

Dear Lord of Life Church Family,

I want to give you an update regarding Lord of Life's response to the coronavirus (COVID-19). The Elders and I met (Wed, March 11, 2020) to provide you the following update.

Love and truth, not fear and panic: We strive to live for Christ in love, not fear. We also strive to know the truth and not succumb to panic that is so pervasive at this time. John wrote (1 John 4:18), "perfect love drives out fear." While this pandemic is serious and spreading, God has given us "a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline" and He is in control! Resist fear, be wise and trust in God. If you're healthy, come to church and find comfort in the gathering of his people as we worship, proclaim His Word and fellowship together.

A safe and healthy environment: We want to be wise by taking necessary precautions to combat the spread of illness. We are being proactive to make our gathering together as safe and healthy as possible. Based on the updates from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, we developed a precautionary plan. This will change based on a number of factors, but as of today, here are the steps we are taking.

- In addition to cleaning the building as usual, our custodians will now be routinely disinfecting all frequently touched surfaces.
- There will be hand sanitizer readily available.
- Volunteers, including communion assistants, will have their hands well-sanitized.
- To minimize the need to touch door handles, our volunteers will hold exterior doors open to welcome you.
- All restroom wastebaskets have been relocated so that you can wash your hands, dry them, use a paper towel to open the door and discard it on your way out.
- We are committed to wiping down surfaces before and after church activities with disinfectant wipes.

We are monitoring the situation: Our staff and elected leadership are constantly monitoring the announcements from the Governor's office and the Illinois Department of Public Health. We will keep you posted regarding any necessary updates affecting the activity of our church.

Pray: Join me in prayer for all people suffering from the coronavirus. Pray for all government officials, medical professionals and hospitals working tirelessly to serve our local community and world. May the Lord grant healing to the suffering and success to the science community working to find medical breakthroughs!

The words of Psalm 91 are extremely relevant for our times, "Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart."

Through it all...God is good!

Pastor Matt