

July 6, 2020

To Living Water Chapel Family,

This letter is to inform you of the upcoming opening date and the changes that are taking place within the church of LWC. It has been since March 8 that we last gathered as a congregation due to unforeseen reason of the Covid-19 pandemic. We miss the fellowship we had with you as one body and we believe there is nothing more important than gathering together as a family to encourage one another in the Lord. We trust the Lord has kept you well in body and spirit during this time away.

As you well know Covid-19 is a very serious virus and we at LWC are taking every precaution to making sure we reopen in the safest manner possible for everyone. This is to protect you as well as others who participate in our services. It is extremely important to realize it is not a matter of picking up where we left off in regards to how Services were conducted before the pandemic. We are still under the effects of the virus for which at this time there are treatments but no vaccine.

It is very important that you read the enclosed contents so as to know what to expect as we move forward in keeping everyone as safe as possible. We ask that you would cooperate and follow the established protocols and guidelines when you attend Service. These protocols and guidelines will remain in effect for now and into the foreseeable future before we can ever return to things as they were before the Covid-19 outbreak. Please remember we all have to be flexible as things adjust and change as we deal with the unpredictable effects of the virus.

As of now Lower Michigan is still in Phase 4 of the 6 phases via the Governors reentering phase (getting back to normal). That means we are now considered "Improving."

Phase 4: Cases, hospitalizations and deaths are clearly declining.

*When in the Improving phase, most new outbreaks are quickly identified, traced, and contained due to robust testing infrastructure and rapid contact tracing. Health system capacity can typically handle these new outbreaks, and therefore case fatality rate does not rise about typical levels. Though a community might be in a declining phase, the overall number of infected individuals still indicate the need for distancing to stop transmission and move to the next phase.

Most business and organizations will be open throughout this phase under strict safety measures.

*Social Distancing: In place, maintain a six-foot distance from others when outdoors/in public

*Face coverings: Required

*Gatherings: Limited to small groups with social distancing

*Outdoor Recreation: Walking, hiking, biking, golfing, boating permitted. Activities permitted in small groups with social distancing

*Quarantine/Isolation: Individuals who have confirmed or suspected Covid-19 must isolate, and any individual with a known exposure must quarantine, according to CDC and public health guidance

*At-risk populations: All at-risk individuals should continue to shelter in place. Members of households with at-risk residents should be aware that by returning to work or other environment where distancing is not possible, they could carry the virus back home. Precautions should be taken to isolate from at-risk residents. Businesses should strongly consider special accommodations for personnel who are members of an at-risk population

We understand that the new guidelines/protocols we have put into place are NOT a 100% guarantee that you will not come into contact with the virus. But we believe we have put into place guidelines that will help reduce the possibility of exposure to the virus. We strongly encourage you to stay home if you are not feeling well as we are doing our best to follow the protocol established. If you have a pre-existing condition please do NOT attend Service.

Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms **MAY** have Covid-19.

- *Fever or chills
- *Cough
- *Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- *Fatigue
- *Muscle or body aches
- *Headache
- *New loss of taste or smell
- *Sore throat
- *Congestion or runny nose
- *Nausea or vomiting
- *Diarrhea

Look for emergency warning signs for Covid-19. If someone is showing any of these signs, seek emergency medical care immediately:

- *Trouble breathing
- *Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- *New confusion
- *Inability to wake or stay awake
- *Bluish lips or face

LWC will be cleaned before every service. Our goal is to sanitize frequently touched surfaces such as:

- *Tables, doorknobs, light switches, handles, desks, toilets, faucets, sinks, and electronics

As for now the basement of the church along with the prayer room will be closed.

Thank you for your cooperation as we strive to move forward. Truly, your help makes the blessing of celebrating together possible for you and your fellow believers.

Our opening date is scheduled for Sunday, July 26 at 10:00am. We look forward to see you once again.

Blessings to you,

Living Waters Chapel