



June 1, 2020

Hello Leroy Covenant Church Family,

I hope this message finds your family well. I wanted to update you regarding Leroy Covenant Church ministries.

We have not met in person at our church for the past 10 weeks. The doors may have been closed, but our ministry has remained open. Our interim pastor, lay leaders and congregation have tried to stay connected with each other and the community. These efforts have been great but gathering together in person and in fellowship is ultimately where we all want to be.

This past week, the board of directors met and decided to begin resuming some in-person ministries. Please understand this is a decision for now, not forever.

We hope to restart more ministries in phases. We feel that many in our congregation are ready to gather once again. We feel that we can provide a reasonable environment of safety. See below regarding the ministry plan as of June 1.

Sunday Worship Services

- In-person Sunday worship service will resume on June 7, 11:00 a.m.
- You will be greeted at the door with a smile (no hand shakes or presenting a worship service bulletin)
- A greeter will assist you in finding a seat if you desire assistance
- Every other row of chairs will be marked off to keep social distancing of at least 6 feet
- Households are encouraged to sit together in a row. Seating that satisfies social distancing will be made available to those not from the same household
- Bulletins and prepackaged communion cups will be available at a small table at the end of your row
- There will not be a facilitated "greeting time" during the worship service
- Rather than "passing the plate", we will set up designated areas for the offerings to be placed individually
- We will create 6 foot spacing for the choir and pulpit speakers

- We will make a video recording of the worship service available for those who choose not to attend in-person worship services at this time.

Sunday School, Jr. Church, Nursery

- Sunday School will not be offered at this time
 - We will offer Pre-K – Kindergarten Jr. Church only at this time
 - We will offer nursery as needed
- Please note, we will not be able to offer social distancing of individual children and ministry volunteers

Other items to note

- Masks are encouraged, but are not required. Masks will be made available
- Hand sanitizer stations will be available
- Please do not bring food or snacks to share at this time
- Cleaning and disinfecting efforts have been increased. Our list of cleaning agents meet EPA/CDC criteria for use against COVID-19
- Any other ministries not listed here will be addressed in the coming weeks

We feel these steps will provide a reasonable environment for ministry, worship and social distancing for most, but likely not all. Though we are attempting to provide an environment of social distancing, it is a choice up to each individual. When encountering others, please carefully consider their needs and desires. We ask everyone to be prepared to extend grace. We look forward to worshipping with you again soon.

In His Service,

Michael Kelso
Chair, Leroy Covenant Church