

Dear Cross of Christ Family,

With the spread of COVID-19, popularly known as the coronavirus, dominating the headlines, we as a congregation need to take precautions to keep ourselves and others safe. At Cross of Christ we take the health of anyone entering the building very seriously. We want our faith home to be a safe and healthy place to worship and grow in Jesus.

The best weapon against the spread of the coronavirus is prevention. Below is important information you should know when you come to worship or enter our building during the week.

- Our cleaning service has been instructed to regularly clean and disinfect our facility.
- Each person has different comfort levels with shaking hands or other ways to greet people. Please do not feel obligated to shake hands during our “sharing of the peace.”
- In communion, for the short term, we will not be using the common cup in worship.
- Our elders and those who prepare the sacrament have been asked to be intentional about washing their hands or using disinfectant.
- If you or someone in your family does become ill please stay at home. Seek your physicians care as you recover.
- Around the building you will find bottles of disinfectant that you are welcome to use.
- I have asked Jason Price, our Tech Director, to explore live streaming worship services on our web site. If for some reason, you are ill you will be able to participate in the worship service. Meanwhile you will be able to listen to the Sunday sermon on our [web site](#).
- If you are unable to attend worship, you may also continue to give regularly [online](#).

While the CDC has indicated that the threat level is currently low, I believe it is important to communicate our current safety practices. We are all closely monitoring the news as well as the current information from the CDC and the State of Michigan. Meanwhile, these are the recommended following actions we can all take so the virus does not spread:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth without washing your hands
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.

In John 16:33, Jesus says, “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” We have every assurance that God is looking down on us and we can certainly hide in his embrace. We need to be vigilant in our safe health practices but be very aware that, in Jesus, there is an assurance of overwhelming love.

If you have any questions or comments, please, contact me.

In Christ,

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