



Dear Clarkson Church family.

Another update, this time with ways to connect and continue to be the church. We are not planning to run a regular service on Sunday, but instead to create opportunities to be the church throughout the week. We want to continue to live out our four church values, so this is how we plan to do it in the coming weeks.

Mission is why the church exists

We are planning to call all of the Saga Camp families with whom we are connected to see how they are doing and ask if they need help. We are also in regular contact with the Compass, Walden Circle and Armagh House to see if they need help.

Ways to participate:

- Let Karen Klassen know if you would be willing to help people in need, whether that be getting groceries, running errands, or making phone calls.
- Donate a grocery card to the church so we can help buy people groceries when needed. These cards can be dropped in the church mailbox or mailed to the church.

Prayer is our first resort

We want to be a people who pray. This is a significant part of who we are and we don't want to stop praying. For that reason we plan to meet online every day (Monday - Friday) to pray. We will do this using Google Hangouts and will also have options to call in by phone if you don't have video access.

Ways to participate:

- Join us to pray each Monday - Friday at 4pm. Check our Facebook page (@clarksonvillagechurch) or the text / WhatsApp groups we are running to get the link each day. If you can't find us send a text to one of the staff and we will get you the link.
- Send your prayer requests to office@clarksonchurch.ca and we will circulate them to a team who are praying. If you would like to be part of that prayer team, let us know.

People matter more than programs

As we are not currently running regular programs, we are able to shift more of our energy to connecting with people. Our staff are working through our church lists checking in with people and we would love you to be part of that as well. Whether that is by making calls or gathering online, it is important that we stay connected to each other

Ways to participate:

- Make a call to someone each day to check in and see how they are doing. Contact Karen (karen@clarksonchurch.ca) if you would like to be part of calling and checking in with people.
- Participate in our online connecting points by joining the Facebook page (and inviting your friends in the church to join), responding to posts and questions and participating in the face to face opportunities we will be creating through Google Hangouts.

Equipping in faith leads to Christlikeness

We want to make sure that a season of social distancing from each other does not mean social distancing from God. We want to continue to grow closer to God through this season, even if we cannot meet together on Sundays.

Ways to participate:

- Continue to read the daily devotional being sent out each day through Lent
- Check in daily on the Facebook page to listen to the devotionals and short messages the staff will be sharing (and make a comment to encourage others).
- Join us on Sunday Morning, whether we pray together through google hangouts or choose a church each week to join for their online service (we will send more details soon).

You will see that the things listed above are mostly for adults - Ryan, Joanne and Jana are putting together a whole range of ways to connect with your kids and youth and will be in touch with parents and students about ways they can support you and your family over the coming weeks.

In addition to all these, we want to make you aware that not having a weekly service will have an impact on our offerings. If you give on Sundays we would encourage you to sign up for pre-authorized giving or to give through our Canada Helps page. You can also drop offerings in the mailbox at the church. If you need help with any of these please contact Ali McMullen (ali@clarksonchurch.ca)

I am looking forward to continuing to be the church with you over the coming weeks. We know that God is not limited to our building, and that being the church happens on more than just Sunday mornings. This is an opportunity to live that out together. We are family and we are committed to loving each other as we walk through this challenging season as a church family.

Peace,
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