

WELCOME TO WESTWOODS ONLINE



SERVE OUR CITY DAY – MARCH 29: This day has taken a slight shift with where we find ourselves this week with COVID-19 and seeking to be wise in this moment. We still believe Jesus is calling us to serve our city this Sunday in tangible and intentional ways, but just not in all the specific ways we were thinking of originally.

All that to say we would love to invite you and your family to join us again at 9 am online (links available on Facebook or can be found on our website: westwoodsc.org) for an encouragement in the way of Jesus and then after our online gathering we are encouraging everyone to creatively serve our city.

We would love to encourage our families into this time as we serve amid a stay-at-home order. We can still be outposts of hope in creative ways.

Some ideas:

- Write thank you cards for the grocery store employees.
- Call those in your life who might just need to be listened to and loved by a phone call as some are experiencing the distancing to a greater degree than others.
- Go for a walk as a family/with your dog/by yourself with a trash bag to fill with trash that has collected on your street or down near a creek/park.
- Write some encouragement cards for a retirement/assisted living location. We can also get you connected with Bessie's Hope if you are interested in this idea just send Drew an email for more details: drew@westwoodsc.org.
- Knock on a neighbor's door that you know could use some potential help/assistance or simply presence.
- If you have kiddos, let them call a friend's parent number to connect with their friend to be encouraging and get to share a conversation with them or try a zoom chat with some families that you kids are friends with.
- Do something kind for teachers that have been working so hard to help their students and adjust the learning for them and your family.

Honestly, the best ideas for you may not be any of these and instead asking the Lord what would be a great way to serve those around you. He might produce some fun and wonderful ideas.

We would love to share in what you are doing and get to celebrate the opportunity to serve this Sunday so make a post and tag Westwoods in it or send us an email!

Here, you belong before you believe

THIS WEEK: We are so thankful you chose to watch online! We believe Church is not a place, a program or a building – it's a family. We want you to know you belong here (even before you believe any of this Jesus stuff). Our hope is that your time will build you up, not beat you down.

WESTWOODS COMMUNICATION: We have been sending multiple communications out about the state of emergency we are in and what we can do to serve our community. If you haven't been receiving those, please let us know as we want everyone to be contact with us at info@westwoodsc.org

FOOD DISTRUBITION: Westwoods will be a center for anyone who is need. We will be hosting multiple food distributions through Joys Kitchen Tuesday-Thursday and then Saturday and Sunday from 1pm-3pm.

To Volunteer: <https://Joyskitchen.org/volunteer>

For a Food box:

<https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSfiEMmMSchmFM.../viewform>

LENT -> EASTER: We hope that you can participate on some level this Lenten season. Whether that is following along with the Lent invitations in this program the past four weeks or in other ways. The excitement for Easter is building and our friends and family are at their most spiritually sensitive time this time of the year, regardless the craziness of this year. Did you know that only 2% of people in church will invite their friends to come with them/watch online with them? Let's destroy that stat as a Westwoods community. Who are you sharing our living stream and online options for connection and growth this Easter season with?

Easter Egg Hunt – April 11: Easter Egg Hunts are such a great time to pull the family together and spend intentional time as kids look for the eggs and get to celebrate in their findings. It is unfortunate we do not get to celebrate this tradition together with our community this year, but we want to encourage you and your family to engage this as creatively as you wish.

You can have small Easter egg hunt hosted at your house for you and another family or just your family, check out the resource for DIY resurrection eggs and learn about ways to engage those with your family, dye some hard boiled eggs this year with your kids and while you do so talk to them about life, friends, and Jesus.

This will be a different year but our hope is that people all over Lakewood and elsewhere look back at 2020 not saying, "oh man that was the year my life was shut down because of a virus" and instead say, "oh man that was the year that Jesus met in sweet ways and changed my life."

<https://lifeyourway.net/diy-resurrection-eggs-easter-story-book-printables/>

HERE, YOU'RE FAMILY!



THIS WEEK: Have you been tuning into Westwoods TV? This last week we launch our first every Westwoods TV on Facebook Live Video and other platforms. We will be working to bring you LIVE content at the times below on our webpage, YouTube, Facebook and even Instagram IGTV for selected content.

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MARCH 30 -
APRIL 5



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VIDEOS LIVE
ON
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MONDAY 30

- 9a - Couples Connect with the Daugherty's
- 10a - Kids Story Time with Drew
- 12noon - Updates and Encouragement with Rick
- 3p - THRIVING Parenting with Sarah
- 8p - Women's Devo with shanna

TUESDAY 31

- 9a - Morning Prayer with Melissa
- 10a - Kids Story time with Drew
- 12noon - Updates and Encouragement with Rick
- 3p - LIVE worship with Brady
- 8p - Hope in This Moment with Taryn Fuchs

WEDNESDAY 1

- 5a - Prayer with Elders (email for a link to join info@westwoodsc.org)
- 10a - Kids Story Time with Drew
- 12noon - updates and encouragement with Rick
- 3p - Weird As Bible Stories with Joe

THURSDAY 2

- 9a - Mens Chat
- 10a - Kids Story Time with Drew
- 12noon - Updates and Encouragement with Rick
- 3p - Mom Moment with Nicole
- 8p - Elder's Psalms and Prayer

FRIDAY 3

- 9a - Community Engagements Info and Celebration with Josh Brink
- 10a - Kids Story time with Drew
- 12noon - Updates and Encouragement with Rick
- 3p - Afternoon Coffee with Alison and Kelly

SATURDAY 4

SOCIAL MEDIA FASTING DAY

SUNDAY 5

9A - SUNDAY SERVICE!
**SUNDAY SERVICE ALSO
LIVE AT
WESTWOODSCC.ORG**

NOTES:

- Rick and Drew's 10am and 12noon Live videos will NOT BE on the westwoodsc.org page. Catch them on Facebnook ONLY!
- STUDENT Zoom Chats happen at various times! Email us for link: drew@westwoodsc.org**

LENT - WEEK 4

As we continue the season of lent this week. The invitation into a practice is to read over the poem below. Sit with its image of releasing control to a loving father who likes what he sees. What rooms are you holding onto or what invitations is he offering for you to trust him with more of your life? God is prodigal; so are the chances God gives you.

Sister Margaret Halaska once captured this wonderfully in a poem entitled

"Covenant":

The Father Knocks at my door, seeking a home
for his son:
 Rent is cheap, I say.
I don't want to rent. I want to buy, says God.
 I'm not sure I want to sell,
 But you might come in to look around.
 I think I will, says God.
 I might let you have a room or two.
 I like it, says God. I'll take the two.
You might decide to give me more some day.
 I can wait, says God.
 I'd like to give you more,
But it's a bit difficult. I need some space for me.
 I know, says God, but I'll wait. I like what I see.
 Hm, maybe I can let you have another room.
 I really don't mind that much.
Thanks, says God, I'll take it. I like what I see.
 I'd like to give you the whole house
 But I'm not sure --
 Think on it, says God, I wouldn't put you out.
Your house would be mine and my son would live in it.
 You'd have more space than you'd ever had before.
 I don't understand at all.
 I know, says God, but I can't tell you about that.
 You'll have to discover it for yourself.
That can only happen if you let him have the whole house.
 A bit risky, I say.
 Yes, says God, but try me.
 I'm not sure --
 I'll let you know.
 I can wait, says God. I like what I see.



Sue
Barnett



Josh & Tiffney
Brink



Joe & Sarah
Brooks



Drew & Shelby
Cole



Alison & Nick
Cotter



Josh & Hannah
Hause



James & CarylMay
Herlyck



Brady & Melissa
Loyd



Chris & Nicole
Loyd



Lee & Lori
Loyd



Rick & Shanna
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