



Alfred Church of God (Seventh Day)
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Dear Brothers and Sisters of Alfred Church Family and Friends,

My prayer is that you are strong in the Lord and staying healthy!

Amid the flurry of news reports and with some new warnings of outbreaks of the COVID-19 Coronavirus in the Southwest District and Southeast District of the Church, the Alfred Board briefly met on Sabbath after Services. We continue to follow the North Dakota State guidelines for opening our Church but remind our members and visitors that outbreaks are possible. As caring brothers and sisters, we need to be concerned for those in our congregation who are older and for those who have lung or breathing issues.

While we have removed the caution tape from the pews, and you may sit where you like in the church, we still recommend being thoughtful regarding social distancing or wearing a mask when around those who have conditions that make them more vulnerable to illness. Close contact (hand shaking and hugging) are not recommended and using hand sanitizer when you arrive and after any contact with others is strongly advised.

We will continue to leave the offering plate in the back of the church or you may send in your tithes and offerings to Alfred Church of God (Seventh Day), % Rob Hess, 5322 71st Avenue, SE, Alfred ND 58454-9549. We will still plan on having a fellowship meal on the 4th Sabbath, but we will need to appropriately screen any potential visitors who do not regularly attend the Alfred Church to ensure the ongoing safety of all present.

There are some things we do continue to ask of you...

1. If you have been in close contact with someone confirmed to have the Coronavirus... please wait at least two weeks and be free of any symptoms of illness before attending church services.
2. If you have Coronavirus symptoms, please wait two weeks after the symptoms are gone before attending church.
3. Please **courteously respect** the rights of people who still want to social distance or do not wish to shake hands.
Of course, you may continue to follow any restrictions you feel necessary to keep you safe.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me or any of the other Alfred Church of God Board Members.

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In Christ,
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