

Dear Living Water Community Church,

Once again, we as a leadership team desire to reach out to you in the grace and mercy of Jesus Christ and update you concerning Living Water's official response on behalf of the Church's Council.

Following the recommendation of the Federal Government, we have decided to suspend all in-person gatherings until April 30, 2020. This means for the month of April:

- Worship services will not be in-person gatherings. We continue to work on live-streaming options for both campuses and will be promoting these options on our Facebook page, and our YouTube channel.
- All church-sanctioned activities will be postponed. There will be no meetings such as youth groups, Bible studies, or linking-arms. If you are meeting in a small group of any sort, we cannot decide for you but strongly encourage you to use a virtual platform such as Zoom meeting or Google Hangouts and to be respectful of the need for social distancing.
- Neither of our buildings will be open for regular use. This is to encourage us all to honor the social distancing request. If you as an individual need to get into either campus, please contact Sandie (secretary@livingwatersheldon.com) or Donna (secretary@livingwateroc.com) via email to arrange a time.
- Building reservations will be cancelled or postponed and neither campus will be available for rent during the month of April.

We ask you to remember, the church is not a building, it is a people. While we are in this time of social distancing, we can still utilize the opportunities afforded:

- Continue to be a people of prayer!
- Our pastors and elders continue to care for the flock as well as they can. Granted, it will look different as we encourage phone calls, Zoom meetings, etc. We ask that you be patient with us all, discerning your desire and need to meet, and while we will do our best to be available, we will strive to work in a manner that is safe for us all.
- Logistically, we will continue to work on ways to respond to this emergency well. If you are in need of assistance, require resources, food, or basic necessities please contact your care elder, pastor or administrative assistant. With the help of partnerships through local community organizations and churches, we can be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ. Please email the pastors, the church offices, or your care elders to help or to be helped.
- Please prayerfully consider how you will continue your tithes and offerings during this time. Knowing the reality of not meeting and having a specific offering time during our service, we will continue to ask you to give generously either online or by mailing in your offerings. To give electronically, you can:
 - go to forallwhothirst.churchcenter.com/giving and fill in your information.
 - give by texting your desired amount to 84321 and then following the on-screen instructions.

- You may send your offering to: P.O. Box 197, Orange City, Iowa, 51041. Please consider how to give generously during this time!
- Download the Church Center App from your app store, search for Living Water Community Church and fill in your information.

We will continue to use email and Facebook as primary communication tools during this next season. We are doing our best to keep the avenues of communication open and use as many of them as possible. We also work to keep our message consistent across each of them: We seek to follow Jesus by loving God and loving others!

Of course, we hope and pray for a quick resolution to the requirement for social distancing. Lord willing, the requirement to be apart is lifted before May and if it is, we will update our official stance to reflect that. Until then, please be responsible and help to squash the spread of the virus!

If there are questions or concerns you have, please contact a council member or a pastor. We are a body of Christ and we believe there is power in the name of Jesus!

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