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Dear CCC Family and Friends:

This past week has led us through uncharted waters associated with the spread of the COVID-19 virus. We have been monitoring developments and wish to reassure you that every effort is being made to provide a healthy and safe environment for you to participate in our church community, while following the lead of our country and province's health authorities.

On Thursday, March 12, the Alberta Chief Medical Officer announced the cancelling of all gatherings of 250 people and over. Currently this does not apply to schools, malls, airports or places of worship. It was also advised that for gatherings of 50 or more precautions be taken, especially where vulnerable populations, including seniors are involved. In light of this, Consistory is taking extra precautions to ensure we can provide a safe environment for those who choose to attend our Sunday morning worship services.

To that end, we are implementing the following changes until further notice:

Preparation for Sunday

- Increased cleaning of all touch points in the Church
- Hand sanitizers have been placed at strategic locations in the church.
- Bathroom doors will be propped open so users do not have to touch the door handles.
- Greeters will not shake hands with those entering the church.
- The rows in the sanctuary have been made wider to minimize contact
- We encourage you to leave more space between families/people when taking a seat and we encourage you to use the back tables if you feel you want additional space
- We will not have coffee/tea on Sunday following our service.
- We have put up Alberta Health "Stop the spread" posters to remind everyone of healthy protocol.

Sunday School

- All teachers need to remind participants to use hand sanitizers or wash hands. Coughs and sneezes should be covered in your sleeve or crook of arm not your hands.

During the Worship Service

- We will do a general welcome from the front and during greeting time, we will leave it to your discretion on greeting one another, without touching (e.g., bow, wave).
- Instead of passing offering plates, we will place offering plates at the front of the sanctuary and givers can drop their gift into the plate, before, during or after the service.

General Precautions

- If you are sick please stay home.
- Cover coughs and sneezes.
- Wash hands frequently.
- Avoid touching your face.

Next Steps

- The Seven Mile Story Event is being postponed; a new date still to be determined
- We will continue to communicate any future decisions regarding events or worship services by email and through the church website.

God is in control. Let Him fill you with His hope and peace and we encourage you to share this with others through this challenging time.

Thank you and may God bless you and yours.

Rob Lee
On behalf of your Consistory