

Resources to Help Congregations, Schools, and Church Workers

during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic

Government Agencies

- [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#)
Also – [CDC Resources specifically for Community and Faith-Based Leaders](#)
- [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#)
- [Alabama State Government](#)
- [Florida State Government](#)
- [Louisiana State Government](#)
- [Mississippi State Government](#)

Legislative Matters and CARES Act

- [Updates on Legislative Matters](#) from Concordia Plan Services
- [“Details of CARES Act: The Financial Bridge That Churches, Schools, & Nonprofits Need”](#)
(article with videos from Vanderbloemen)
- [Information on the Paycheck Protection Program \(PPP\)](#) from Concordia Plan Services
- [“Coronavirus Emergency Loans – Small Business Guide and Checklist”](#) from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce
- [SBA.gov](#)

Synod Agencies, Auxiliaries, and Other Southern District Partners

The links below provide resources to aid you in serving others, as well as physically, emotionally, and spiritually dealing with the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic. Many of the agencies listed below also have Facebook pages where they are posting resource updates and streaming messages to encourage, uplift, and share peace & hope.

- [Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod \(LCMS\)](#)
Resource Document: [“Congregational Planning for Pandemics”](#)
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2148742575220901/>
- [Concordia Plan Services \(CPS\)](#)
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ConcordiaPlanServices/>
- [Lutheran Counseling Services \(LCS\)](#)
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/lcsfl/>

- [Concordia Publishing House \(CPH\)](#)
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ConcordiaPublishing/>
- [Southern District CEF](#)
If you have a need or question related to an investment or loan with Southern District CEF, please contact them: accounts@cef.org.
- [Thrivent Financial for Lutherans](#)
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/thrivent/>
Also check out Thrivent's "How to Make a Difference from Afar":
<https://www.livegenerously.com/inspiring-stories/offers/national-volunteer-week.html>
- [Lutheran Hour Ministries \(LHM\)](#)
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LutheranHourMinistries/>
- [Lutheran Women's Missionary League \(LWML\)](#)
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TheLWML/>
- [Visual Faith Ministry](#)
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/427264530813132/>

Spiritual, Emotional and Mental Care

- [Lutheran Counseling Services](#)
- [Concordia Plan Services](#)
- [Grace Place Wellness Ministries](#)
- [DOXOLOGY – The Lutheran Center for Spiritual Care and Counsel](#)
- [Shepherd's Canyon](#)

Coronavirus Emails from President Johnson

- 03-18-20: "[3/18/20 Coronavirus Message from President Johnson](#)"
- 03-16-20: "[LCMS Coronavirus Information - Congregational Planning for Pandemics](#)"
- 03-16-20: "[Coronavirus Update](#)"
- 03-13-20: "[COVID-19 Message from President Johnson](#)"
- 03-09-20: "[Coronavirus Info](#)"

Worship

- "[Communion and COVID-19](#)" – CTCR statement
- [The Hymnal Project](#) – Lead sheets and recorded music that are free to use, from the LCMS Michigan District
- [CCLI Streaming License Information](#)

- [LSB Hymn License Agreement](#)
- [LSB Limited Promotional License](#) – *Streaming license trial*
- [ONE LICENSE](#) – *Offering free licenses to new users during COVID-19 (valid through April 15)*
- [WORSHIPCast – CCS](#) – *Offering 10% discounts for new WORSHIPCast streaming licenses (purchases through April 10 with code STREAM10)*
- **Technology Help**
 - [Lutheran Communicators Facebook Page](#) – *2,000+ Lutheran communicators from around the country. Help includes discussion threads on common communication / technology topics, as well as a mentorship program for 1-on-1 connections.*
 - [Concordia Technology Solutions Blog](#)
 - [The Ultimate Beginner's Course on Facebook Live & Live Streaming for Churches Handbook](#)
 - Two YouTube video tutorials on livestreaming worship services:
 - ◆ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jWzRqf73zzg>
 - ◆ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vRFhC3jFyZ8&t=232s>

Digital Giving Programs

- [Joyful Response](#) (LCEF)
- [GiveCloud](#) (LFCU)
- [Pushpay](#)
- [Stripe](#)
- [Planning Center](#)
- [RebelGive](#)
- [Vanco](#)
- [GivePlus](#) (Vanco Mobile app)
- [Kindred](#)
- [Tithe.ly](#)
- [EasyTithe](#)
- [Givelify](#)
- [PayPal](#)

Schools, Children and Youth

- [Resources from Lutheran Counseling Services](#) *for parents, kids, teachers, and everyone!*
- [LCMS Youth Ministry Facebook Page](#)
- [youthESource](#) – *Special resources are available for youth and young adult ministry during the COVID-19 pandemic.*

- [LuthEd](#) – *LuthEd has added links to resources that will aid day schools in navigating ministry during COVID-19.*
- [Gospel Adventures](#) from Lutheran Hour Ministries
- [For Home – Learning Beyond the Classroom](#) from Concordia Publishing House
- [Learn at Home](#) from Scholastic
- [Virtual and Interactive Tours](#) (zoos, landmarks, museums, theatres, theme parks, nature, etc.)
- [Bible Bedtime Stories](#) from the Skit Guys

Other Resources

- [Zoom](#) – *Zoom is a great option for staff, leadership, or committee meetings; Bible studies; confirmation classes; dayschool instructional lessons, etc.*
- [ElectionBuddy](#) – *This resource is helpful for voting that needs to be conducted remotely.*