



March 17, 2020

Dear Trinity family,

As we live in these uncertain times presented by the coronavirus pandemic, we rest in the certainty of our Lord's love and faithfulness. We also want to do our part in making sure that this virus doesn't spread more so we have made the following the decisions:

- This week's **Big Show** has been postponed. We plan to reschedule it after the pandemic is over.
- Although our doors will be closed on Sunday, we will broadcast our **Worship Services** on channel 77 and online at the regular times. We encourage you to gather as families in worship while we are not physically together on campus. The bulletin with its order of worship and announcements will be online like usual. ▶ www.trinitycrc.com
- Our **Sunday School, Youth ROC, and CREW** ministries are on hold.
- As far as **Bible Studies**, we encourage you to follow the federal guidelines limiting your group to no more than 10. If you are not feeling well or are uncomfortable attending a group gathering, please stay at home.

These limitations, however, will not stop us from being the church. In fact, God is giving us great opportunities to serve him and one another during this time:

- **Call** or use **social media** or mail a **card** to those who are confined to their homes, hospitals, or nursing facilities. Let them know you're thinking of them.
- If you or a family member or friend are confined to your home and need **groceries** or other items, we have a team of volunteers willing to pick those things up for you.
- If you are in need of temporary **childcare** due to the closing of the schools, please contact the church office and we will seek to provide these services.
- If you can **help** with grocery deliveries or childcare, please contact the church office.
- If you need or can provide **resources for our community** such as food and hygiene products, please contact Love INC (712-476-5990).
- Do you have more **ideas** for how Trinity CRC can be church for our community at this time? Please call the church office and let us know!

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Most importantly, we can and must devote ourselves to **prayer** during this time:

- Pray for the Lord's protection on us and our neighbors both physically and spiritually.
- Pray for healing for those who are sick.
- Pray for those who are quarantined or who are confined to their homes or nursing care facilities that they will be comforted in their isolation and loneliness.
- Pray for individuals struggling with the disruptions this pandemic brings to their lives.
- Pray for families adjusting to new routines.
- Pray for our government leaders and health officials as they make difficult decisions.
- Pray for our hospitals, medical centers, and medical personnel as they care for the sick.
- Pray for our schools as they implement innovative ways to teach their students at home.
- Pray for unity in our community and nation as together we seek to love our neighbors in these difficult days.
- Pray that God would use this time for his glory and bring many to a saving faith in him.

We plan to communicate more with you in the coming days and weeks to share announcements and ways to be church even in these uncertain times.

Shalom,

Trinity CRC Executive Team and Staff