

## **A Message from Vicar Rachel**

Dear Living Word Members and Friends,

Today feels a lot different than a week ago. The past seven days have been an anxious time for all of us. Personally, I have been trying to balance between the seriousness of the corona virus pandemic while trying to keep grounded in the realities of the situation and how our faith should help us keep perspective.

We have a small sized church family and each person is vitally known among one another. Our church family has many older folks and those with compromised immune systems. In Christian love we want to help limit people's exposure, but also still provide a communal worship experience for those who wish.

For now, we will continue to offer our planned worship services. We have midweek lent soup and prayer this Wednesday at 6pm and then worship on Sunday at 9:30am. We will remove the Passing of the Peace from our worship time and greet each other from a comfortable distance. Caring For Friends, Fellowship hour and Sunday school are cancelled for the month of March.

I know not everyone will be pleased this news. Remember we are all made in God's image, each unique and called to do that which feels best for them.

Please contact me if I can be a listening ear or a supply store runner. My cell is 215 880-4444. I am happy to pray with you over the phone, or to get needed items at the store and drop them off at your front door. I will also email Wednesday evening and Sunday morning prayers and scriptures for those who are worshipping at home.

As this health crisis remains with us, we will make adjustments as necessary. But we will stay firm in our faith and in our trust of the One through whom we have life, health and wholeness.

In Christ's Holy Name,

Vicar Rachel Scheible



