



# St. Mark Lutheran Church

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**Pastor  
Terry Breum**

March 17, 2020

Greetings:

Last night the Church Council decided to close all St. Mark facilities until March 31, 2020, at which time a re-evaluation will be done.

The decision was based on advice from our newly formed Safety and Security Committee, along with the recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Illinois government. We are part of an on-going community effort to help control and eliminate the Coronavirus epidemic.

The church will be completely closed, which means there will be no worship services on Wednesday night or on weekends. Sunday School, youth group, adult classes, and all weekly Bible studies will also be suspended. We have also closed our facilities to all organizations who utilize the St. Mark facilities: PADS, Pack 84, Kindred Life, etc. The church will be closed to all members, guests, and others who may need St. Mark's services. Only Pastor Breum and staff, who are providing day to day essential services will be allowed access. If you have a need, please contact the church.

To continue the spiritual welfare of our members, Pastor Breum has developed daily devotions, which Pastor will livestream daily. Sundays will stream a mini sermon. Pastor's messages can be accessed from [www.smlc.info](http://www.smlc.info). Click on Resources which will take you to Daily Devotions.

The Council expressed a deep concern for the homeless, the elderly, and those in need. They ask that you help your elderly neighbors, donate necessities to food banks, and help to take care of others where you are able.

During this shutdown we ask for your prayers for the church and our members and all those affected by the virus. If you are able, please continue your financial support, which can be done by mail or through online giving. For online giving, go to [www.smlc.info](http://www.smlc.info) and click on Give, then Tithes & Offerings.

When St. Mark reopens, the church and the Educational Center will have been fully sanitized to help eliminate any disease.

God has blessed us in the past and He will watch over us in the future. Until we can worship together again, may God bless you and keep you and your loved ones healthy.

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