



Faith Chapel Family,

As you are aware, the Covid-19 pandemic is a rapidly changing situation. The Elders, Pastors and Children's Ministry Director met last night to pray and discuss how we should proceed since the Central Racine County Health Department had changed the threshold for large gatherings on Monday from 250 to 50. Today, March 17, Governor Evers has ordered that all non-essential gatherings of 10 or more be cancelled or postponed as well as the closure of bars and restaurants. **We decided last night out of a desire to protect the health and well-being of our church family, and certainly now, due to this new Order, we will cease meeting physically Sunday mornings for worship.**

While we cannot meet for worship, we still desire to worship together as God's people at Faith Chapel, believing firmly that worship is crucial to our ability to know, love and follow Jesus with all our heart, mind, soul and strength. **Therefore, the worship service will be available online beginning this Sunday, March 22 at 9 am. We invite you to worship with us online until we can physically meet again!**

You will be able to find the worship service online at <https://www.faithchapelefca.com/> or our YouTube channel which can be found by searching for "Faith Chapel Burlington, WI" on YouTube. Please look for another email that will include announcements, link to the songs and lyrics for the songs so you can sing along at home!

We will also be making Sunday School lessons available for you to do with your children and youth as part of your Sunday worship-at-home experience. We encourage you to set aside time to watch the service, discuss the Sunday School lessons and enjoy worshipping together as a family in this unique way!

Tomorrow, Wednesday, March 18, from 6 to 8 pm, we will do a deep clean of our facility focusing on cleaning commonly used areas and surfaces. We have cleaning supplies, but we do need volunteers. So, if you are well and not at high risk for infection, we would appreciate your help but to keep this below the 10-person threshold, please contact Megan Myers at 262-661-9775 if you would like to help.

AWANA and Foundation continue to be cancelled until further notice to coincide with the closing of our community schools and to comply with this Order. Small groups will still be able to decide whether they continue to meet or not as long as they are under 10 persons.

This is an anxious, surprising, fearful and confusing time in our world. None of us have experienced anything like this. There is a danger that our natural and reasonable concern and fear can turn into overwhelming anxiety. **We encourage you to hold onto the truth that through all of this we have a loving Father in heaven who is attentive to our needs! When we face anxious situations in our lives, we have the wonderful promise of 1 Peter 5:6-7, "Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time." *Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.*** Prayer is our best weapon against anxiety. Working through our fears with God, remembering His amazing grace, truth and provision for us, will help us face this with God's peace, comfort and hope.

1. Continue to pray for the end of this virus and for those it affects to heal quickly and experience God's peace, comfort and hope. Pray for those who've lost loved ones to know God's peace, comfort and hope.

2. Pray for peace in your own hearts to trust God and His protection and peace and hope in the hearts and minds of our fellow Christians.
3. Pray for our health and government leaders to have God's wisdom to know the best decisions to make for our city, state and country.
4. Pray for yourself, your family and the church leaders during this time to make wise decisions and trust God.
5. Pray for the Holy Spirit to draw many people to faith in Christ during this time as we have an opportunity to truly consider our mortality and what really matters in life.

We also encourage you to continue to serve the church through staying in touch with friends within the church via phone, text, Facetime, or Skype. We need to encourage and support each other spiritually, emotionally and relationally during this time. If you have any physical needs such as getting groceries or toilet paper (I'm sort of kidding but not really, because I did give several roles to someone last night!), please let us know and we will do what we can to help.

Another important way to serve the church is to continue to give financially during this time if you are able. Our ability to pay staff, use the benevolent fund, provide worship services online, and continue to minister to the church family and our community necessitate keeping up financially with our budget. We have online giving through our website at <https://www.faithchapelefca.com/online-giving/>. If you are not comfortable giving online, the mail continues to be a great option and you can send checks to Faith Chapel 141 Westridge Ave, Burlington, WI 53105.

This situation is indefinite so we are not able to say when we will be able to get together physically for worship. However, as soon as it is reasonable for us to meet again, we will do so with great joy and happiness to physically fellowship and worship together!

Again, please contact a Pastor or Elder if you have any personal needs during this time or questions or concerns. We will continue monitoring this situation and will provide updates as appropriate via email and Facebook.

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

*He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.*

I will say of the LORD,

"He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

***Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare
and from the deadly pestilence.***

*He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.*

***You will not fear the terror of night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,
nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness,
nor the plague that destroys at midday.***

"Because he loves me," says the LORD,

"I will rescue him;

I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.

He will call upon me, and I will answer him;

*I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him.
With long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation."*

Grace and Peace,
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