

Hello Spirit Lake Members,

We had a good church board meeting last night bringing into focus our current plan during the Covid-19 crisis. Every challenge we face changes us either for better or worse. The way that Spirit Lake church responds to the current global health crisis will determine whether we emerge from it stronger or weaker. I pray God gives us strength to seize the current opportunities and face the challenges.

Due to the current Covid-19 outbreak the Spirit Lake church, along with all other Upper Columbia Conference churches, will be following the guidelines of the state and federal government in limiting our public gatherings. The White House is currently recommending no gatherings over 10 people.

1. **Church:** Regular church services will be suspended beginning this Sabbath until at least April 18, but will be available online through our website, www.spiritlakesda.org at 10:45am every Sabbath morning.
2. **Pastoral Installment:** March 21 was the Sabbath scheduled for my pastoral installment at Spirit Lake church. This service will now be online. The Upper Columbia Conference administration will be joining my family for online church service and my pastoral installment this coming Sabbath morning streamed live from the North View church. Please join us online for this special service this Sabbath and for the message that I am preparing for North View and Spirit Lake churches. Streaming available this Sabbath morning at 10:45am at www.spiritlakesda.org.
3. **Adult Sabbath School:** The adult Sabbath School will be through internet video meeting. Watch your emails for details how to join Sabbath School online
4. **Children Sabbath Schools:** What a week! My wife, Village church, My Bible First, and an incredible team of dedicated individuals have worked endless hours the last few days to launch an online children's

Sabbath School complete with interactive activities that can go far beyond Sabbath morning. We will have a number of activities, crafts, downloadable coloring sheets, videos, live streams, etc. available soon! Stay tuned and look forward to something great your children can do at home online this coming Sabbath morning! Go to www.aplacetodosomething.com. Any other opportunities made available by Spirit Lake children's Sabbath school leaders will be communicated as they become available.

5. **Prayer Meeting:** Prayer meeting is being shifted to telephone. If ever members should rearrange routines to prioritize group prayer, it's now. We hope that many who live farther away and are not in the habit of attending prayer meeting will join while it's on phone. Watch your email for call-in number and access code.
6. **The Church Remodel:** The church remodel will continue to go forward during this time. If you have cancelled trips, cancelled events, or other openings in your schedule, please make this a time when your skills can help the remodel go forward more than ever before. While at the church we need to observe uncomfortable social distancing practices such as no hand shaking and leaving extra space between people. Keep at least 6 feet between people. Church cleaning will continue so that surfaces are regularly disinfected for those working on the remodel. Workers should choose to work in different rooms so that one room does not have more than 10 working at a time in it.
7. **Tithes and Offerings:** You can still give your tithes and offerings every week by donating online through our website by clicking "Online Giving." You can also mail a check with your tithes and offerings to Spirit Lake Seventh-day Adventist Church at P.O. Box 250, Spirit Lake, ID 83869.
8. **Regular communications:** It is absolutely vital that the church becomes more connected in other ways, as we suffer physical separation during this situation. We will have information to everybody soon that will give every member the ability to sign up for text-message

announcements, voice call announcements, and of course, email announcements.

9. **Call, call, call:** More than ever before, please call each other to check in on one another. Prayer together and share what you've been learning lately. Please notify the pastor, deacons, or elders of people you know that need special attention at this time. The leaders of the church are working on ways to do our best that nobody is left out.
10. **Strengthen your immune system:** All of us have a decent chance of being exposed to the virus coming up. This is a critical time to strengthen your health. Make sure you are getting plenty of rest, eating well, cutting out sugar, getting fresh air and sunshine with good exercise and following other good health practices. You will hear more from me later on steps we need to take for our health now. Follow the practices promoted by Dr. Wes Youngberg at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFCTjTxP1_o.
11. **Be Outward Focused:** This is no time to look out for own interests only. This is time to be thinking neighbors, friends, vulnerable people - how are they doing? What can I do to encourage them?
12. **Get Closer to God:** Events and trips everywhere are being cancelled. Fill this season with personal spiritual renewal. This is not the final crisis yet. But now is the time to sense our need and find the kind of faith needed for the greater test.

What a time it is! I can't wait to get to know each of you online and by phone! We will see you in person at the right time!

I have more to say. Watch your emails. Tune in online on Sabbath.

Prayerfully,

Joe Reeves | Pastor

SABBATH WORSHIP

March 21, 2020

Sabbath Schedule

9:30-10:30

10:30-10:45

10:45-12:15

Bible Classes

Prayer Time

Worship Service

SABBATH SCHOOL

9:30 AM

Join us for Adult Sabbath School on Zoom Meeting!

<https://zoom.us/j/573964806>

Meeting ID: 573 964 806

Dial In Numbers:

Any of the following numbers should work. Use one of these if you are not able to install the zoom meeting app or if you do not have a good internet connection. Use the Meeting ID above when prompted.

669-900-6833

346-248-7799

929-205-6099

253-215-8782

301-715-8592

312-626-6799

For Children's Sabbath School, check out:

<https://aplacetodosomething.com/>

WORSHIP SERVICE

10:45 AM

The Sabbath sermon will be streamed from North View:

<https://www.northviewadventist.org/>

Our offering focus this week is our Local Church Budget.

<https://adventistgiving.org/#/org/ANIILG/envelope/start>

Quote for the Week

“It is a part of God's plan to grant us, in answer to the prayer of faith, that which He would not bestow did we not thus ask.” — The Great Controversy, page 525

Announcements

- ☞ Prayer Meeting is still Wednesday 6:30-7:30, but for the duration Prayer Meeting will be held via teleconferencing.
- ☞ Church Board Meeting is Thursday, March 26, at 6:30pm. As of this writing, we are planning to meet at the church.
- ☞ The Church Business Meeting originally scheduled for March 29 has been postponed until further notice.
- ☞ Upper Columbia Conference has opened a Prayer Ministry page to help with both church members and community members. This page is for those who would like to submit a prayer request or have someone pray with them. If you would like to volunteer to pray with others, please ask our pastor to give the Upper Columbia Prayer Ministry your name, phone, and email address so they can contact you.
<https://1.uccsda.org/PrayerMinistry>
- ☞ Upper Columbia Conference President's Report:
<https://1.uccsda.org/PresidentReport2020-04>
- ☞ Upper Columbia Conference response to COVID-19:
https://www.uccsda.org/coronavirus_response
- ☞ Don't forget the Food Bank basket in the foyer! It is still the easiest way to donate to our local Food Bank. If you do not have a key to the church, talk to one of the deacons or one of the elders, and they will help you get your donation into the church. I am in contact with the people from our local Food Bank and I will be collecting our donations from the church and delivering them.

Bible Verse for the Week

“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.”
— Psalm 23

Next Sabbath: March 28, 2020

Sabbath School Teacher:

Robert Mason

Offering:

UCC Advance

Sermon:

Joe Reeves

Sunset Tonight: 6:58

Next Friday: 7:07

Church Finance

	Monthly Budget	Received February 2020	Budgeted Thru February	Received Thru February
Church Budget	\$3,350.00	\$3,084.80	\$6,700.00	\$6,671.10
Student Assistance	\$198.00	\$246.99	\$396.00	\$373.30
Building Fund		\$7,360.00		\$14,825.00

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