

# LIVING HOPE CHURCH

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Dear Living Hope Family,

I pray the Lord has been showing more of His love for you and that you are all in a place of resting in Him.

COVID-19 has certainly changed the landscape of our lives and is changing our way of doing things for some time to come. This is especially true for churches. However as we, at Living Hope Church, continue to navigate these uncharted waters the elders and I have been prayerfully meeting to determine God's will for us as we look forward to the reopening of our Worship Center for gathering in our services.

Here are some things that we have determined in reopening our Worship Center:

## Timing

- We plan to offer our Deeper prayer service beginning this Wednesday, May 13th, at 7pm (doors open at 6:45pm). We will also be live streaming this service through 'Meet' - using the same platform we have been using for our virtual prayer meetings. I will send that link out in my mid-week email.
- We plan to offer our Sunday morning services beginning Sunday, May 24th, at 10am (doors open at 9:45am). For the time being these will be considered 'Family Service' gatherings. These too will be live-streamed, as well as recorded.

## Necessary Protocols

- Prior to any service gathering there will be cleaning and sanitizing of all areas upon entering the facility following [CDC cleaning & disinfecting protocols](#)

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- Maintain Social Distancing - staying 6 feet apart. The chairs will be marked for seating and areas marked for families.
- Use of face masks if Social Distancing isn't able to be maintained.
- There will be no food or coffee offered.
- For the foreseeable future, Communion will be single serving elements.
- Laying on of hands only if initiated by someone wanting prayer, and agreed to by both the person praying and the person being prayed over at which point the person praying will stand behind the one being prayed for i.e. no face to face.
- Hand sanitizer provided and available to the congregation at various locations throughout the facility.
- The Children's Ministry rooms will be unlocked for any private matters in tending to your children. However, it is not to be used as a gathering place and social distancing will still need to be adhered to in these areas. Parents must keep their children with them at all times.

A word about face masks... We are taking the approach to make the use of them voluntary as long as the social distancing protocol is adhered to - if 6 feet is not possible for you then your mask must be worn. If you forget your mask or just decide that you need one please ask as we will have some available.

## And Finally

We all desire to be back again amongst each other to worship our King Jesus! I realize these can be trying times to figure that out - please know that we are doing our utmost to be very considerate of the circumstances and how they may relate to you personally. With that said please understand that there is absolutely no

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condemnation whether or not you are able to attend - none! As I mentioned previously we are working toward more comprehensive live-streaming capabilities, so that on the 24th we are better equipped to offer this to you if you choose to stay home. Nevertheless, the Sunday morning services will also be recorded and posted to our website [www.lhcselton.net](http://www.lhcselton.net).

We will notify you of any changes to our approach in having church services as more information and/or guidelines relative to COVID-19 become available.

Please feel free to contact me or any of the elders with any questions and/or concerns you may have.

I am really excited in taking our next steps forward (in a safe and sound manner), being able to once again gather together and ultimately learning to know God's love, provision and protection for you even more through it all! Tammy Cobaugh encouraged me when she shared a quote from Corrie ten Boom - may you also be encouraged.

"If God sends us on stony paths, He provides strong shoes."

**Romans 12:12** Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying.

May God bless you all,

Pastor Erik & Elders