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Dear Members and Friend of DeWitt Community Church,

We know that there is a great deal of concern over the outbreak and spread of the Coronavirus and we want to assure you of our efforts to keep everyone safe. We are taking several precautions immediately and will respond appropriately as needed. We encourage you to visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's website for recommendations to keep you and your family safe: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

Below you will find a summary of our response as of this date:

**Limitation of Physical Contact** We are encouraging people to refrain from shaking hands or greeting others by physical contact. We also encourage people to provide more personal space between themselves and others.

**The observance of communion will be suspended** until the threat level is removed. We will be making special provisions for Maundy Thursday (self-contained packets for communion).

**We will be suspending refreshments** such as coffee, cookies and donuts. We will have bottled water available.

**We encourage you to make use of the hand sanitizer located around the building.**

**Children's toys will be sanitized along with all building surfaces on a consistent basis.**

**If you are sick, or have any signs of illness, please stay home.** Weekly messages are available online at <https://www.dewittchurch.org/sermons/>.

**We will be monitoring state and county health advisories** along with actions taken by the Jamesville/DeWitt School District. If the level of potential exposure warrants, we will consider the following options: reducing the numbers of services, holding all services in the sanctuary, or if absolutely necessary, suspending services. In the event that services are suspended, we will have a weekly worship service available online. We would also look at having groups and meetings online as well. Hopefully we will not have to go to these extremes.

We take the health and safety of our congregation very seriously and we will communicate any updates through e-mail and on our website, <https://www.dewittchurch.org/> You can also call the church at 315-445-0331 with any questions you might have.

In Christ's Love,

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Senior Minister