



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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**From the Church Council:**

### Keeping You Up To Date on Our Response to Covid-19

Dear Acacia Park family and friends,

As the news continues to develop around the Coronavirus (Covid-19), we'd like to provide you with not only our response to this outbreak but also with up-to-date community-oriented information. Our plan is to continue to update you on a biweekly basis--or more often, if necessary--until we are once again able to come together to celebrate and to worship as a body.

So first things first. **Out of an abundance of caution with respect to the novel Coronavirus pandemic, we are cancelling our worship service and all church events until further notice.** Watch your email, our website or our Facebook page for additional information.

If in the meantime you need anything, you can contact the church either by phone or by email: 708-453-3662 or [acaciaparkchurch@gmail.com](mailto:acaciaparkchurch@gmail.com). Dawn will be in the office one or two days a week and working from home the other days where she will be constantly monitoring phone and email messages.

Pastor Meagan will continue to make check-in phone calls to all members on a regular basis. If you need her assistance please get in touch with her by email at [pastormeagan@gmail.com](mailto:pastormeagan@gmail.com) or her cell (773) 885-9686. If you are comfortable sending text messages, please do as she will respond quicker to texts.

Be safe, and stay healthy,

Acacia Park Lutheran Church Council Members

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**From the ELCA:**  
**What To Do In A Changing Landscape**

Due to the nature of the Covid-19 virus, information is being updated on a daily basis. (Follow the ELCA's news releases on Covid-19 by clicking [here](#).) We encourage you to contact and listen to your local health experts and authorities concerning best practices as well as the status of and response to outbreaks in your local community.

You can also visit the ELCA's [Public Health](#) page for health and safety information, resources, and current CDC guidelines regarding the Coronavirus pandemic.

## Local Response & Assistance: Covid-19

Essential Services Continue in Norridge Even Though Municipal Buildings Close

All municipal buildings in Norridge will close to the public as of 5:00 pm on March 20th and remain closed through April 3rd. At that time, the situation will be reassessed, and closings may be extended. Essential administrative services will continue during the closure. Please call 708-453-0800 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday for assistance. You may also [email](#) the village or visit its website for a [list of village services](#) that you can take care of from home. Please also be advised that the Pace bus will not run between March 23rd and April 3rd.

### **A Note From the Village of Norridge Police Department About Coronavirus**

Obviously, this topic is being covered from every angle by many different people. As such, It is important for the Norridge Police Department to maintain our expected level of service to the community we serve. That means if we are going to keep you safe, we need to be healthy! So please don't be offended if we maintain 6-8 feet of space between us and seem a little distant. Please forgive us for not shaking your hand. We aren't being rude or impolite. We are trying to protect you as well as ourselves from the possible spread of germs. Please be patient if Dispatchers, Paramedics, or Police Officers inquire about current or recent illnesses or travel. This is not an overreaction. This is preventive preparation. We may even be wearing gloves and protective masks in some environments. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we will always be here to answer your calls. Above all else, Please Be Safe; Be Courteous, and Be Smart. We are in this together and will get through it together.

### **Eisenhower Public Library**

The library has decided for the safety of our community and in alliance with local school districts and all Cook County Catholic Schools to close as of Saturday, March 14th. This precaution will serve to limit public exchanges and hopefully to curb the potential spread of the novel Coronavirus.

The library tentatively plans to reopen on Monday, March 30th. However, the situation is changing rapidly, so continue to look for updates. You can sign up for the library's [email newsletter](#) to receive updates in your inbox.

### **Local Retailers Provide Dedicated Shopping Hours for Vulnerable Guests**

**Target:** Beginning Wednesday, March 18, Target will reserve the first hour of shopping each Wednesday at stores nationwide for vulnerable guests – including those 60 and older and those with underlying health concerns. The first hour of shopping at the Norridge Target is 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. You can read more about Target's Coronavirus response including drive-up delivery to your vehicle, same day delivery to your doorstep, and special precautions to ensure the store is safe for vulnerable guests by clicking [here](#).

**Jewel/Osco:** Beginning Thursday, March 19, all Jewel/Osco stores will reserve every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. for vulnerable shoppers including seniors, pregnant woman, those with compromised immune systems or people who have been advised to avoid leaving home.

### **ComEd Offering Support to Customers During Covid-19 Outbreak**

ComEd is suspending service disconnects and is also taking steps to expand awareness of the programs in place to help customers through temporary or extended financial hardship due to health or economic challenges from the Covid-19 outbreak. Through at least May 1st but longer if necessary, they will be working with customers on a case-by-case basis to establish payment arrangements and identify energy assistance options. See ComEd's recent [news release](#) for more information.

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