

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Always remember, that in our most trying moments, Jesus has promised to be with us. The current situation in the world is no different. With the ever changing dynamics of this virus outbreak our anxiety is high; our faith is challenged. But remember, Jesus said, “Let not your hearts be troubled, for I am always with you.”

I have reached out to our council members at BLCOR for input concerning the recommendations that we have been receiving from Global, National, and local authority’s. The ‘suggested measures’ include physical distancing, self-quarantine, and recommended closures where people are gathering in groups of 10 or more. We are going to follow these recommendations at both Bethlehem and Redeemer beginning immediately, Sunday March 22, 2020. Our Churches will be closed. Our hopes are that as we gather together with our neighbors in physical distancing, we can flatten the curve of infected people in Brush and Ft. Morgan. This recommendation will take effect until further notice.

In the mean time, let your faith be not diminished! But please, please, let your common sense be strong! As of this day there is so much that we do not know about this virus. We are all “carriers, spreaders” and we may not even know it! Be the servant of your neighbors and please follow the guidelines we are “all” learning every new day.

These changes bring about anxiety in many ways for each of us, myself included. What will the coming days look like? How will people respond under the new circumstances? How can we be the “church of Jesus Christ” and be so disconnected? How will our churches survive? When things are already tight, ... well, you get the idea. I too am concerned.

We can answer these questions readily, as new information comes to us. We can answer these questions as faith rises up in us. We can answer these questions by understanding that we all have a role in making sure that we will survive. Everything you do matters! Everything you give matters! We have ways to support the church faithfully and financially; and I hope and pray that all of you will take this to heart. Please look into electronic giving if you haven’t. There’s a link on our website. We can give via the U.S. Postal Service; they’re a tried and true servant. If you want you can slide your offering under the Secretary’s or the Pastor’s door. That is safe.

Our ‘ministry together’ is changing right before our eyes. None the less it is still ministry. I am learning new things about technology as we physically distance. I am preparing to offer things that are outside my comfort zone that might help get us through the next few months if necessary. Please be patient with me. As you encourage one another, encourage me as well. As you pray for one another, pray for me as well. Know that I am in this with you! God Bless! And stay healthy!

Sincerely, Pastor Wade