

# ***Gran – Park - Rollag Parish***

***3 Churches – 1 Ministry: To celebrate, share & show God’s love***

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Dear Gran-Park-Rollag Parish Church members,

*Today I will remember that every situation will benefit by me taking care of myself.”* Pastor Hope found this quote on a card this week and no truer words were ever spoken. What we are learning, is that it is okay to take care of ourselves in the midst of this unknown time.

On March 17, 2020, the Rollag Council met and decided that to protect our worshipping communities during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, and in connection with Gran and Park, **we as a parish have made the wise and necessary decision, to suspend all worship and activities from March 18 – April 3, 2020.**

This is a time when we are all navigating how to be the church in a new and evolving way. It can be challenging but as Pr. Jim says, “we are better together” and together we will get through this. Though we might be physically distant, the Body of Christ is still spiritually together and getting through this together.

Electronic Worship Services and Resources: As a parish, and in partnership with Living Grace, we will be providing electronic services starting this Sunday. Resources will be posted on Facebook, [www.gprparish.org](http://www.gprparish.org) and through e-mail. If you wish to be included on future email notifications, please send an email to [rollaglutheran@gmail.com](mailto:rollaglutheran@gmail.com) and we will be happy to add you. Please share these resources with family and friends who do not have access to internet.

Tithing: Here are two ways you can continue to financially support our congregations during this time:

- An envelope addressed to GPR Parish is enclosed; please address your check to Gran, Park or Rollag and mail in the enclosed envelop to the GPR Parish office. We will make sure that your offering gets to your church.
- You can also set up online giving through our website, [www.gprparish.org/](http://www.gprparish.org/). We use the app Tithely, which is easy to set up. You can give online through your computer or download the Application for your cell phone. If you use the Tithely app, search for *Rollag Lutheran Church*. Please contact Pr. Hope Deutscher if you need more information or help in setting up an account.

Visitation: At this time, local hospitals and some nursing homes are putting visitation restrictions in place to keep patients and residents safe and healthy. We honor their requests. Pastor Jim and Pastor Hope and Andrea are still available for emergency calls, home visits and those who are in need. **As part of our caring for one another, we encourage you to call and check in with your neighbors and people who are isolated during this time.**

If more changes are warranted, we will distribute information via email, social media and church announcements.

In God’s peace,

Pastor Jim Greene, Pastor Hope Deutscher, Andrea Keene, and the Gran-Park-Rollag Parish