



CrossWalk Worship Center

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Dear Church Family:

I'm excited to announce CrossWalk will open for on-site worship on May 24, 2020.

Please allow me address four general thoughts before I proceed with the specifics of our way-ahead.

1. There's still a serious concern for wise and prudent health distancing around people. COVID-19 is serious, and we are not negating that at all.
2. If you have any kind of abnormal temperature, please refrain from coming. We will still stream the Morning Celebration message via Facebook.
3. We're taking a gradual, step-by-step process to returning to corporate worship life.
4. No one is under any obligation or judgment should you feel this is not the right time for you. We respect you and your concerns.

Now, as far as our *how* we're going to do this, please review the attached protocols; knowing we must follow them to keep our church family safe, as well as remain in compliance with State directives and guidelines. During on-site worship, *we will* practice physical distancing - except for family units; and we'll have help managing the social distancing protocols. Additionally, before we open the building, it will be cleaned and sanitized to the best of our abilities.

Please understand, we're striving to do what's best for our CWC community. With that said, I'm explicitly asking you to refrain from posting any of this on social media. We're intentionally doing a "soft opening" - limited to our church family - to evaluate the success of our plan and protocols as we press forward.

We realize this process is ongoing and progressive. It will take time to grow back together as a church body, based on each person's level of comfort or anxiety; and that's OK! In talking with many of you, I think we've come to realize *we need each other* more than we ever realized or appreciated. Togetherness is essential to our faith. We are a community; and in a community, there is strength, health, and well-being. Isolation was never part of God's long-term plan for us!

If you're not comfortable with any of these actions, your voice is important; and we want to hear your thoughts and concerns. Therefore, should you have any questions, suggestions, or Godly advice - please forward them to me. However, please understand we can't implement everyone's suggestions. What works for you at home may not work in our church building.

Remember, attendance at CrossWalk has always been, and always will be, voluntary. No one must come, but we would love for you to come and worship with us.

To the whole church family, Thank You! Your watchful, compassionate care for each other is amazing; and I'm proud to pastor our great congregation. I love you and miss you deeply.

See you soon!

Pastor Mark

CrossWalk Worship Center exist to bring the message of God's grace to those around us. Our purpose is to help people to confess Jesus as their Lord and Savior, and to help them grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Protocol for Returning to Corporate Worship

Start date:

Sunday, May 24, 2020 @ 10:45 AM

Format for Worship:

1. We will only be meeting in the worship center auditorium. The rest of the building will be closed off. The only restrooms that will be open will be the Ladies' Room outside the worship center and the Men's Room near the Pastor's office.
2. We will not have the Sunday morning Bible study, Kid's Club, or evening Bible study.
3. Live streaming will continue through our Facebook page.
4. Every other pew will be blocked off to maintain physical distancing.
5. To maintain physical distancing, family units may sit together. Families are sitting together at home anyway. However, individuals may sit three per pew, separated by 6 feet. (One at the end, one in the middle and one at the other end.)
6. Everyone should stay in their pew and not move around, to maintain physical distancing. This is especially important for children.
7. The worship center auditorium will be cleaned and disinfected after every meeting.
8. No offering plates will be passed around. Offerings can be dropped off in one of the plates near the door.

Preparations for Worship:

1. Sanitize your hands before you attend.
2. Take your temperature before you leave your home and if you have ANY abnormal temperature reading, then please do not attend.
3. While we do not have the ability to provide masks or gloves, you may, at your discretion, wear them.
4. We discourage all physical contact with hugging, handshakes, etc.

Our worship service will be approximately the same length as the online service that we have been broadcasting. We are sensitive to the time because we have no children's ministry available.