

# The Church of the Good Shepherd - Lutheran

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March 13, 2020

Dear Parents and/or Guardians of Good Shepherd:

Late this morning we received a letter from the Superintendent of the Plainview Old Bethpage School district, Dr. Lorna Lewis and the Commissioner of the Nassau County Department of Health, Dr. Lawrence Eisenstein that states, "The Nassau County Department of Health recommends that the following individuals should isolate themselves through March 19, 2020 to prevent potential spread of the coronavirus:

- All children, staff, and faculty at the Pasadena Elementary School
- Individuals, including children who attended the Sports Awards Ceremony on Tuesday evening, March 3, 2020 at the Plainview Old Bethpage John F. Kennedy High School.

Because we have staff members who have children who attend Pasadena school and children that attended the March 3<sup>rd</sup> sports award ceremony, we asked the County Department of Health for direction regarding the parents' participation at Good Shepherd. They informed me that the parents of such children should also self-isolate until Friday, March 20. Immediately following the call, we sent those staff members home.

It is also true that we have siblings of Pasadena students enrolled at Good Shepherd; therefore, out of an abundance of caution, we are taking the extra steps to ensure the safety of all members of the Good Shepherd community by closing Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and School through Friday, March 20.

We will reassess the situation in consultation with the Department of Health next Friday and will advise accordingly. Please know that safety and well being of all staff, students, parishioners, and community members is our top priority. We continue to pray for all of our families, for our elected government leaders, health professionals, and first responders during this challenging time.

We believe wholeheartedly that the Lord will shepherd us through these days to a brighter tomorrow. May the Lord bless and keep you.

Sincerely,



Vanessa Bigam  
School Director

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