

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
UNAPPROVED Special Board Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2020

I. Call to Order: 8:15 p.m. Met virtually via Zoom.

II. Members Included: Pastor David Hanson, Jon Peterson, Kevin Schroeder, Joseph Perez, Ben Simon, Tim Heun, Jeremy Baumann, and Mary Fritz-Barfnecht.

III. Adopt Agenda:

Motion to adopt agenda. Jon/Mary/No discussion/Carried

IV. Special Meeting Discussion:

Pastor David was contacted by the assisted living facility that his mother had possibly been exposed to the Corvid 19 virus by a caretaker on Thursday, April 9, 2020. Pastor David and Stephanie have also possibly been exposed through Pastor's mom (who is currently staying with them for Easter.) After extensive research and discussion with the Minnesota Covid 19 healthcare hotline, it was recommended that they be in a 14-day quarantine.

This impacts Easter worship plans. Extended discussion took place and, with safety of our congregation in mind, it was unanimously decided to cancel the planned Easter Sunday livestream and the drive through communion. An email and text message was sent to the congregation late Saturday, April 11, 2020.

Email: Dear Peace Family,

I know this is late coming to you and especially following the "Alleluia" Easter email I just sent you. It saddens me that we will need to make some changes to our plans to live stream our Easter worship. This afternoon I received a phone call from the nursing home in Albert Lea where my dad and mom live. They had their first confirmed case of Covid-19. It was a care giver who followed safe practices, wearing a mask and gloves etc. Unfortunately, this care giver worked with my mother last Thursday, when we the five of us gathered for the memorial service for my father. Afterwards, we brought my mom home with us for Easter. We don't know if my mom was exposed, or if we were exposed. We do know that my mom was in contact with this care giver who tested positive and of course we have been with my mother.

We don't know, and isn't that the problem – not knowing? The Ministry Board has met today online, a couple times to discuss what to do. They agonized on this, because we so wanted to be together for Easter and share the Lord's Supper, even if it was just online. They want to err on the side of caution and safety for all our members. The decision by the Ministry Board is for me to record my Easter message and post it on YouTube like we have been doing throughout Lent. There will be beautiful music posted and the Easter scriptures.

We will not be handing out anything as a drive up in the church parking lot.

Please refer to the "Alleluia" email

PLAN B – IN HOME ALTERNATIVE (*look for an email tomorrow morning with a links to the worship videos*)

- Prepare your own "Easter Communion Kit."
- Pour a small cordials of wine or juice.
- Set out a piece of bread to share.
- If you wish to bake your own fresh communion bread – see attached recipe.
- Light a candle and place it near you.
- Print out your own Easter Worship Bulletin - attached.
- Watch the Easter Message on YouTube.
- Share your offering gifts [online via the church website](#).

We don't think we need to be concerned but for now we will be extra cautious and keep everyone informed as we learn more. Please hold all of this in your prayers and remember ... Easter cannot be stopped. Easter cannot be canceled or quarantined. The tomb is empty, death is defeated and Jesus Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed!

Blessed Easter!
Pastor David

Text: Dear Peace Family, please check your email for an important update about changes to online live streaming of our Easter worship and Communion. Blessed Easter!

With that in place, it was decided that the three board members who had not been at church with Pastor David on Friday April 10, 2020 (Jeremy, Ben and Tim) would go to the church Sunday morning to be there for anyone who did not get the message regarding cancellation.

Easter flower arrangements would be made to pick up flowers on Monday, April 12 or Tuesday April 14.

V. Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn. Kevin/Joseph/No Discussion/Carried. Adjourned 9:15 p.m.

