

Subject: *Coronavirus update – Good Shepherd*

March 13, 2020

Dear Friends – I am writing to update you on the parish’s response to the novel coronavirus. The Episcopal Diocese of Texas has asked that we worship online for the next two Sundays (March 15 and March 22). Although we will not be together physically on our Woodland and Windsor campuses, we will continue worshipping together virtually. We will hold an online service of Morning Prayer this Sunday (March 15) at 10:30am streamed live on the Good Shepherd Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/GoodShepherdATX](http://www.facebook.com/GoodShepherdATX)). Please note that you do not need a Facebook account to access the video.

**Here is additional information related to parish programs:**

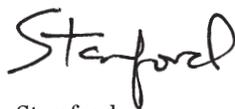
- Wednesday evening dinner and programming on the Windsor campus will not meet on March 18 or March 25.
- We will not celebrate our Lenten weekday Eucharists during the weeks of March 16 and March 23.
- Midweek formation programs and other parish programs will not meet in person during the weeks of March 16 and March 23. I ask parish groups to consider meeting virtually during this time.
- We will continue to hold a memorial service for Dee Painter tomorrow at 2pm on the Windsor campus.
- We will continue to provide pastoral care and support, so please reach out to parish staff by phone and email as you normally would. We want to stay in touch with you.
- Please stay tuned for more information about online parish programming.

We hope that these steps will help slow the spread of the novel coronavirus in our community. Please know that we will continue to keep you updated, and we will reassess the situation at the end of this two-week period. We hope that our common life will return to normal before long. In the meantime, the connection that we share as a parish family – rooted in love and prayer – will continue to be a source of strength for us and will continue to ground us in God’s love.

As this situation changes rapidly, I am reminded of a prayer from Compline in which we pray that through “the changes and chances of this life” we may rest in God’s “eternal changelessness” (BCP 133). My prayer today for those affected by the coronavirus – and for all of us – is that we may know the eternal changelessness of God.

I look forward to continuing our parish life online for now – and in-person again when conditions change.

Peace,



Stanford,

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