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Dear ECC family and friends,

First off, thank you for your continued encouragement, support and prayers over these last several months. The challenges have been new and unexpected, but God has brought us to this point safely with minimal spread in the ECC body. We are thankful that you have heard our request to follow certain safety protocols and remained faithful to them week after week. We've been able to resume many ministry activities which have been a blessing to many (including us), as well as begin new ways to reach others through virtual means with the Gospel of Jesus.

The Elder team has been prayerfully considering how we should respond to the recent increase in virus spread in the central Illinois region. Like you, there is a lot of information from a lot of different sources and many opinions on the present situation. The Eldership is committed to not make decisions out of fear, but rather through genuine concern for those in our congregation and community. We know we cannot eliminate all risks we each face every day, but we do believe we can take some prudent and practical steps to worship in a way that represents our love for one another.

Given we are approaching Thanksgiving, it is highly probable that some of you may be planning some form of family gathering to celebrate the holiday (albeit smaller or different than is your tradition). With that in mind, we expect it is possible that members of the body could be in a position where we are more susceptible to risk of contracting or spreading the virus than under normal circumstances. With that in mind and given the rise of cases locally, we are going to transition our Sunday morning gatherings to online for the next three Sundays (November 22, November 29 and December 6).

We will continue to assess our local circumstances and share with you how we intend to proceed with ECC Sunday morning ministry gatherings following this three week transition to online only. You can join us for worship online Sunday mornings by visiting [elkhartcc.org](http://elkhartcc.org). There you will find the Sunday sermon, JC worship content and worship content through Scripture reading, music, prayer and a time for participating in the Lord's Supper from your home.

As always, if you have a need (prayer, physical or other) please do not hesitate to reach out to one or all of us. We are available and want to serve you in whatever way might be needed. We are encouraged that we have been able to gather safely for the last several months and we look forward to being able to worship Christ with you this Sunday!

Serving Him with you,

Kris, Korey and Stacy