

# **COVID-19 MINISTRY PLAN**

# COMMUNICATION

- Email will be the main communication medium for Lemoore Pres. Please make sure you are receiving the weekly E-Newsletter. If not, call the church office or email Mina or Pastor Dave and request that your email be added to the contact list.
- Facebook Updates and information will be posted to the church Facebook page (Lemoore Presbyterian Church Community Page).
- **Website** the church website has been updated to inform visitors that in-person worship has been suspended.
- **Instagram** follow us @lemoorepres for updates, information, and digital fellowship.
- **Phone & Mail** the church office and our Deacons are using phone and mail to stay in touch with our members who are not online.

#### **WORSHIP**

- In-person worship is suspended until May 3<sup>rd</sup> or when gathering restrictions are lifted.
- Pastor Dave will create Sunday morning worship videos accessible on the church YouTube channel "Media LemoorePres."
- LPC members can contribute to the video with audio-recorded scripture readings.
- **Communion:** Pastor Dave will include the sacrament in first-of-the-month worship videos, and viewers can use appropriate elements to partake in their own homes. Appropriate elements may include:
  - o Bread, crackers, tortillas, or other simple foods;
  - Wine, juice, or water.
- Easter: for safety Easter will also be done at home using a worship video and other guides or suggested activities. There will be no in-person gathering on Easter Sunday.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

- Pastor Dave and Mina will work limited in-office hours to carry out essential church operations.
- Most administration will be done via email or phone. If you call the office and no one answers, please leave a message and we will check voicemail often.

#### **FINANCES**

- LPC is in a strong financial position.
- All church employees will continue to be paid, even those who are not putting in hours (e.g., childcare staff).
- If you remain financially able to give, please do so by:
  - Mailing your check to P.O. Box 336, Lemoore, 93245;
  - Using your bank's online bill pay feature to automatically send money;
  - o **Downloading the Givelify app** to your phone and donating to the church online.

#### PASTORAL CARE

- Pastor Dave will make in-person visits only when absolutely necessary. Most "visits" will
  take place via phone or video. Even pastors are currently prohibited from making
  hospital visits.
- **Parish Lists** Deacons will contact everyone on their lists once a week to check in. Prayer requests and practical needs will be addressed as necessary.
- Prayer Tree Submissions to the prayer tree can be made by emailing Mina or Pastor Dave, or by calling the church office (leave a message if necessary).

# DISCIPLESHIP & FELLOWSHIP

- **Small Groups** all in-person gatherings are suspended, but groups may choose to "meet" using Zoom video software. Assemble will begin "meeting" via Zoom when possible.
- Youth & Families Sunday School lessons will be emailed to families (contact Sandy Hudson if you are not receiving them). Video Sunday School will be held on Sundays at 10AM via Zoom.
- **Recommended Apps** for staying connected with your church, your pastor, and each other:
  - Facebook (find us at Lemoore Presbyterian Church Community Page)
  - Instagram (follow us @lemoorepres)
  - Marco Polo (send recorded video messages to others with the app)

# GROUPS, EVENTS & GATHERINGS

• All in-person events and gatherings are suspended until further notice. Groups with events coming up in April, May, and even June should be prepared to cancel.

## OFFICER MEETINGS

• Most officer communication and business are happening via email.

• If necessary, officer meetings will be held via video.