



Trinity
Episcopal Church of Excelsior

As you know, the circumstances surrounding the coronavirus are moving fast and changing by the hour. In consultation with the Trinity staff, Wardens, and with Episcopal clergy and bishops both within Minnesota and across the church, I am making the following decisions for Trinity in the spirit of safety, health, preparedness, and love. What we know now is that as a public entity, Trinity can have a positive impact in our community in helping to slow the spread of the virus, and I would like to position Trinity to contribute to that positive impact to our fullest capacity. To that end:

- * Trinity will refrain from in-person meetings, gatherings, and worship
(no in-person worship services starting this Sunday, March 15, in addition to March 22, and 29.)
- * Devon will “live stream” the Eucharist in the chapel this Sunday at 10:15 am on Trinity’s Facebook page. You don’t need to use Facebook to view it.
Here is the link for Sunday: www.facebook.com/trinityexcelsior
- * The Pilgrim Silent Auction is postponed. We will regroup and communicate directly with the parish. Thank goodness for on-line bidding!
- * We will be erecting a Zoom account for use by Trinity staff, leaders, and parishioners. Zoom is an on-line function that people can use to meet virtually - with both audio and video capacity.
- * Tomorrow, Friday, March 13 at 10:00 am, our bishop will be holding a webinar for parish clergy and leaders to walk through an updated protocol and recommendation plan. After that meeting, I will send to you a comprehensive letter about Trinity in the days ahead.
- * I AM HERE! Please call me on my cell: 612-655-0314 or e-mail me: devon@trinityexcelsior.
- * THE STAFF IS HERE! After Sunday, the staff will be working remotely, and will check their Trinity e-mails 2 times per day and will provide quick responses to any parishioner.

In the end, please know that we will weather this crisis together. God is here. God is with us. These are crazy and bizarre days. But God never leaves us alone. It is my goal that when we look back on this time, we will remember both the anxiety and the fear but also we will remember that we were well loved and deeply cared for. Now is the time to link arms (virtually, of course) and be the church.