

Cooksville Lutheran Church, Evansville WI, announces a temporary closure as of March 15, 2020

Welcome!

During this Pandemic we welcome you to our website. May God's peace uphold you during these critical days.

Our congregation has been focusing on prayer during the season of Lent. We have the tools to pray deeply for our families, communities, nation, and the world. I encourage you to go to "your prayer closet" (a place where you can focus on praying), and PRAY!

"The Lord says, 'Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.'" (Isaiah 43:1-2) But of course we are afraid, with good cause! Given how this virus is spreading and impacting the world, we wonder if we will have enough food, what about jobs and the economy, will there be people and hospital rooms to treat me if I need it, will I be able to care for my children/parents who depend on me? I encourage you to take positive action. I encourage you to take time right now to pray. Sit quietly, breathe deeply in and out, tell God your fears, then listen in silence, then thank God for all the positive blessings you see around you. Repeat this often! Remember, you are redeemed, you are being redeemed, you will be redeemed, because you are God's child and God is with you!

If you have never prayed with your family out loud together, now is the time to dive in. The world needs your prayers. You need your prayers. Be brave, call the family together and pray. This will also help you and your children to feel less helpless, knowing you have lifted up your fears and requests to God who loves the world so much.

Our second emphasis this Lent is on faith-sharing. The world needs encouragement, positive action, and good news. Use your phone to call those the Spirit brings to mind who might need to hear your voice and would enjoy a visit. Social distancing does not mean social isolation. We need community now more than ever.

Finally, remember, you are redeemed, you are being redeemed, you will be redeemed, because you are God's child and God is with you!

Let's pray,

"God our creator and redeemer, you sent Jesus to heal the sick and conquer death. May your life-giving power strengthen our healers in treating those who are sick. May your Spirit of love and comfort be at the bedside of all who are ill. Guide each one of us to embrace the mission you have for us during these days. Give us your strength, your peace, your energy, your rest. Amen."

In Christ's love,
Pastor Karla