

Update: March 18, 2020

In light of CDC's recommendations for community events and mass gatherings, updated March 16, 2020, events of 10+ people should be canceled for the next 15 days. As such, until further notice, no service guests will be present during church services.

Service directors, webcasters, organists and song leaders will continue to serve in these online-only services. In addition to those who are present to serve in their roles, the minister may bring a small number of family members to services, at his discretion.

Note that the Rockford church will not be open during services. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

RLLC Communications Committee

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Update: March 17, 2020

We are mindful of the White House's coronavirus guidelines for America and meanwhile we continue to adhere to the CDC's COVID-19 interim guidance as of 3/15/2020. As such we are capping our event attendance at 50 people for the next 8 weeks. Please note that we continue to listen closely to all state and federal guidelines and will update our procedures and schedules accordingly. This means we can only invite one home service group at a time to attend services at the church. Thank you for your understanding!

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March 14, 2020

God's peace brothers and sisters,

The RLLC board met Saturday morning to determine how best to continue serving our congregation during these times. God has blessed us with one-mindedness and mutual love. Trusting in His guidance we will arrange services as follows until further notice:

- Services will be **online only**, except for a small number of home service groups at a time, who will be invited on a rotating schedule to attend services at the church.
- This Sunday, March 15, there will be two sermons at 10:30.

Going forward until further notice:

- Sunday service 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday service (instead of Bible class) 7:00 p.m.

Additional information regarding service arrangements:

- Song leaders, organists, service directors and webcasters will continue to serve according to their schedules. These individuals may bring their families to the church with them.
- The rotating schedule will allow for all to attend services at church from time to time. The smaller number of service guests will allow for the recommended social distancing, i.e. keeping 6 feet between people. There will be no Bible class or Sunday school until further notice.
- Note that we are working to ensure reliability of webcast.
- There will be no communion on the first Sunday in April nor on Maundy Thursday.
- There will be no coffee service scheduled until further notice. Note that home service groups are welcome to make their own coffee arrangements.
- Note: haps-age youth are invited to attend services along with their home-service groups or with their parents. If you do not belong to a home-service group, please join one. Contact Brianna Loukusa or Ruthanne Anderson for more information.
- Note: out-of-town guests of congregation members may attend with their hosts. Other guests to the area, please listen online.

Please note the following safety recommendations. To prevent the potential spread of the coronavirus and other illnesses at services, please take the same precautions recommended for avoiding colds and flu:

- When you greet, avoid shaking hands and hugging.
- Seat yourself and your family at least 6 feet away from other people.
- Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly. Wash with soap and water for 20 seconds each time.
- Use hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your face or eyes.
- Cough into your sleeve.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- If you are not comfortable attending services due to your health or the health of others, feel free to remain home and listen online.

A note from the board:

Brothers and sisters, God has set trying times before us. Nevertheless, let us remember that all happens as God allows. In the Lord's Prayer, we pray, "Thy will be done." We can trust that this is what is happening. We also pray, "Deliver us from evil." We can trust that God's almighty hand shelters us and protects us. It is a time, as always, to care for our near and dear ones and comfort those who are ill or lonely or fearful. Let us remember in prayer all who are affected by the current situation. Let us carry on as we may, continuing to have services and thanking God for His goodness!

God's peace, RLLC Board.