

ACTIVATE

LIFE CHURCH • SUMMER 2020

A HEART FOR THE HURTING

During this national crisis, the mission field was in our own backyard. Look inside to see how your generosity made an impact.



A LETTER FROM PASTOR AARON



Life Church Family,

I want to take a minute and express my extreme gratitude for how you have continued to be the church in the middle of so much chaos. The world desperately needs encouragement, stability, and generosity right now, and I am so refreshed by your overwhelming display of them all. It is moments like these where I am reminded that nothing works like the local church works when the local church works the way the local church is designed to work.

Not only have I seen your response, but the community has taken note as well. Over the past few weeks we've given over 50,000 pounds of groceries away to families in need, made over 500 PPE masks for hospitals, delivered meals for several local

organizations, brought lunch to several hospitals, and helped ministries record videos to further their reach in Wisconsin. We have also seen record numbers of people join our online services, and 91 people make decisions to follow Jesus. I can say with confidence that your impact is being felt and the gospel is being advanced, even when you do not get to see it consistently.

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As we progress into the summer, I know the question is going to be, “When are we going to be able to meet together again?” We are taking that

one day at a time, and will continue to monitor and adhere to the guidelines of local officials. It is so difficult to set any sort of date, but I am optimistic we will be able to see each other soon.

To stay up to date on our response and plan as a church, go to www.lifechurchwi.com/coronavirus or text “LCUpdates” to 97000.

It's moments like these where we show the world where our hope lies. I am reminded of the prophet Isaiah when he says, “But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.” Let's be the church who is filled with an unshakable hope in the Lord our God!



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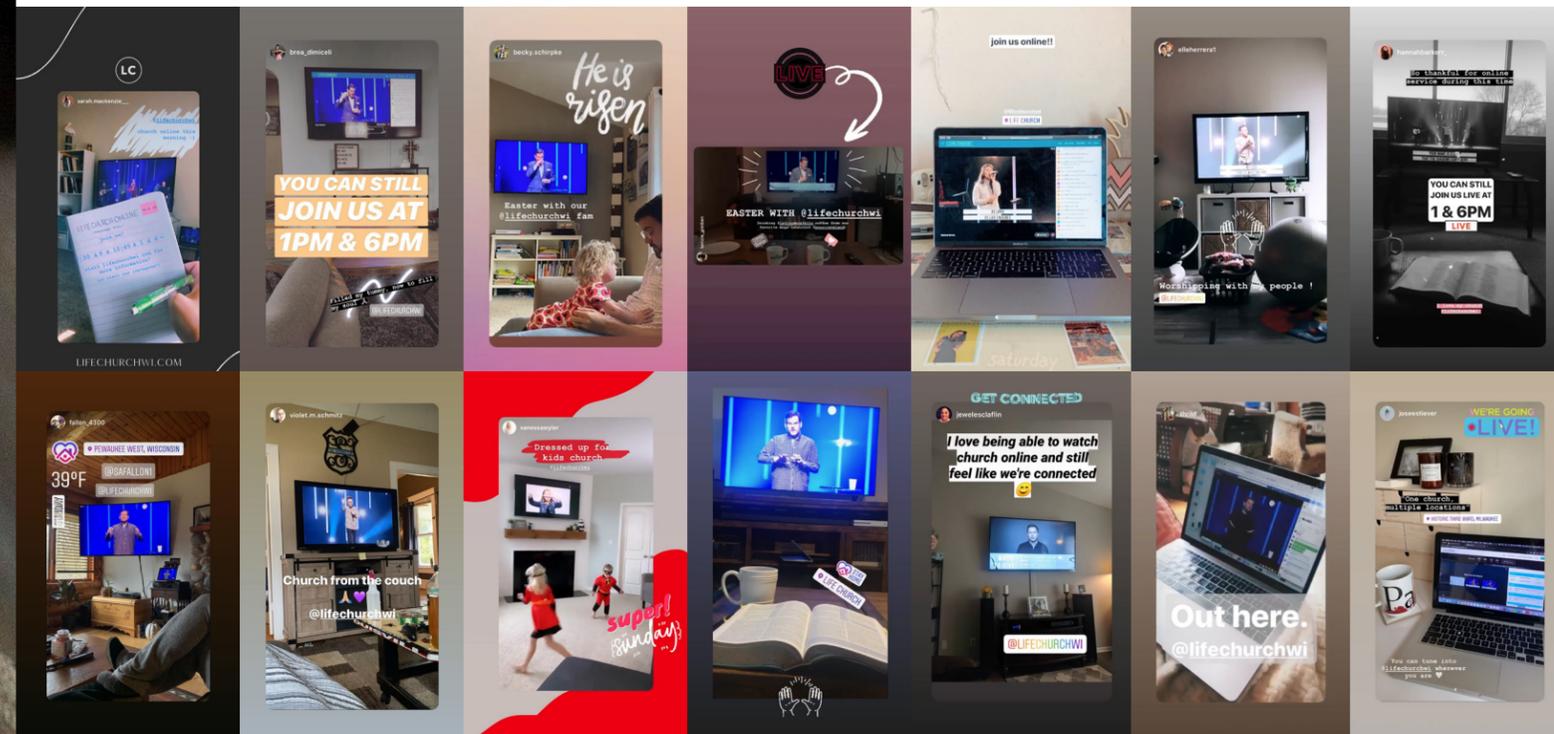
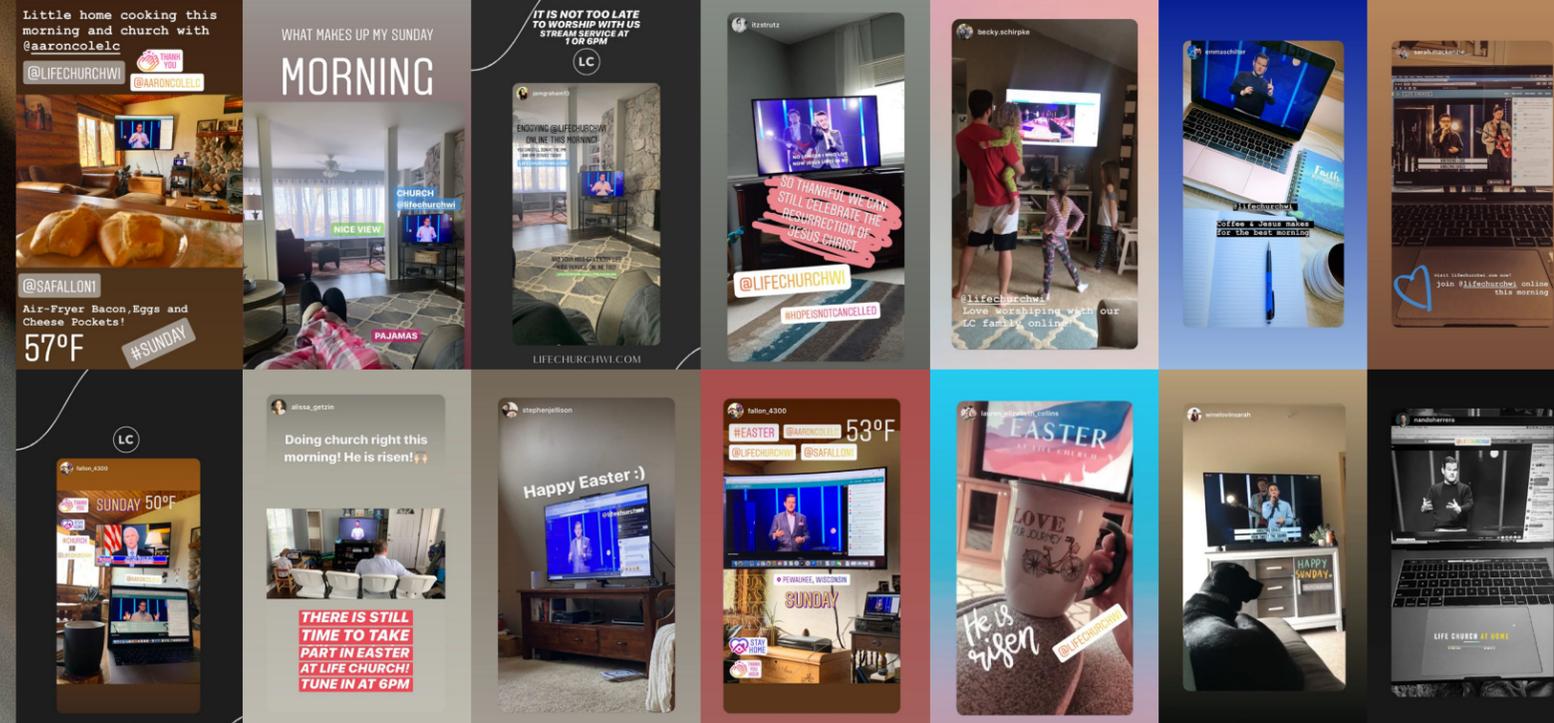
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ONE CHURCH IN MANY LOCATIONS

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Historian, Rodney Stark, says Christianity overtook paganism when 2 plagues around 160 and 200s wiped out 1/3 of Mediterranean world. While everyone ran to save themselves, Christians stayed to care for the sick and dying. Pastor Aaron shared this fact with us on the Life Church team when the health emergency began to unfold in early March. That model of the early church helped put this whole situation into perspective for us. We knew that closing down and waiting for this all to blow over was not an option. This was the time for the church to be the church.

We quickly went to work identifying needs in our local communities, but that was not as easy as it sounded. In the early stages of this health emergency, nobody knew what was going to happen. Was there going to be a shortage of supplies, workers, or both? Was this going to go for weeks? Months? With this

uncertainty, we decided to cast a wide net. We reached out to hospitals, businesses, ministries, missionaries, and other churches. Not everyone responded. Some had very little work to go around, and others were completely overloaded. But within the first few weeks, the needs started to present themselves.

Pastor Aaron always says, "We can't do everything, but we can do something." So we shared those needs on our various social media platforms, our website, and via email with our Life Church attenders and we were blown away by the immediate response. We soon had a full list of volunteers, financial support, and the resources we needed to start making an impact.

That first week, we walked through the neighborhood around the Milwaukee Campus and left flyers for the Life Center on the doors of the elderly giving them the ability to ask for

assistance. We were able to deliver groceries and supplies to several houses through those flyers. We partnered with Hunger Task Force and the Milwaukee Public School system to prepare and deliver meals for the families that attend Townsend Public School and other schools in the area.

We reached out and let local churches know that they could use our video equipment to record their services digitally. We knew many could not do so on their own, and we wanted to help them reach as many people as possible during this emergency. Nothing works like the local church works when the local church works the way the local church is designed to work. We were able to consult with a few churches and ministries to produce their services, including Youth Alive, who used our equipment to record several encouraging videos. After filming with us, they then distributed their videos to thousands of students in multiple states. Because of your financial support, we also equipped several missionaries with cameras and other equipment that have allowed them to continue to minister to needs in their communities all around the world.

Chick-Fil-A on 124th and Capitol Drive reached out to us to ask if we could help them deliver free meals to people in need and healthcare workers. Our volunteers have been delivering these much-appreciated meals weekly since the health emergency started. These hospitals also asked us to help them meet one of their greatest needs, medical masks. The Brookfield Campus life group, Piece Makers, and the Germantown Campus life group, Sew Chics, gathered the templates and materials and went hard to work. Between them, and the help

of other Life Church attenders, they were able to produce over 500 much-needed masks for these hospitals and organizations!

But throughout all of this, we kept hearing that there were families and vulnerable individuals who were stuck at home and running low on food and supplies. So we partnered with Convoy of Hope, a disaster relief non-profit organization, to drive in a semi-truck worth of supplies weighing in at over 36,000 pounds to our Germantown Campus. There, with the help of volunteers, we sorted and bagged the supplies and, through contactless delivery, delivered them to over 550 families. But the need was great, and we had 163 families on a waiting list. So again, we reached out to you through social media and email, and you responded in generosity. We were able to purchase additional food and supplies, package, and deliver them to all of the families on the waiting list. We will continue to provide meals for families in need through our 100,000 meal initiative through Life Center Milwaukee. If you would like to participate, visit lifechurchwi.com/100k

Our work isn't done. This health emergency is still unfolding, and the effects of it will likely be felt for years to come. But with the example of the early church, we have been able to show our community the love of Christ. Thanks to you giving of your time, your talent, and your treasure we are and will continue to be the church to a lost and dying world. And we know, the church is the hope of the world. Thank you, Life Church.



Whether you are looking for a place to meet new friends, grow spiritually, or serve your community, there is a group for you. We encourage everyone to join a Life Group and experience the fullness of fellowship with other believers. Life Church campuses offer an assortment of groups designed to help you meet and grow alongside people near you that are passionate about challenging, building and activating their faith.

The summer session starts in June, but we know there may still be limitations to meeting sizes at that time. If that is the case, your life group leader will communicate to you any adjustments to the schedule and/or meeting format.

Each summer group will continue through August. Groups often meet weekly, bi-weekly or monthly.

There are a couple of ways to sign up. You can sign up at lifechurchwi.com or on the Life Church app at any time.*

BROOKFIELD CAMPUS LIFE GROUPS

GROUP TYPES

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| A Age Appropriate | B Biblical/Book Study | C Care & Recovery |
| F Family & Marriage | M Men | O Outreach/Serving |
| S Special Interest | W Women | |

* You are welcome to register for any campus' life group regardless of which campus you regularly attend.

APPLETON CAMPUS LIFE GROUPS

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- A** Age Appropriate
- B** Biblical/Book Study
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- F** Family & Marriage
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- S** Special Interest
- W** Women

GERMANTOWN CAMPUS LIFE GROUPS

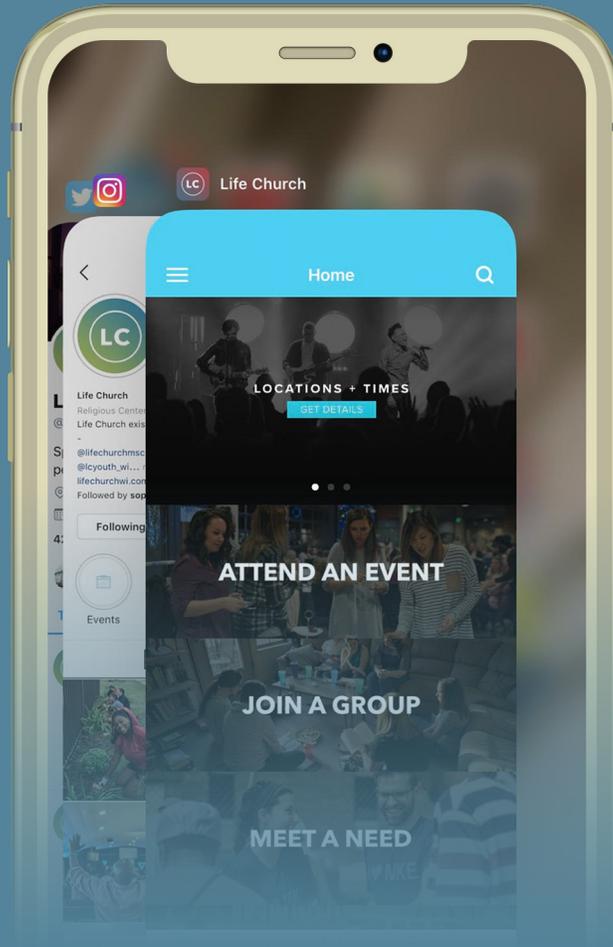
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