



Faith Reformed

BOLDLY LIVING GOD'S WORD

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are in unprecedented times as a country, community, and congregation. While this is an uncertain time, this time also allows us as Christians to be the hands and feet of Christ to those around us. Biblically, the responsibilities of the deacons of the church are to care for the members, and manage the resources of the church in order to advance the Kingdom of God. The purpose of this letter is to share with you how we as church members and leaders can help meet the physical needs of our members and community at this time; as well as how we can continue to support the ongoing financial needs of our church (utilities, missions, staff, etc.).

The virus has definitely altered and potentially shut down our daily activities. For some of our members, this may mean self-quarantining, social distancing, avoiding grocery stores, seeking unemployment benefits and numerous other consequences. Elders and deacons of the church are currently in the process of reaching out to the congregation about any personal needs that you may have, including financial, or any needs that someone you know or your loved ones may have. It is normal to find it hard to ask for help, but we ask that you share your concerns with the church so that we may show Christ's love to you.

While we are doing well as a church due to faithful giving and not having a senior pastor on payroll, it is not a secret that being the hands and feet of Christ requires access to resources. While in-person Sunday morning worship has been temporarily suspended, the financial obligations of the church have not been suspended. We as church leaders recognize that tithing has always been a personal relationship between yourself and the Father. We also know that your personal needs during this season of life may have changed dramatically.

The deacons have considered several options as to how the congregation can continue to tithe during this challenging shutdown period. First and foremost, we want to ensure the safety and health of not only the deacons, but also the church office personnel. To this point, we are asking that you do not drop off tithing envelopes at church. This would expose Debbie to each of you on a weekly basis and increase her risk. The following two tithing options will be in effect until further notice.

1. **Auto Giving** - There is a form attached to this letter that will allow automatic withdrawals from your checking or savings account. The form allows you to choose if you want to give once per month, or twice per month. The form should be printed, filled out, and mailed to the church office with a voided check. Please indicate Attn: Kris Kettenhoven on your envelope.

2. **Bank Deposit** - Our church handles all finances through National Exchange Bank and Trust in Cedar Grove. They have communicated to us that at this time of suspended Sunday services, our church members can mail or hand deliver their tithe directly to the bank. The lobby is temporarily closed, but drive through services remain open at this time, as well as night depository. Please make out any checks to "Faith Reformed Church", or deliver cash with a note indicating that the money is intended for Faith Reformed Church. The bank will keep a record of deposits received, and we will receive that information from the bank for tax purposes. If mailing a check, please send the money to:

National Exchange Bank and Trust
Attn: Faith Reformed Tithe
617 S. Main St.
Cedar Grove, WI 53013

We realize these options are not ideal but we appreciate your understanding during these unprecedented times. Please continue to tithe faithfully as our expenses will be increasing soon with Pastor Zach's pending start in early May. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact any of the deacons.

Yours in Christ,

The Deacons