

Hello, LCC family.

Throughout times like this in history, the Church has always stepped up to love, serve, and calm the surrounding community. Today is not different. With the fires of panic surrounding us, fed uniquely by our addiction to social media, we have an opportunity to speak God's word to our world: *"Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the LORD, who has compassion on you. -Isaiah 54:10*

Though the world has changed, God has not. He still calls us to our mission of Growing Disciples, Growing the Church, and Growing the Kingdom of God. However, in a new context, we have to change the way we have done ministry in the past, at least for now.

1. Worship

We are canceling our usual attended worship services and will instead be streaming our worship services through [our website](#). These will be streamed at our usual time (Sunday morning at 10:30am) and we encourage you all to join us on your devices. We recommend joining us at that time for the live feed (rather than just watching later) for a few reasons. First of all, it is important for us to have some normalcy in our lives, and worship can be that anchor for us. But second of all, there is a running chat on that page which we will be using to supplement the worship experience. Last week it was a delight to see people passing the peace, welcoming each other, and commenting on the service while the livestream broadcast. Please stay home this Sunday and join us online.

2. Regular programming

We are also canceling our regular programming, including all Wed. night gatherings. There will be no dinners, activities for children or adults, and no choir until further notice. We are encouraging our small groups to meet virtually or postpone meeting, and are halting our regularly scheduled programming.

In its place, you will be receiving a few emails soon detailing ways we can still grow together through service to our community, learning, and fellowship. Please watch for these emails.

3. Congregational care

Pastor Paul and I will be contacting everyone in our directory on a regular basis throughout this time. If you have needs, prayer requests, or questions, we will be in touch each week. We are also available by phone at any time should you need us.

4. Pastor's Blog

On [our website](#), you will find a new Pastor's Blog, with a short devotional thought about life in a COVID-19 world. There will be a new devo each day with scripture, a thought, and questions to answer. You can use this for personal devotions, family time together, or in an online group setting.

I want to encourage you to stay connected during this time. Stay in communication with your church friends you would normally talk to on Sunday, and those you might not. Join us for worship together online. Write cards to those you think about. And most of all pray for each other. *"The Lord is our refuge and strength, and ever present help in times of trouble,"* says Ps. 46. Keep telling each other this, and together we will see this through.

Pastor Steve