

Dear Living Water Community Church,

Grace, mercy and peace to you all, in the name of Jesus Christ! This letter from the council of Living Water Community Church is intended to inform you of LW's official response to the recommendations we have been given by the Center for Disease Control and by the State of Iowa.

Honoring the Governor's issuing of a Public Health Disaster emergency, we have decided to suspend all in-person gatherings until March 31, 2020. This means for the month of March:

- 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 Governor's 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 March.

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, go to forallwhothirst.churchcenter.com/giving and fill in your information. You can also give by texting your desired amount to 84321 and then following the on-screen instructions. You may also send your offering to: P.O. Box 197, Orange City, Iowa, 51041. Please consider how to give generously during this time!

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!

As more information is presented, we will continue to keep you updated; please do your part to receive and respond to the communication!

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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