



March 13, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

After much discussion and many prayers, we have decided to close Fairlawn Lutheran School beginning **Monday, March 16, 2020**, and continuing at least through **Friday, April 3, 2020**. These dates are in line with Ohio Governor, Mike DeWine's mandated closure of all K-12 public and private schools.

This means that all scheduled school events are cancelled. Parent-teacher conferences will be held by phone at your designated conference time on Monday, 3/16 or Tuesday, 3/17. Teachers will contact you soon with more details. Teachers will also be in contact weekly with learning activities, links to websites, and other information to help keep children busy and learning during this time away from school.

We did not make this decision lightly. We took many things into consideration, including:

- The health and safety of our students and their family members
- Staff members (and parents who are teachers) with children at home who will be off school
- Children with older siblings who will be off school
- Grandparents (at higher risk of contracting the virus) who pick-up and drop-off our students
- The health and safety of staff and church members who share the building

In all of this it is important for us to remember that God is in control! He has a plan and He will see us through this world-wide pandemic! As we tell the children: "Our mighty God is always with us to help us be brave and do what we have to do to be safe". We rest in His arms!

Please contact me at [flschool@fairlawnlutheran.org](mailto:flschool@fairlawnlutheran.org) if you have any questions or concerns. Any other decisions will be communicated to you later.

In Christ,  
Cathie Lucarelli  
Director, Fairlawn Lutheran School

*Psalm 62:8: People, always put your trust in God! Tell Him your problems. God is our place of safety.*

*Psalm 46:1: God is our protection and source of strength. He is always ready to help us in times of trouble.*