

Dear Community Church family,

You may be wondering what proactive steps Community Church is taking, and what you can do, in light of the spread of the Coronavirus COVID-19 strain.

This Sunday March 15 we will not be holding a public service on our campus on Streblow Drive, including the Bible Connections Class, LifeLab, Children's Ministry, and all other classes.

You can join us live on Facebook at 9 a.m. <https://www.facebook.com/ccfdl/>
Please join us for this special time of interactive worship and a special message from Pastor Adam.

Also, we have made the difficult decision to **postpone** The Church Has Left the Building on March 22.

To be forthright, until today I have felt the response to the Coronavirus has been an unnecessary overreaction. My thinking has changed the more I have read about the *potential* of this virus. In order to love and care for others we need to stay separate for this weekend.

What about other events like Community Groups (Small groups, Bible Studies, Classes) and Community Youth? These will continue as long as the group leaders are able to lead and people remain healthy. These are some of the most important times for us to *be the church*. Fellowship is essential for us, especially in times like these.

Also, the church building will remain open and function as normal during this time. Drop by sometime and say hello to us next week!

This may not blow over in a week. It could take four weeks or longer before things may return back to normal. The Council, Staff, Management Team and I will collaborate on a plan to reconvene as a church family. Until this crisis ends we will need to "do church" differently, so be ready to try new things! Honestly I am excited for what this will do for our church and the Fond du Lac community. There will be many opportunities for us to be gospel-centered disciples in the weeks ahead. Seize those moments!

While there is growing uncertainty in our world, our God is in control and His perfect love drives out fear. Our best response as Christ followers will balance wisdom, love, and prayer.

First, we encourage you to pray. Pray for healing of those who are affected, for protection and peace for those living in anxiety, and for government agencies and healthcare professionals in our County.

Second, we need to practice good hygiene:

- Do what your mom taught you: wash your hands regularly (for 20 seconds)!
- If you are sick, have a fever or a cough, please take good care of yourself and stay home.
- Wait two weeks to come to any Community Church activity after traveling to a Level 2 or 3 country.
- Let us know right away if you test positive for the virus and have been to any recent church activities.
- We will be ramping up our sanitizing practices at church in the weeks to come.

Third, we encourage you to continue your financial support of Community Church.

Even if we cannot meet as a whole church family, we still have ongoing financial commitments to be met. You can give via the mobile app or click: <https://ccfdl.org/giving/> to get started. Or you can send a check in the mail to N6717 Streblow Dr. Fond du Lac, WI 54937. Thank you!

Finally, in times of uncertainty I've always found Psalm 46 to be comforting:
God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. (Psalm 46:1–3).

In Christ,

Pastor Adam Utecht for Community Church