



Christian Reformed Church of Pease

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Dear Pease CRC Members and Friends,

Sunday, April 26th marks the sixth Sunday that we have not been able to gather for corporate worship or any other corporate ministry activities. You are greatly missed! I miss seeing the youth group coming in on Wednesday nights. I miss the Wednesday morning coffee group. I miss Men's Time Out and Mission Society and people just stopping by for this or that.

But mostly, I miss seeing you on Sunday mornings. I miss greeting you, seeing you, singing with you, praying over you, breaking bread with you, and blessing you. I miss hearing you laugh. I miss shaking your hand and seeing your smiling faces. I miss hearing how you are doing. You are greatly missed.

I want very much for us to be back together again, and we will be as soon as we can safely and legally do so. We had last indicated that worship would be suspended until April 30th. Given the information that we have received since that time from our state elected and health officials -- including the extension of the Governor's stay at home order until May 4th, 2020 -- the Administrative Team has decided to continue the suspension of corporate worship and ministry until at least Sunday, May 10th.

While this news may be disappointing to many, we feel this is in the best interest of our community and the best way to love our neighbors right now. Right now, we are considering our options for plans beyond May 10th, and as more information becomes available we will communicate these future plans to you.

Please know that we will continue to do our best to carry on with our ministry activities remotely. This includes radio broadcasting and online livestreaming of Sunday worship, offering occasional drive-thru blessing events, online coffee times, and phone calls. In addition, we are also providing children's worship videos on our church's Facebook page.

Finally, thank you for your prayers, support, and words of encouragement. Thank you also for continuing to offer your financial support during this time. You can continue to mail your gift, drop it off, or use our mobile giving app, Tithely. If you have questions about any of this, please contact the church office. All of this and more have been great blessings to us. Thank you!

If we can be a blessing to you, please let us know. If you have any needs, prayer requests, or concerns that you would like to make known to us we continue to be here to help. Please don't hesitate to contact your Shepherding group elder or deacon or the church office if there is anything we can do for you.

Finally, I want to encourage all of you to consider how you can be a blessing to others during this time. Commit to making a phone call or sending a note or an e-mail of encouragement to someone this week. Your efforts will be appreciated and it's fun!

May the Lord bless and keep you all!

Pastor Michael