

Wayland Christian Reformed Church

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Good Morning Wayland CRC Friends & Family,

After prayerful discernment, **we have decided to move our Sunday service to an online format for this Sunday, March 22. We will have a Sunday morning service, and no evening service this week.** Stay tuned for more information on how to access our planned worship service content by checking the website, watching your email, and checking out our facebook. We will make our service content available on digital platforms that we will share on Sunday morning for you to engage in worship as the "church scattered". This is not an inconvenience but an invitation and a calling for us as God's church to worship as believers have for millenia - in homes, surrounded by family, loved ones, and smaller communities. Therefore, we would encourage smaller gatherings in homes to enjoy the presence of God and worship together by following along with Wayland CRC's content. Please also look out in the near future for further communication in reference to the following Sunday (March 29).

Here is what you can expect:

- Wayland CRC will effectively be operating as the "church scattered" and will continue to worship in smaller groups (current suggestion from the government is 10 people or less)
- The building at 303 E Elm St, Wayland where we typically gathers will be closed for church gatherings for the rest of the week, and into next week. We will keep you posted on when gatherings can resume, and how we plan to proceed with upcoming services and events.
- If you are part of a group (men's ministry, women's ministry, quilting, men's coffee, Bible study, small groups) that typically meets in the building please wait for more information on when we can resume these gatherings.
- The office will be open from 8:00-3:00pm Tuesday through Thursday. We are available by phone and email – for social distancing purposes. But if you wish to meet face to face, the office will remain open.
- Ways to worship through generous giving to the Lord:
 - You are free to mail your envelope or a check to the building, the mail will be picked up also.
 - You can drop an offering off at the office for the Deacons during office hours.
- Please check out the other documents with resources for you during this time
- Please do not hesitate to contact the office or a member of council if you need anything!

For more information please see the following website to the CDC recommendations:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

In Psalm 46, we are reminded that it is God who is our refuge and strength, and our ever-present help in trouble and to that we say Amen! Please join us in praying for those who are impacted by COVID-19, as well as those who are working tirelessly to curb the spread of this virus.

In Christ,
Your Church Office

Worship Services: 9:30 A.M. & 5:00 P.M. - Sunday School: 10:45 A.M.

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We find ourselves in a strange time of having to cancel or have online services. This time does not mean that we are isolated or alone.

Matthew 18:20 – “Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am with them.” Even though we are not meeting at the building of Wayland CRC at 303 E Elm, church is NOT cancelled. Church is the people, and we are still very much here.

We are encouraged to be the salt and light during this time. We urge you to respect the recommendations that the government is requiring/requesting during this time. However, this does not stop us from taking care of our community. If you are able, please help those in need.

If you find yourself unsure of where to find reputable information, we suggest you going straight to the CDC's website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>.

Our website and public facebook page will have some information on the COVID-19 virus, social distancing and other related information. We will also be putting some resources for free kids learning while your children are off of school, free kids meals, and other things that you may use during this time.

One of our ministries is with Sandy Creek on Sunday mornings. During this time, we cannot visit them, but we do not want the residents to be forgotten. We encourage kids to draw pictures, letters & cards that we can bring over there. I have been in contact with the management at Sandy Creek and we have set up a way to get them these cards while maintaining social distance. With that being said, we ask that you drop off the pictures & cards to the Wayland CRC office during office hours before Tuesday, March 24 at 3pm. I will then bring them over and they will pass them out. This may seem like something small, but we want to let them know that we care and are thinking about them. This is not for kids exclusively, as we do encourage everyone to participate.

In Faith,
Your Wayland CRC Office

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