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Dear Siblings in Christ:

The events of the past week have swept all of us into unprecedented times which have disrupted our families, our work, and our faith habits.

On behalf of Council, we wanted reach out to the congregation to assure that we have had you in our prayers in considering your best interests as well as all those who worship and use St. Paul. We all want to practice safe and healthy habits for families and for the communities we live in and serve.

To that end, St. Paul will continue to offer online worship on Tuesdays and Sundays for the immediate future. You can watch these through the St. Paul web site (<http://www.stpaulwheaton.org>) or through Facebook. While this is not the ideal situation, it does provide us the opportunity to gather and make lemonade out of lemons. Here are some ways that you can help in this process:

- Your online viewing will maintain and keep strong the bonds between all of us — the reminder we are all here together, even when we cannot see or touch in the ways we have in the past, which helps to preserve our sense of community.
- Your viewing, comments, likes, and loves are shared with the world when you watch and help “boost” St. Paul’s visibility on the web and through Facebook. This can again be the emphasis of our community as well as an invitation to the world to worship in a place of calm and peace, listening to God’s call.

Council joyfully encourages you to participate through the live-stream services. Please invite your family and friends to join in with you.

We also need to remind everyone that it is extremely important to please continue to make your offerings and to continue in your pledges. Your support funds the ministries and staff at St. Paul. Please consider signing up for automatic payments through the St. Paul website, or, please continue to make your offerings for services. It is easy to give online by clicking the “Give Now” button on the main page of [www.stpaulwheaton.org](http://www.stpaulwheaton.org) or by texting the word “GIVE” to 206.432.4430 and following the prompts. In order for us to continue to be God’s voice and hands in the world, these offerings allow us to continue to do good work.

We will provide updates as the situations around us develop and we hope to be able to be back in our Church home soon. We appreciate your patience, your understanding, and your grace.

Be Safe, Be Blessed.

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