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Greetings from Pastor Boston

What a month of March! The March Madness we're accustomed to, the NCAA Tournament, turned into March sadness with the spread of the novel coronavirus known as COVID-19. Like so much, the NCAA Tournament was cancelled. Just a few weeks ago our normal way of living came to a screeching halt. In the span of 31 days, the few people confirmed with the virus turned into hundreds of thousands sick. And sadly, thousands have succumbed to the virus.

To say these are unprecedented times is an understatement. As Believers in Christ, we are called to walk by faith and not by sight. The Bible also says, "The wise in heart accepts commands, but a chattering fool comes to ruin." As we strive to balance our spiritual beliefs with practical behavior, we will continue to follow the Safer at Home guidelines of the State of Wisconsin. This means all regular meetings, events and activities on our campus remain suspended until further notice. Our Know Hunger No More food pantry remains open continuing enhanced safety practices along with a small "Praise and Production Team" who conducts our streaming. Our congregation will continue to do our part to slow the spread of this virus as the safety of our church members and community at large are of the utmost priority.

While we might not be able to physically, we must band together spiritually as we come together virtually. We are present on social media with Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. We stream our weekly worship, Livestream at the Lamb, every Sunday at 10:15 AM on Facebook. If you are not on these social media platforms, we encourage you to get set up. Then, like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter and Subscribe to our YouTube Channel.

We currently use mass texting to share information. Please ensure that we have your current cell phone number to receive text alerts and updates. We also make phone calls to connect with church members and use a conferencing line for our WOW prayer calls. Use our website as a resource -

TheLambMKE.org has ministry information, current updates and access to give. Additionally, we will begin using Zoom to connect and grow together as disciples of Christ. Download the app to your phone, tablet or computer.

In this time of uncertainty and upheaval, bad news comes from all over. Unemployment is on the rise at an historic pace. The number of those sick with the virus is on the rise. Despair is on the rise. All of this is bad news. But there's good news found in the valley. That good news is Jesus. He died for our sins, but He's not dead! Think about that for a minute. Matthew 28:6 says, "He is not here; He has risen. Just as He said."

This is good news in a bad news world—we serve a Risen Savior! On that glorious Sunday morning, they went to the tomb to find Jesus but He was gone. The angel said, "He is risen!" Some may think we go to the church building to see Jesus. But it was never about a building. If an empty borrowed tomb on Sunday morning can serve as a testimony of the power of Jesus Christ, so can the temporary emptiness of church buildings on Sunday morning.

I know there's a heaviness weighing on us from this new environment. But be encouraged! Romans 8:11 says, "If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus form the dead dwells in you, He will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you."

Be encouraged, this won't last always. I don't know what tomorrow holds, but I know the One who holds tomorrow.

In His Service,

Christopher R. Boston, Pastor