

Westwood Family  ,

We would like to take a few minutes of your time to update you on what's happening at Westwood as we navigate the impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) in this part of the world which we call home.

Online-Only Sunday Services:

This Sunday, March 22, our worship service will be held online only. The time of the service will remain the same - 10am (and will be available for later viewing). Worship services will continue to be held online only through April 5, but could potentially extend beyond that date. Our hope is to gather together in our church building as soon as possible, but in the meantime, we believe we can continue to learn and grow together as a church by worshipping together in our homes with friends and family. And you can still invite your friends! If you're watching the livestream on Facebook, we encourage you to share it on your feed. If you're watching on our website, consider inviting someone to join you by sending them the link.

- To watch the livestream on our website, [click here](#)
- To watch on Facebook, [follow our page](#)

More details to come!

WOW (Westwood on Wednesdays):

The remainder of the WOW season has been canceled.

Other Midweek Ministries:

We are suspending all ministries that take place in our building through April 5. We will continue to evaluate as the situation around the outbreak continues to unfold. In the meantime, we will be providing alternative ways for you to grow closer to God and learn more about Him.

Building Usage:

For the time being, our building will only be available by appointment with the office staff. We encourage you to stay home and connect with staff remotely through email or phone. If you must stop by the building, please contact the office ahead of time.

Opportunities to Serve & Give:

While the impacts of the coronavirus mean some changes to our daily lives, the physical, spiritual and emotional needs of people have not been put on hold and we must continue to care for those around us.

- During this time an easy way that everyone can serve one another is through daily prevention actions. Please stay home when sick, cover coughs and sneezes, refrain from touching your face, and wash your hands often with soap and water for a minimum of 20 seconds.
- [Loaves & Fishes](#) has changed their process for food donations to align with CDC guidelines. They are providing food assistance through a pre-boxed drive-thru at their main facility (901 Portage Street). We will be providing further information on how our church can continue to best support Loaves & Fishes. For updated information, please visit their website. Also, all other Loaves & Fishes Pantries are closed at this time. Since the Westwood Pantry contains perishable items (eggs, milk, fruit), please contact the Westwood Office if you are in need or know of someone in need.
- Our Elder & Deacon teams are reaching out to their care districts to offer prayer and support for those in need. Please contact your Elder/Deacon team or Pastor Mike if you are in need.

- Even though we're not gathering in-person for church, you still have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others by giving your tithes and offerings through our [giving page](#) or by mailing in your contribution.
- We are working to connect those in need with those who can help. You can follow us on [Facebook](#) and join our [Westwood CRC Facebook Group](#) to get connected to give or receive.

Final Thoughts:

In times of uncertainty, people can choose to focus only on the problem and how bad it is. Or we can acknowledge the challenges we face and boldly look for ways to face them, knowing God still holds all things in His hands. We can choose how to respond...by living in fear or by living in Hope. How comforting it is to know that even though our world has changed, the power of God has not changed, the truth of Scripture has not changed, the hope of Jesus has not changed, and our mission as a church has not changed. So, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

Serving Him with you,
Ministry Council & Staff

