

Grace and Peace to you, the Strathmore Congregation,

Following the previous email, here are more details on how the Strathmore Congregation will be connecting online.

Please review both the Prepare To Join Online and the Common Questions sections

Please share this with others who may not yet have the information.

SUNDAY MORNING- Prepare To Join Online

Sunday- 10:00 a.m. - Bible study / 10:45 a.m. - Intermission/ 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service

Connection Option	Instructions	Additional Information
Option 1 Join Online directly through Youtube	Step 1: Click on this link to go directly to the Strathmore youtube channel Step 2: Choose and Click on the appropriate Live Video	This will allow you to join directly in Youtube. You'll be able to watch without a Youtube account, Chat function is not available.
	NOTE: Due to low usage and challenges coordinating, we have discontinued the use of Zoom for Sunday Mornings. If you would like to provide feedback about this, please advise brother Bob.	

WEDNESDAY EVENING AND OTHER MEETINGS- Prepare To Join Online

Wednesday evenings 7:00 p.m. - Worship Service

Other Meetings- e.g. Ladies Class, Devotionals **as scheduled**

Connection Option	Instructions	Additional Information
Option 1	Step 1: Zoom Meeting Link: https://zoom.us/join	No Account creation is required

Join Zoom from your laptop or PC	Step 2: Enter Information Personal Meeting ID: 878 901 5482 Password: 346346	This option allows for audio, video and chat options
Option 2 Join Zoom from your device	Step 1: Download the zoom App from your app store Step 2: click "join a meeting" ID: 878 901 5482 Step 3: Enter Password: 346346 Step 4: Enter your full name and wait for the host to bring you into the meeting from the Lobby	No Account creation is required This option allows for audio, video and chat options
Option 3 Join Zoom Over the phone	Step 1: Dial a local number by your location (choose one) +1 647 558 0588 Canada +1 778 907 2071 Canada +1 438 809 7799 Canada +1 587 328 1099 Canada +1 647 374 4685 Canada Step 2: Enter Meeting ID: 878 901 5482, followed by "#" Step 3: Enter Password: 346346, followed by "#" Step 4: To enter without a participant ID, press '#'	No Account creation is required Video and Chat function is not available.

Common Questions

How will we be connecting in the future?

We will plan to use the same streaming approach for Sunday Mornings until Public Health restrictions are lifted.

How will Sunday evening and Wednesday night bible study be handled?

Due to the mandate that all citizens practice social distancing, we are CANCELLING the Sunday evening service and the Wednesday night Bible Class. The building will be CLOSED.

For those who work on Sunday mornings and use Sunday evening to worship God and partake of the Lord's Supper, the video for the Sunday morning service will be saved on our [YouTube page](#), and we invite you to watch the video and participate in the Lord's Supper with unleavened bread and grape juice in your home.

And in the absence of the Wednesday Bible Study, to get your mid-week spiritual boost, we encourage you to check out the other videos that we have on our YouTube page. We plan to revisit this issue week-to-week as the COVID-19 pandemic issue continues to evolve.

How can I get future communications, including other ways the Strathmore Church will be connecting?

Updates are coming from the government and health officials daily, so we will continue to adapt and communicate if there are any changes.

Sign up using [this form](#) to be added to our mailing/text list to make sure you can stay updated.

We may also be posting some information on <http://strathmorecofc.ca/category/news-events/>

What if I don't have an internet connection?

We would recommend to use Option #3- To Dial in and join over the phone.

Alternatively, if you are not putting yourself or others at risk, you may connect connect with a very small group of other members that does have online access.

Can we share this information with others?

Yes, please feel free to share with anyone who may find this beneficial, including other congregations that may be trying to figure out how they'll be connecting.

We want to take time to encourage eachother and share God's word whenever we can. We certainly encourage members to use different methods to do that- phone calls, text, social media.

Why are we using so many different connection options?

We want to recognize that we want to make the services accessible, which is why we've added options that do not require internet access or the creation of user accounts with a third party.

Email Distributed on March 19

Greetings and Peace to you, the Strathmore Congregation,

In response to the COVID-19 virus, public health measures have been implemented by Toronto Public Health and the Ontario Government asking us to [avoid all public gatherings](#), including Faith groups, greater than 50 people, and to practice social distancing whenever possible.

In the interest of our members and visitors, the Elders have made the decision to close the building at Strathmore Blvd for Sunday AM Services and implement alternative ways for us to continue to share in God's Word.

Recognizing that we want to make things accessible for everyone in the congregation, members are encouraged to use these alternative (i.e. online) methods as much as possible.

Updates are coming from the government and health officials daily, so we will continue to adapt and communicate if there are any changes.

There's plenty of uncertainty in the world, but we can be certain in our trust that the Lord saves our souls.

Details

Currently, the detailed plans are that:

- The church building will be closed for Sunday AM Service
 - 10:00 a.m. - Bible study
 - 10:45 a.m. - Intermission
 - 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
- More details will follow on how we plan to stream the morning service and adult bible class
- We are encouraged to stay at home, or to meet in very small groups
- All group activities are suspended until at least the end of April: Potluck, ladies class, mens breakfast, baby shower.
- Typically, Sunday Evening services and Wednesday night bible study are attended by well under 50 members, so these are planned to stay in place
- For contributions you may:
 - Save and put it aside your contribution until things are back to normal
 - If you write cheques, you may send donations in the mail (do not send cash in the mail)
 - You may drop your donation in the Strathmore mail slot (again, not cash)

What can I do now?

Get Connected

- Sign up on [this form](#) to be added to our mailing/text list to make sure you can stay updated.
- Keep checking our website for more information: <http://strathmorecofc.ca/>
- Send this email to other members of our congregation

Get Ready for Sunday

- Prepare for the Lords Supper: buy some unleavened bread (or [make your own](#)) and grape juice.

Please Continue to take the Following Precautions listed below:

- Wash your hands frequently (this is the most effective defense)
- If you are feeling sick, have a fever, a new onset of a cough or difficulty breathing, please stay at home.
- If you have recently travelled from or been in contact with anyone traveling from an area with an active travel health notice, please stay home.
- Limit social contact, such as shaking hands or hugging.

For more information you may visit the Government of Canada website:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/symptoms.html>

These measures are important for the safety of ourselves and others. Everything by God's grace.

Colossians 3:15-17

¹⁵ *Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.* ¹⁶ *Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.* ¹⁷ *And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*