

WFMC Update - March 17, 2020

Hello WFMC Family,

This was the bread aisle at Bellerive Kroger yesterday at about 4:00:



Good thing Jesus is the Bread of Life, eh? :-)

Also, thank you to Ken Thompson, who correctly pointed out (referring to my update of yesterday) “that John Lennon died in 1980, so strange days INDEED that he was able to record that song in 1984! Lennon recorded the song in 1980 and Yoko Ono re-mixed and released it in 1984.” Just so we’re all clear on that...

And one quote my son, David, saw online: “Remember, love like Jesus...but wash your hands like Pontius Pilate.” :-)

OK now...seriously...here are a few ways we want to help each other stay connected and updated:

- 1) In lieu of meeting in person for Prayer Meeting tomorrow night, please e-mail your (as briefly written as possible) praises and requests to Renae at the church office ( [office@wfmc.net](mailto:office@wfmc.net) ) by 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday and she will compile them and send them via the e-chain Wednesday afternoon. This is how we’ll do Prayer Meeting for the foreseeable future.
- 2) If you know people who are not on the e-chain and should be / would like to be, please encourage them to e-mail the church office with “E-chain” in the subject line. We’ll add them.
- 3) As I wrote yesterday, please take the initiative to look through the church directory and give people you know (and people you may not know, but who you may discern could use some personal contact) a call or text or e-mail. Let’s check on those who are older, alone, and /or have compromised health.
- 4) If you are part of the at-risk age/health group and you would like someone to do grocery shopping and other necessary errands for you...or...if you would like to offer your services for such errands, please contact the church office.

5) ABF Leaders – please consider getting a free subscription to Zoom or Skype and holding some connection time online for your ABF. Do you have an e-mail distribution list or a Facebook group set up for your class? This would be a great time to set that up so your class can stay connected.

6) A word about Finances: Frankly, no one yet knows how long this business of not meeting for worship may continue. We hope for a short duration, but in the interest of planning for a longer duration, the Finance Team will be issuing a comprehensive statement in the near future. In the meantime, let me just say:

- We do have an approximate \$50,000.00 in cash reserves, plus several other cash funds from which we can borrow to cover expenses.
- We anticipate lower expenses due to our heat /air conditioning being set at a low, constant rate, since we are not meeting in the facility.
- We are encouraging our Team Leaders and Staff to eliminate all unnecessary purchases – stuff we don't need since we're not meeting in person and construction / project materials that are not required regular maintenance items. In other words, we'll buy only those things that are required to keep our property clean, safe and functional.
- We are also temporarily stopping our over-payment of our mortgage. We will continue to pay our normal mortgage payment, but all donations to "Close the Gap" (debt reduction fund) will simply accrue in that fund, should we need cash, until we have a clear understanding of when normal giving will resume. We can always make a big payment in a few months.
- We are encouraging all people to mail in, or [give electronically](#) in their normal manner and extent, since we do have ongoing expenses (benevolence, insurance, missions commitments, mortgage, staff, utilities, etc.)
- We are trying, as a church, to adhere to the same good financial practices that households should, namely:
  - Have funds reserved for emergencies.
  - Have funds available to give to others in critical need – there will be some persons we'll need to help.
  - Curb unnecessary spending as much as possible.

I realize this was far more information than inspiration, so that's enough for today, except for this: Jesus said, *"Do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. Life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?"*

~ Luke 12:22-26

It is precisely times like this when the world around us can see Jesus most clearly in us – in our preparedness, calm, patience, helpfulness, and joy. Let's show the world, and each other, Jesus.

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