

March 16, 2020

Dear CEFC Family,

Over the past several Sundays, we have become more aware and informed regarding the worldwide pandemic, more commonly known as COVID-19. The World Health Organization has accurately described the expanding situation with very strong cautionary language and preventative measures while our state government has provided clear guidelines on any organizations which host gatherings of people. Our commitment to care for and protect our CEFC family along with our local community means we need to be active in trying to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

The decisions we are making now may initially appear somewhat extraordinary but we assure you, they are driven by love through practicing wisdom and prudence in order to stay ahead of the curve in minimizing the potential for any further spread. Thank you all for being flexible. We realize the situation is fluid and is being experienced in real-time by us all with changes occurring around us at a rapid pace, requiring ongoing monitoring and close attention.

What You Need to Know Now

- Effectively **IMMEDIATELY, all CEFC gatherings including** Sunday morning corporate worship, Sunday School, Youth Group, Growth Groups, and Staying Fit are **suspended** as we continue to monitor the situation
- All other ministries will be considered individually by the BoE in compliance with the WDHS guidelines and current CDC recommendations to guide us
- Weekly emails will continue and for now, we plan to have staff in the building during the week as we honor public health guidelines
- The virus, COVID-19 will not stop us from worshipping the Lord Jesus Christ and declaring the saving Gospel through the Word of God. We simply need to be flexible and discerning as we seek to remain aware and attentive during this time
- We will seek to keep you updated through electronic communication (please look for emails or the church website).
- **Tentatively, our next gathering as a CEFC family will be on Good Friday, April 10th, 2020 @ 7pm. (This is subject to change based on circumstances in the coming weeks)**
- Should you have a specific cause or need for assistance during this time, please contact one of our pastors or elders or member of your growth group

- We will seek to have the weekly sermon uploaded by Sunday 1pm for the upcoming weeks
- For everyone's sake (and we know this is redundant), the two most important things we can all do to minimize the spreading of this and every other similar virus is to wash our hands thoroughly (at least 20 seconds under running water with soap) and for now, when possible, keep a very safe social distance from all people while avoiding those who are sick altogether

What We All Need To Remain Committed To

- **Prayer**—For our Lord and Savior to comfort and carry this burden before us
- **Giving**—We have a very generous family of givers. Even with this interruption to our regularly scheduled ministries, our financial responsibilities remain active as a church to include payroll, staffing obligations, physical plant costs, supplies, utilities, missionaries, etc. Please continue to remain faithful to giving during this time so these ministries and their costs can remain available and functional. Giving online occurs here: conover.com/give OR mail your giving to the CEFC office @ 3725 North Hwy 45, Conover, WI 54519 OR drop your giving off at the CEFC office during normal business hours. Please remain faithful to your giving, realizing how much ministry continues to occur
- **Staying Informed**—please pay attention to WDHS and CDC, so we can all remain as up to date as possible allowing us to be as available and aware in our responses as possible

This is new for us. This has never happened in our lifetimes. And it only enhances our call to trust God now as we have always done (Psalm 28:7). God is our refuge (Psalm 46:1). He is a mighty fortress before us (Psalm 18:2). He our strength (Isa. 41:10). He knows the beginning from the end (Isa. 46:10). He determines all outcomes (Prov. 16:9). God is faithful (Psalm 33:4).

Unified in wisdom while trusting in Christ,

CEFC Board of Elders