

Dear Family at Lost River –

In less than three months the COVID-19 virus has spread from one city in China to nearly every corner of the globe. It is now confirmed to be in Kentucky and at the time of this writing, multiple people are awaiting test results to confirm the presence of the virus in Bowling Green. We as your elders have devoted a considerable amount of time in watching this process unfold. This includes Dr. Burch's hours of research and consulting with local infectious disease specialists. We have also taken into consideration the head of the National Institutes of Health's recommendations for all of us to stay home whenever possible, and to avoid large groups of people. The unprecedented steps taken by state and local officials to cancel schools, sporting events, and other gatherings are designed to slow down the spread of the disease, as well as to protect those most vulnerable.

Considering the large size of our congregation and the number of members in the at-risk category, the elders have made the very difficult decision to heed these recommendations. We will not be meeting at the building until this crisis has passed. Instead, we will be live-streaming our services online.

Beginning Sunday, March 15, 2020, we will begin worship services online at 10:00 am, with song service, prayer, communion and a lesson from brother Lawrence Kelley. On Sunday evening, we will meet online at 5:00 pm for worship in song and another lesson from God's word. Wednesday evening, we will meet online at our usual 7:00pm time for prayer, singing and Bible study. To access these live stream services go to [lostriverchurch.org](http://lostriverchurch.org) where you will find the link on the home page.

For those unable to obtain juice and bread for the Lord's Supper, we have on hand juice and bread in individual packets that you may come by the building to pick up from the office. If no one is in the office, the box containing these packets will be left just outside the door of the office wing of the building. Please take only the number of packets your household will need for the next two weeks. If unable to get these for yourself, please contact one of the elders and we will make arrangements to have them brought to you. Please continue to set aside your weekly contributions. You may send them by regular mail or drop them off at the building between 10am-2pm on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays.

Brothers and sisters, we are prepared but we are not afraid. We are confident in the comfort and power that comes from Our Great Physician, and recall the words of the psalmist in Psalm 91:4-6 – “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 the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday.”

As we travel together on this journey, in this time of uncertainty and distress, let us hold fast to Him who has overcome and strive to keep even closer connections and care for one another in the days ahead!

Your servants,

The elders

If you have any questions or need prayers or help, please call one of us.

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