

# Headwaters Newsletter

His Church is not a building or a physical location. It is a living, breathing, holy temple built with living stones.



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*"While you are in your home and while you are thinking about what is going on in the world, let's turn our hearts and our eyes to the heavens and think about our great God."*

- Chase Ringler  
Director of  
Youth Ministry

## Coronavirus Update

### Headwaters Church Office Closed

Monday our Governor issued a stay-at-home order beginning Tuesday (3/24) at 11:59pm until 11:59pm, Monday, April 6.

Headwaters Church is therefore closing our physical church office and ministry staff will be working remotely.

Phones and email will be monitored remotely during normal office hours (M-F 9am-4pm).

We encourage our church family to become familiar with the [particulars of this mandate](#) and act in accordance with it. ■

## New City Catechism

### Home Discipleship Week 2

We hope you enjoyed studying the New City Catechism Question 1 and Question 2 this week. What a joy to internalized these truths together even while we are physically apart.

Be sure to take advantage of the resources on our website designed to enrich your spiritual growth at home through the coming months.

Every Saturday and Wednesday by 7pm (pending any unforeseen technical difficulties) there will be **Bonus Video Content from our staff**, giving further insight from God's word relating to that day's question.

On our website you will also find **Discussion Questions** prepared

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## Home Discipleship continued

by our staff to enrich your time together as a family or your own personal study. *These will be uploaded each Saturday and Wednesday by 7pm, corresponding to the day's NCC Question.*

Don't forget the great **Children's Activity pages** that our Children's Ministry is providing to help you relate the material to your kids' lives. It includes music and video links, memorization ideas, teaching prompts, kid-size discussion questions, coloring pages, activities and more! *Look for these on our website each Saturday and Wednesday by 7pm*

Find a **Schedule** and much more at: [headwaterschurch.org/coronavirus](http://headwaterschurch.org/coronavirus) under the HOME DISCIPLESHIP tab. ■

Communication

## We need your email address

During this time of physical separation we need to lean heavily on technology to communicate with you.

Please send an email to [jfredrick@headwaterschurch.org](mailto:jfredrick@headwaterschurch.org).



## How does Zoom work?

Many Headwaters groups have begun using Zoom as a tool to connect! You can find a link and answers to Frequently Asked Questions and some scheduled meeting times on our website. Go to [headwaterschurch.org/coronavirus](http://headwaterschurch.org/coronavirus) under the OTHER RESOURCES tab. ■



“During these unprecedented times, our church is working to insure we take advantage of the opportunity to share the love of Christ with our community and neighbors. We have sought to maximize partnerships and initiate conversations with individuals to identify needs we might meet as a church family. Keep checking our website for new opportunities and let us know if you discern a way to offer hope and encouragement.”

– Christine Overholt, Director of Women's Ministry



Opportunities to Serve

# Loving our Neighbors & One Another Well

The heart of Headwaters has been so evident in your response to those around you during this time.

## Help Vulnerable Moms & Babies

Headwaters is collecting items to help vulnerable moms and babies in our community. Items we are collecting: **Infant Formula** (any brand. Examples: Similac, Enfamil, Gerber, store brand); **Baby Wipes** (any brand); **Diapers** (any brand. Newborn and/or Size 1 diapers); **Overnight feminine products** (any brand). You can drop these items off at the church building on Wallen Road, Door #1 on **Wed, Apr 1 from 11am-noon or 4-5pm**. There will be a collection

box. Questions? email Christine Overholt [coverholt@headwaterschurch.org](mailto:coverholt@headwaterschurch.org).

## Sew Masks for First Responders

A local Churubusco company has been asked to produce 5000 face masks for local medical and law enforcement agencies. If you sew, please check it out. You can pick up kits of supplies for 16 masks M-F 9am-4:30pm at: Sew What, LLC, 125 N Main St., Churubusco, Indiana 46723. Note: they are trying to have a 24 hour turn around on each kit they

distribute. Written & step-by-step photo instructions are available on our website. You can also find more information on their [facebook page](#).

## Join our Encouraging Words Team

If you would like to join our Headwaters Encouraging Words Team in writing and sending cards to people in our congregation needing encouragement, or if you know of someone who is in need of encouraging words, please email Carol Schrock at [carolschrock@gmail.com](mailto:carolschrock@gmail.com).

## Future Opportunities

You can discover ways you can serve our church family and our community on the homepage of our website or under the SERVE menu. Go to: [headwaterschurch.org](http://headwaterschurch.org). ■

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### Local churches go online

Services streamed following order to ban gatherings amid virus

ASHLEY SLOBODA  
The Journal Gazette

Elevate City Church posted a meme Sunday morning on Facebook that is faithful countryside could likely appreciate the image of a residential or plan with the caption, "Looking at this map trying to decide where to go to church on Sunday."

The coronavirus pandemic kept us empty for weekly religious services, prompting Elevate City and other churches to connect with parishioners digitally.

In a pre-recorded message broadcast online Sunday, pastor Kyle Mills of Elevate City Church on Coldwater said told the more than 50 online viewers that being in a room with empty chairs was tough.

Bishop Kevin Rhoades of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend also acknowledged the unusual situation.

"How strange it is to celebrate today Mass in an empty cathedral," Rhoades said before beginning his ministry to an online audience of about 1,000.

"Thank you for spiritually connecting to this Mass."

Dr. Deborah McMahan, Allen County health commissioner, appreciated the religious community's cooperation as the number of coronavirus cases increase locally.

On Saturday, McMahan prohibited church gatherings of more than 10 people to help slow the spread of COVID-19, the illness caused by the virus.

The order - effective through 11 p.m. April 11 - was issued after health officials learned some congregations were gathering in small, separate groups of 10 for Bible study or other services.

The order does not affect child care or other services operated from homes or churches' ability to conduct congregations online.

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In the News

## Preaching in an empty room

Headwaters Church and other Fort Wayne churches were featured on the front page of the [Journal Gazette](#) Monday, March 23, as it bore witness to how the faith community is adjusting to these unprecedented times. John Suci was quoted in the article: "John Suci, senior pastor of Headwaters Church, highlighted Scripture that underscored how faith can help in times of uncertainty. 'The reality is God has done something, and he has given us this amazing Son of His as our Savior,' Suci said to his virtual audience. '... Remember that your God sent Him to save you from your sins, and you will have certainty in the midst of this chaos, and you will have comfort in the midst of this confusion.'" ■

“This is a unique time in our history that comes with a lot of uncertainty and fear, and we believe at Headwaters that in the middle of that uncertainty we have an opportunity to point others toward the God of all peace that surpasses understanding.”

Jon Dammeyer  
Children's Ministry Director



## Online Giving

Thank you all for your flexibility in adopting many recent changes, including giving online through the [Church Center online giving portal](#). We encourage those of you using Church Center to give via the **ACH option**, which substantially reduces transaction fees.

**Dropping off your giving is no longer an option due to the church office being closed. Please do not put anything in our mailbox, you may give by mail or online safely.**

### Ministry Spotlight: Headwaters Music

## Worship Playlist on YouTube

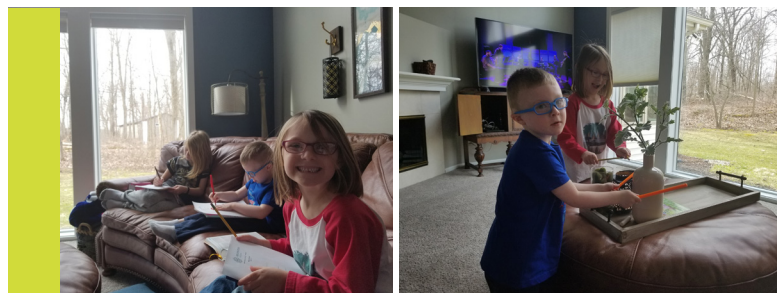
The Headwaters Music Ministry has been intentional and innovative these last two weeks to provide our church family with the same quality music and content they always do—this time in our own living rooms. You can check out their growing playlist on our [Headwaters Church YouTube channel](#). ■

We are the Church | Photos of YOU!

## The Church at Home

**We want to see YOU! Send us pictures of how your family is worshiping, learning, encouraging or serving others, or just being together. Send photos to [jenifer.potter@gmail.com](mailto:jenifer.potter@gmail.com)** ■

The Stauffer family enjoyed John's sermon Sunday morning at home.



Left: Caroline, Caleb & Caitlyn Odle taking notes during John's sermon. Right: Caitlyn & Caleb drum along with Jeff Minard as their family watches the Sunday Service online.

The Fawcett family used the biggest screen in the house to make "church" BIG and SPECIAL for their young kids, because it is.



Let us know how we can pray for you. Fill out the Prayer Request Form on our [website](#).

### Giving Totals

Last Week General Giving	\$27,491	YTD General Giving	\$460,306
Weekly General Budget	\$36,875	YTD General Budget	\$442,500
<b>Amplify Giving*</b>		"Chapel Phase" Goal	\$250,000
Last Week Giving	\$1,280	Total "Chapel" Giving	\$153,600
2020 YTD Giving	\$65,056	Remaining Needed	\$96,400
		Total Amplify Fund Giving	\$787,211

\*The Amplify Fund is a building fund for preparing our new facility at 2000 N. Wells Street for current & future ministries.

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