisis.

1. **PRAY**—In the midst of all the uncertainty around us, prayer is the best thing we can do. Join me in praying fervently for God to heal our land—not just from this virus, but from all its destruction. We can try to understand situations like this, but even the most brilliant scientists and doctors in the world don't have all the right answers. God tells us to call on Him *"in the day of trouble"* (Psalm 50:15). The truth is we can either pray or we can worry.

Worrying is not going to change any of this. It won't help us fight off illness. Worrying leads to panic, but praying leads to peace.

2. **BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR**—Throughout history, followers of Christ have often stood out because they were willing to lay down their own lives for the sake of others. They were willing to help the sick even during plagues, pandemics and persecutions. By stepping into the mess of sickness and disease, they were able to demonstrate their faith to a watching world.

By all means take care of yourself, but don't forget others around us who need help. Yes, we have to practice "social distance" these days, but that doesn't mean we have to be "spiritually distant" from each other. How can we get closer together spiritually? Use that thing in your hand that people use so much when there's no pandemic—your phone. It can be a very useful tool during this time of isolation. Call someone to encourage them, pray with them and make sure they know they are deeply cared for in this crisis.

Now more than ever we need the Lord! Saints, be faithful, trust our heavenly Father and we will get through this together.

In His Grace,
Bro. Bill

The Living Word Radio Program

Sunday at 7:30 a.m. on KTUI 102.1 FM



But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus, who was crucified.

He is not here, for He has risen, as He said. Come, see the place where he lay.

Matthew 28:5-6

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Dear Ladies of St. Clair Southern,

Thank you to everyone who signed up to attend the Ladies Brunch. Your kindness and generosity have once again touched me deeply. I thank the Lord for each of you and pray that we can worship together again very soon. You are dear sisters in Christ and I am blessed beyond words.

In His Grace,
 Brenda Savage



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