



May 26, 2020

RE: Concordia's ongoing response to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Pandemic

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On Thursday, May 21 the Board of Elders and Ministry Staff met, exercising social distancing, to discuss a recent court order allowing for churches to gather for worship as well as Governor Cooper's latest Executive Order excluding churches from the restrictions outlined in his latest Executive Order as well as how Concordia will proceed in light of these recent governmental actions. We all have a strong desire to resume gathering together for worship; however, the number of positive COVID-19 cases continues to rise in our community. With great compassion and care for our members and staff, the Elders voted that Concordia LCMS, Conover would continue with its current schedule of not holding formal activities on campus, including worship services, meetings, etc until June 7, 2020. The one exception is the previously announced Concordia Christian Day School Day Camps scheduled to begin on June 1, 2020. Further, a committee comprised of members from the Board of Elders, Church Council and Staff will convene to formalize a structure of procedures for opening our facilities at such time the Board of Elders agrees to do so. This committee will meet on a regular basis as will the Elders in roughly two-week intervals to show the congregation a cadence of preparation. Pastor Geml and our ministry staff will continue to develop and produce worship and Bible study opportunities online for us.

These continue to be very unusual and extraordinary times that no one living today has experienced. We pray for all people according to their needs and pray for the support of the work of our Lord at Concordia. Remember to check on each other and continue to assist your neighbors with their needs.

Concordia's leadership continues to monitor the pandemic and will determine appropriate action in an effort to comply with Federal, State and local health officials to minimize contact with other individuals in order to reduce the spread of the virus and keep ourselves and others healthy and safe.

In Christ,

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Congregation President

David Isenhower
Board of Elders Chair