

West Side Church: COVID-19 Update - March 18, 2020

1. Let's promote best practices.

- a. Special Session meeting was moved to Thursday (March 19) so we can follow developing guidelines (meetings of less than 10 people) and will be conducting meeting via Zoom.
- b. We are shutting the church building down until April 1 for usage by all groups, walk-ins and non-staff visitors until Session/leadership decides to reopen the building.
- c. The purpose of these directives is to decrease the spread and try to flatten the curve of infectious spread so that we don't overwhelm our healthcare system. Let's all work together and promote social distancing, washing our hands, self-quarantine when ill, and calling our healthcare providers when sick for directions on how to proceed for medical treatment and testing.

2. Sunday Worship has shifted to our online worship service at 9:45 am.

- a. You can engage live with the service on Facebook at West Side Church, Richland WA
- b. You can also see it on our website at www.westsidechurchrichland.com and click LiveStream

Don't just watch. *ENGAGE*. If you watch the worship service on Facebook Live, you can join in the chat during the service. We want to hear from you! Here are a few ways you can use chat to engage during services:

- Submit a prayer request, *realize that it will be public if you do it over Facebook.*
- Give a digital "Amen!" 🙏 Type out a statement from the message that impacted you. We may be Presbyterian, but getting a little more verbal could be quite fun.
- Ask a question. Want to know how to find sermon notes or what time a Facebook Live event is scheduled? Just ask.

3. Let's live into being the Family of God

- a. Try to make sure our members know what's going on.
 - i. Constant Contact, Facebook, Website, and Emails are all being employed to push out all relevant information. If you or another West Sider is not getting emails or is not signed up for Constant Contact, we want to encourage you to utilize these communication avenues. If you have a Facebook account, subscribe to our page - West Side Church, Richland WA - and communication will come to you.
- b. We want to make sure we stay connected and are available to help one another when possible.
- c. If you are in a Life Group, pray and help one another in your group.

- d. Deacons and other church leaders will be reaching out to everyone not in a Life Group to make sure you are connected.
 - e. We want to be responsive to needs. If you want to be added to our helpers list, please call or email the Church Office. At this point we are working on:
 - i. Putting together a team of people who could pick-up and drop-off food for families or persons who might become quarantined.
 - ii. We are working with Marcus Whitman Elementary to continue the Bite2Go program to provide food supplies over the weekend, we may need practical or financial help depending on needs.
 - f. The Church Staff is working to provide more online resources.
 - i. Ralph started a Bible study on Facebook: Hope in Desperate Times - A book study on Revelation. It will stream live on Wednesdays at 9:00 am. If you are not able to watch live, it will be on the West Side Church, Richland WA Facebook page, and you can watch it when it is convenient for you.
 - ii. Ben is gearing up to engage with Middle School and High School Students online.
 - iii. The Grover's are on study leave but they will both continue creating online Sunday School content for kids as well as developing additional offerings.
 - iv. Kristin Jackson has just moved into her new place, but will be reaching out to younger adults to engage with them.
- 4. Give and support the mission of God being done through West Side Church.**

If you have questions, comments or concerns,
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