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OUR MISSION

To worship, learn and grow together in the knowledge of God and His Word. We are then sent into the world to share God's love, teach His Word, and serve those in need.

CONGREGATION MEETING JUNE 14TH AT 11:00 ON ZOOM

Our Congregational Meeting for the mid-year will be held on Zoom on June 14th at 11:00 following the GiG worship service at 10:00. We will be using the credentials that we use to operate the 8:30 worship service. You will want to log in on to Zoom with the following credentials: Open Zoom and select "Join Meeting"

Enter Meeting ID: 828 018 101

Password: 300551

We will be going over the news of the year so far, what the committees have been up to since last June, approve the minutes from the January and vote for the new Committee leaders to council.

We look forward to seeing you there!



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We love you, we miss you, we thank you for staying safe, we cannot wait to see you again!

WE'VE REKEYD THE CHURCH

St. Luke's reopening team made one of their first changes to help limit the possibility of exposure of COVID-19 and secure the facility by changing the locks on Monday, June 1st. The keys that originally were used to open the facility no longer work in our locks. If you need to get in touch with Erin in the office, please feel free to give the office a call or try her via email at Erin.beard@stlukeschurch.net. She is working in the office in a limited capacity and is happy to help your needs.



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UPDATING OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY

Mary Jean Bell and Judy Schreiber have been working to update our church directory. They have been making calls and updates over the last few weeks.

If you would like a copy of our print directory that Mary Jean Bell and Judy Schreiber have put together, please contact them.

Judy Schreiber: 734-856-4235 and Mary Jean Bell: 734-847-6110.



Dear friends in Christ,

It has been so long since we have been together in person and I do miss you all terribly. I wanted to start by saying “thank you” for all the amazing love and support you have showed my family as we brought home baby Noelle. I want to especially thank Pastor Kari. She had just started to serve with St. Luke’s when I went on maternity leave and then had Covid set in. I believe that she led with grace during this time. I also want to thank Erin Beard for all the behind the scenes work she is doing to keep us all in contact with one another. And I want to thank the church leadership for their stead presence.

A little about our adoption process. With all of the closings, including in the government, our process has been slowed down dramatically. We are still in what is consider the “legal risk” period, which means that Noelle’s birth mother or birth father could file a petition to seek custody. Technically it is only supposed to last 28 days but with the courts closed our agency cannot verify that no petitions have been filed and so we remain in this sort of limbo. It is very unlikely either birth parent will file a petition but what it means is that we have to be limited on how much we share about Noelle, especially on Facebook. So, again, thank you for your prayers and continued support, you mean the world to us!

If you had told me when I started my call with St. Luke’s that in 2020 we would have online as the only option available to us for worship I don’t think I’d have believed you. The world has changed quickly. Please know that this is not my preferred method of worship and I wish we could be meeting in person. But, I believe that it is important to seek the safest methods to protect the most people. That is how we are showing the love of Christ right now, by not exposing people to any more risk than need be. I understand that there is so much information out there and some seems conflicting, but the leadership of St. Luke’s is doing its best to make decisions that are based in the love of Christ for our neighbors. In part, we have to make sure that we have all the necessary items for providing a sanitary space when people do come into worship. We want to have a procedure in place for how we limit the number of people in a worship service and how to provide safe seating. Having enough and easily accessible hand sanitizer as well as masks is a priority before we can resume our services. Worship life is talking about what worship will look like when we return because congregational singing and partaking of communion will not be a part of our services as we begin again.

I understand that it may be hard if we start to see other churches begin reopening when we are still meeting digitally. But we have committed to re-opening the best and safest ways we are able. I would rather go a little slower and make sure we have everything in place than risk having someone or multiple people infected. Corporate, in person worship has been proving to be a hotbed for the virus to spread. And I love each one of you and when I close my eyes and picture you each in the sanctuary for worship, I feel a lump in my throat at the possibility that any one could be infected and lost to our fold.

Researchers have found that about every 500 years or so, the church undergoes a dramatic reformation. If you think back, the last major reformation happened in the 1500s and included Martin Luther. We are 500 years out from the last reformation. You might say the church is “due” for one. I think we can look at this time as a way that the Spirit moved the church into really looking at what it means to be together in worship, what can church look like outside of buildings, and perhaps how, going forward, we can better integrate virtual worship alongside our in person gatherings. We are being gifted an opportunity to be innovative with how we reach out with the Good News. In the midst of the fear and sorrow and anger that is swirling around the world today, I hope that we can at least try to gain some excitement for the possibilities before us and to offer thanksgiving that we have a way that allows us to gather, even when we are at our homes.

The time we are in right now is not easy. Pastor Kari, myself, Erin, and your church leadership are doing our best to make decisions that are faithful as well as carefully considered. We long to be back together with you and look forward to the day that is a possibility. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you need to talk, if you have concerns, or if you have a pastoral care need.

My prayers surround each of you in these days and may the Holy Spirit hold you until we meet again.

Blessings,



2 Conduct yourselves with all humility, gentleness, and patience. Accept each other with love, 3 and make an effort to preserve the unity of the Spirit with the peace that ties you together... 29 Don't let any foul words come out of your mouth. Only say what is helpful when it is needed for building up the community so that it benefits those who hear what you say. 30 Don't make the Holy Spirit of God unhappy—you were sealed by him for the day of redemption. 31 Put aside all bitterness, losing your temper, anger, shouting, and slander, along with every other evil. 32 Be kind, compassionate, and forgiving to each other, in the same way God forgave you in Christ. —Ephesians 4:2-3, 29-32

Dear siblings in Christ, my St Luke's community of faith,

These days are long and hard. I never, in all of my years of discerning a call to ministry that began many years ago when I was still a school-aged child, in all of my years of seminary training and ministry preparations, in all of my previous calls; I never anticipated in all of these years that I would find myself in a time when all of the work of ministry and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ in our world would be happening entirely outside of in-person gatherings. I never imagined that all of the pastoral care I would do would need to be completed only via phone calls and letters, emails, Zoom, or Facebook. I never imagined navigating the depths of technology and video editing software and internet meetings in order to figure out how we remain connected and the gathered community, the gathered Body of Christ, when doing so in-person puts people in danger.

And yet, this is the current reality where we find ourselves. We find ourselves living in circumstances that requires us to love our neighbor by doing so from a distance. We find ourselves living in circumstances where being too close to one another, even just to share in conversation, puts one another, and those with whom we later come into contact, at risk. We find ourselves facing the reality that many of the things that we consider to be central to our worship together are pieces that are particularly dangerous—congregational singing, humming, unison speaking, receiving communion, being gathered for fellowship. My heart longs, as I know yours do, to return to “normal,” to “get back” to what we knew life and worship to be when we last gathered in early March. Leading worship through technology is not my preference. Still, I am grateful that we have a means of continuing to be the gathered Body of Christ, even if we cannot do so in our building at this time.

There was a time, not all that long ago, when churches were closed for many months to worship because of sickness in the communities, though at that time, of course, there were not many other options for people to worship together. So, I find myself grateful that though imperfect, at least in these days, we have tools available to us that allow us to still hear the gospel and still be connected to one another. Pr Robyn and I know that none of this is perfect and we are continuing to work to improve upon what we are doing while also considering our resources.

I know we are all growing impatient and frustrated and itching for these times to come to an end, to get back to the way things used to be. I know that there may be some frustration as we see others beginning to congregate and we are not yet prepared to do so. Please know and trust that as we make decisions, we are not doing so in a silo—we are in conversation with many in our congregation, as well as seeking guidance and consultation from outside groups and listening to the advice of medical experts, the challenge is that we are still learning about his virus, and advice and recommendations are often changing. When we do begin to gather, we will be doing so with as much care as we can to ensure that we gather as safely as possible, erring on the side of caution for those in our community who are most vulnerable.

I know these times are hard and that we are living into them from various walks of life. Some of us are eager to see an end to restrictions and to move on, to get back to “life as normal.” Others are anxious and are afraid of what “returning to normal” will mean for them or their loved ones. Some are angry that their lives were put on hold or that they are being asked to take precautions that feel extreme or unnecessary. Others are angry that people are refusing to take precautions. Some are struggling with what this has meant for their work or financial security, others are struggling with what this means for their health and physical well-being. Many are struggling with the mental and emotional weights that this has brought into all of our lives. We are all approaching these times from various places and differing sets of worries. Wherever you are on the spectrum of emotions or concerns, all of us are valid and important. As we are one in the Body of Christ, though we may disagree, the author of Ephesians reminds us of our identity and how we respond to one another and to others—with humility, patience, and gentleness; with compassion and words of kindness; with demonstrations of love and forgiveness. Let us, in these times, never cease to love with abundance and extend grace and mercy in overflowing portion.

I look forward to the day when it is safe for us to embrace one another in the love of Christ,

Pastor Kari

ST LUKE'S PLANS FOR RE-OPENING

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

We have missed gathering with you in the church building greatly but we continue to consider what is the most loving, safest and faithful way to return to corporate worship.

A team has been meeting to discuss what we need to have in place in order to reopen the church. Denzil Bell has written a letter from this team with which we both agree that we will share next. This team has been diligent and meticulous in thinking through what needs to be done. While we do not have a set date for in person worship to resume know that we are working towards that goal. We will continue to listen to and follow government recommendations as they are appropriate and we will follow the CDC and other medical guidelines, as well as those provided by the ELCA and our synod as they pertain to our denominational practices for gathered worship, as they are released.

We will be offering "communion to go" services where you can drive to the church overhang and, while remaining in your car, participate in a brief time of worship and receive communion. Please continue to pray for us, our secretary Erin, our leadership team, and our reopening team as they work to be faithful to our calling as Christians.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Kari and Pastor Robyn

St Luke's Lutheran Church +Communication (written by Denzil Bell on behalf of the reopening team.)

As we get closer to a time of returning to a more normal congregational life, we thought it time to let you know of the planning that is going on behind the scenes toward reopening the church.

When I say "we", I'm speaking about the committee that has been working to plan for reopening. That committee consists of: Andy Nieman, Paul Manor, Griff Crammond, Bob Cook, Denzil Bell, Erin Beard, Jean Roberts, Pastor Robyn and Pastor Kari.

We've been meeting on Zoom, and have been reviewing many documents put out by the State of Michigan, The Southeast Michigan Synod, The Wisconsin Synod, The CDC, and many more as we try to be sure we're covering all the requirements that might be necessary to keep us all safe.

The State of Michigan is in control of when we can think about opening. As you know we are still under a Governors Emergency Order to shelter in place at this time. The state's plan is divided into six phases. We are currently in Phase 3, and it is not until Phase 4 that we can begin to have some use of our church on a restricted basis. It is not until Phase 5 that we can return to limited Sunday Worship.

The committee has set a target date of June 1 to have everything in place that will be needed to start the Phase 4 restricted use of the church building.

When we get to Phase 5, there will still be significant limitations to what we can experience as part of worship service.

Some things that are being done now to prepare for the time we can start opening up include:

Limiting access to the building - we are in the process of re-keying the building to limit who can come in and go out as each time someone comes in there is a need to sanitize everywhere they have been in case they have brought the virus with them. Very shortly, the keys you have for the outside of the building will no longer work.

Installation of a electronic entry system that will allow us to issue new permissions for entry to the building on an as need basis.

Purchase and set-up of hand sanitizing stations at each entrance to assist in the requirement that everyone entering "must" sanitize their hands.

Provision of face masks for those who show up without them, as it will be restored that everyone wear a face mask. (Please bring your own with you, as we will have a limited supply to hand out).

Initially, there will not be singing as part of our worship service as singing is a major potential for infecting others, (we might have some preorder music to enhance of praise of a merciful God, but we will not be singing as a congregation).

Service times will be changed as there is a need to sanitize the facility between each service so as not to infect one service the germs of the preceding service. (volunteers will be needed to help with this task).

We will need to change the way we enter and leave the Worship services so as to maintain social distancing for some time to come.

Likewise we will be restricting seating in the sanctuary as it pertains to social distancing for our mutual protection.

Gatherings, like the end of service receiving lines, coffee hours, fellowship activities, etc. will be discontinued until further notice.

Parishioners who are among the “at risk” category will be encouraged to continue to worship from home. In that regard we will continue to offer on-line worship for the foreseeable future.

The committee is working on your behalf to keep all of us safe, and at the same time return to a more normal worship.

More information will be forthcoming with specific instructions on how we enter and leave, where we can sit, how we can sanitize in entrance to the building the etc. as we get closer to the reality of meeting together in person.

Please, please, please, be patient with us as we strive to keep you safe.

Please, please, please continue to keep us in your prayers as we need your prayers for guidance as we deliberate on your behalf.

Please, please, please continue in your financial support (as you are able) as we need to be able to financially support the cost of changes being made, and to support those who are in need because of employment loss.

And finally, please, please, please, do call us with your concerns and suggestions. No one is an expert as we try to deal with this pandemic, and your input is welcomed.

Keep the faith, and rest assured that we are still under the care of a loving God who is in full control, and has promised us to work everything for the good for those who love Him. — Denzil Bell

CHURCH OFFERING REPORT

The church offering year to date through the end of April was \$92,566. Our expenses for this same period were \$131,014 or \$38,488 behind expenses. Our budget for this period was \$139,402 (\$46,836 behind budget).

Our offering is part of our worship. It is our opportunity to give back to God from what we have already received. The offering is collected for the mission of the church. It is used to allow ministry to continue happening, including caring for those in need. We know that these are uncertain and anxious times. As you are able, we ask that you make sure to remember St Luke’s in your giving as you are able. Your offering allows us to continue ministering to our community and can also be used to care for those who are facing additional challenges and finding themselves in greater need. You are not obligated to give but are invited to do so. There are several ways to continue giving during these days—you can mail your offering into the church or give your offering through Tithe.ly. Link to our tithe.ly account for online giving: <https://tithe.ly/give?c=87749>

— Andy Nieman, Congregation President

PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM

Your church council executive committee has applied for and received approval of monies from the Federal governments Small Business Association Paycheck Protection Program issued under the CARES act. This program provides monies to small business and non profits for payroll and utilities costs during the governments mandated shut down for the coronavirus. The loan can be forgiven if 75% of the loan is specifically used for payroll costs for the St. Luke’s staff. The remainder of the loan can be used for interest on mortgages, rent or utilities. In St. Luke’s case it would be used for utilities. Your St. Luke’s executive committee will file for loan forgiveness as required by the program.

— Andy Nieman, Congregation President

MELANOMA

Melanoma of the skin is the least common of skin cancers, but the most serious. It can occur anywhere on your skin and even in the sclera, white part of the eyes. It looks like an unusual shape and color lesion on the skin, such as changes of a mole, more commonly on one's back, legs, and face, areas that are more exposed to the sun. The lesion will increase in size and spread easily, sometimes with bleeding and itching. It can then spread into one's lymph nodes into the body organs, therefore needs to be treated early.

Fair skinned people are more susceptible, but dark skinned people have also had melanomas. There has been an increase with women who use tanning booths. It is more common with one who has had a history of sunburns and a family history of melanomas.

The Dr. (Dermatologist) will biopsy the area first, and only if more advanced, see if it has spread to the lymph nodes by doing a CT scan or PET scan. Surgery will easily remove the lesion, and if advanced, a lymph gland removal with chemotherapy or radiation therapy to follow. One of the most recent therapies is immunotherapy drugs given to boost the body's immune system.



There are many preventative measures especially avoiding the sun between 10AM and 4PM. Wear sunscreen year around even on cloudy days. Wear protective clothing, which has become very popular in the stores with UVA and UVB protection. Stay away from tanning booths. Examine your own skin often, even your feet and hands. With summer almost here, let's try to follow these guidelines.

Many blessings to you all and Stay Safe! Judy Diener, R.N.

KIDS BIBLE ADVENTURE FAMILIES

Hello! Even though we are not able to meet in person, Pastor Robyn is recording short sessions for you to use. They are posted in the Facebook group for the church and the Kids Bible Adventure page. If you are not on Facebook, let Pastor Robyn know and she can send it to you.



CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

Pastor Robyn is recording sessions and posting them in the church's private Facebook group. If you are not on Facebook, let her know and she can send them to you.



CALLING ALL GARDENERS

The church garden is ready for planting. The vegetables from the church garden are donated to the God Works program. The fresh vegetables are either used in the preparation of the meal or provided to those that attend. We have 9 raised planters to choose from for planting. Please contact Andy Nieman at asnieman@gmail.com or 419-356-3993 if you are interested in planting and caring for a garden planter or two.



GET INVOLVED

Looking for ways to be involved at St. Luke's?

Even during safer at home, we have some one-time or short term commitment events coming up where we could use your help with!

Read the lessons on Sundays – can be live or recorded (Contact either pastor or Erin Beard)

Help with Kids Bible Adventures – we are recording videos of sessions. (Contact Pastor Robyn).

Help with VBS. We will be doing an at home packet with optional online components. We need people to help create material and people to help put it into practice. (Contact Pastor Robyn or Hannah Lietaert)

Work with Pastor Robyn and Pastor Kari and Erin Beard on St. Luke's website. (Contact office or Pastor Robyn or Pastor Kari)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Due to Covid19 we will not be hosting in person VBS this year. Instead, our VBS director and Pastor Robyn are working on creating a curriculum specifically for St. Luke's. Our goal is to have it be something that can be done without going on-line but will have digital components if desired. We will need a lot of help as we create this material including people to come up with games, crafts, science experiments, etc, to those who will record materials, to those who have artistic ability to give life to our animal buddies and more. If you would like to help please contact Pastor Robyn or Hannah Lietaert.

Hannah's information is:
hlietae@bgsu.edu
call / text at 734-244-3210



Birthday-

June 1

Natalie Diver



June 2

Elizabeth Nieman, Steve Novle

June 3

Robert Braithwaite

June 4

Gabriella Cevizian

June 5

Kim Diver, Jacob Myers,
Sora Mae Domigan

June 6

Valerie Likens , Elizabeth Gray,
Tarra Nieman

June 7

Nicholas Arndt

June 8

George Thompson, Christy Weiss

June 9

Vincent Dezanett, Nolan Delp,
Lori Neumeyer, Deb Gossman

June 10

Marjorie Achinger

June 11

Stephanie Rodriguez, Alex LaCourse

June 12

Dawn Palermo-Benedict,

June 13

Emerson Beard

June 14

Armando Rodruigez

June 15

Taylor Burgermeister

June 16

Connie Sexton

Birthday continued—

June 17

Steven Leverton, Timothy Yockey

June 18

Kaitlin Miller

June 19

Jessica Wisniewski

June 20

Jonie Braithwaite, Scott Weis,
Elizabeth Baum

June 21

Gabrielle Biegajski

June 22

Cooper Clemens, Ashley Arndt

June 23

Austin Burghardt, Alexander Wolfe,
Bob Titus, Adam Paine,
Matthew Miller

June 24

Kristina Nichols

June 25

Joanne Sloan, Sandy Nieman,

June 26

Shawn Emerson, Phil Ziemke

June 27

Dory Noble, Kevin Nieman, Trenton
Yeager

June 29

Judy Schreiber

June 30

Joseph Ondrus, Harry Schroeder



Anniversaries—



June 3 —

Charles & Mary Lou Heiteshaw

David & Karen Williams

June 4 —

Bob & Beth Matthews

June 7 —

Jeremy & Michelle Walling

June 11 —

Terri & Randall DuPont

June 12 —

Griff & Kris Crammond

June 13 —

Robyn Kistemaker & David Hively

June 15 —

Jamie & Hillary Hagen

June 17 —

Earl & Cheryl Cornprobst

June 21 —

Jerald & Kristi Johnson

June 24 —

Noel & Julie Bell

June 29 —

Jeff & Christy Weiss



May 2020 CONFIDENTIAL Survey

Things to consider BEFORE we return to using our building

During these past months of social distancing, we at St Luke's have continued many of our essential ministries, though we have had to adapt to doing them in different ways. While we realize that this has not been our ideal way of being the Body of Christ, we have continued to worship and serve one another and our community. As physical distancing guidelines are beginning to be relaxed, we have a group of leaders who are thoughtfully, prayerfully, and carefully planning for our return to use of our building. We cannot do this all at once, but we are working to do so with an abundance of caution to protect our community. We are taking great care as there have been many reports of in-person worship in sanctuaries that have become hotbeds of transmitting this virus because of the nature of these gatherings (closed spaces, less air circulation, prolonged periods of time in the space, etc) and we want to do all we can to limit the spread in our community. We need to balance our eagerness to be together in our building with the need to continue to love and care for those who are particularly vulnerable.

We are not yet fully prepared to worship in our building and do not yet have a specified timeframe, though we are working towards that goal. We know that we will not be able to return to worship and use of our building as "normal" for some time—many aspects of our "normal" worship practices come with great additional risk: singing, especially communal singing, is especially dangerous; communal speaking is also particularly risky and so praying aloud together will need to be halted for some time; Holy Communion practices may need to be suspended or modified. These are all pieces that worship leadership are taking into consideration as we envision what temporary changes may need to be instituted until the time when it is safe to resume them. We are also committed to continuing to minister for who are not yet prepared to gather in-person, and so worship will continue to be accessible online, even as we work on what this will all look like.

This CONFIDENTIAL SURVEY includes several questions related to our plans moving forward. Your feedback will help us to better plan as we gather. Your thoughtful responses are very important to us and will help us to better plan responsibly as we move forward into our "new normal" for now. Please do also keep in mind that while we appreciate all opinions, we may not be able to implement them all. If you are able, please fill out the online version of this survey at <https://forms.gle/EmDetjZ2EAC54QzG7>. If you are unable to complete this online, please mail your answers to Pastor Kari to be compiled:

Pastor Kari Rinas
5264 N Oak Ct
Toledo, OH 43623

1. When local government eases restrictions for group gatherings, which best describes your attitude toward returning to a worship service at St Luke's? Please select one:

- I will return the first opportunity we have
- I will return at the first opportunity, but have some concerns and precautions
- I will wait several additional weeks before I return.
- It may be quite a while before I return.
- Not sure.

2. In addition to our local government's guidance regarding public gatherings, are there other signals you would want to see before you return to attend a worship service at church? Select all that apply

- Local businesses are open again.
- Local restaurant seating areas
- Schools are open again.
- The number of coronavirus cases in our area is continually decreasing.
- Most physical distancing recommendations have been lifted.
- None of these.
- Not sure.

3. Do you have children age 18 or younger who live with you and typically attend church with you?

Yes

No

A. When you return to worship, will your child(ren) be attending with you?

Yes

Not right away.

My children do not typically attend with me.

B. What precautions need to be in place to help ensure your child(ren) do not expose others or themselves? Select all that apply

Keep my child (ren) seated next to me.

Prohibit snacking.

Require my children over age 2 to wear face masks.

Attend with my own appropriate toys to keep my child(ren) within our seated space.

C. What precautions do you hope the church will take in youth and family ministry programs when we consider re-summing? Select all that apply

Limit the number of children in each group or space.

Prohibit snacks.

Require leaders to wear face masks.

Require children over age 2 to wear face masks.

Require leaders to wear gloves.

Ask kids to use hand sanitizer before entering.

Limit restroom use/require sanitizing between use/enforce hand washing after use.

Plan activities in which kids do not need to touch each other and maintain 6 feet distance.

Close the nursery.

Take the temperatures of leaders and all participants before entering.

Other

None of these.

4. As small gatherings begin to happen, what do you plan to do for worship participation?

I plan to return to in-person worship services immediately.

I plan to return to in-person worship services only if safety concerns are met (appropriate physical distancing maintained, worshipers and leaders wearing masks, no physical contact, etc).

I will continue to worship online or by phone at least for a few weeks before returning to in-person worship.

I will continue to worship online or by phone for the foreseeable future.

Not sure yet.

5. Would you be willing to attend a worship service at a different time or on a different day than you typically would attend to allow for greater physical distancing?

Yes

No

Not yet sure

6. Would you be willing to attend a worship service that would be held outside or as "drive-in" worship from your car?

Yes, I would prefer outdoor or drive-in to encourage more physical distancing.

Yes, I would be open to attending worship outdoors

No

Maybe

7. Would you consider participating in worship in some kind of rotating basis (for example bi-weekly instead of weekly, or some similar structure)?
- Yes
No
Maybe
8. Would you be willing to sign up to attend worship at a specific time in order to maintain appropriate gathering numbers and physical distancing?
- Yes
No
Maybe
9. Optional: Do you have specific health concerns that put you at additional risk?
- Yes
No
Prefer not to answer
- If you think it would be helpful for leadership to know your specific concerns and feel comfortable sharing [note: this information is confidential and will only be shared without identifying information if it is pertinent for planning and preparation purposes], please explain below (this is optional!)_____
-
10. Do you have close contact with someone whose health, age, etc put them at additional risk if exposed?
- Yes
No
Prefer not to answer
11. I will return to worship in person when:
- The group size is 10 or fewer
The group size is 25 or fewer
The group size is 50 or fewer
I will attend regardless of the number of people gathered.
I will attend if services are held outside in some form.
I do not plan to attend in-person for some time.
12. With regards to music and that there will be no in-person congregational singing or humming:
- I will continue to worship online until congregational singing is safe
I will attend in-person worship but would like to have music from an instrumentalist or a recording that could be used for silent reflection and meditation by the congregation.
I will attend in-person worship but would like continued considerations (if it is deemed safe to do so) for a soloist with extra precautions.
Congregational singing will not affect my decision to return to in-person worship.
13. With regards to congregational speaking/responses:
- I will continue to worship online until unison/congregational speaking is safe.
I will attend in-person worship only if it is solely the pastor(s) speaking the liturgy
I will attend in-person worship with modified congregational responses (such as individuals throughout different parts of the liturgy).
Congregational speaking will not affect my decision to return to in-person worship.

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14. With regard to Communion (select all that apply):

I will continue to worship online if we are not able to share in communion in person.

I will attend in-person worship but will refrain from receiving communion during this time.

I will attend in-person worship and receive communion only if safety measures are observed by those serving or there are modifications in how we receive.

I will attend in-person worship and receive communion without reservations.

Holy Communion will not affect my decision to return to in-person worship.

15. With regards to protocols and procedures (select all that apply):

I will continue to worship online unless attendees and worship leaders wear masks, practice physical distancing, follow appropriate hygiene, etc.

I will continue to worship online if I will be expected to wear a mask/use sanitizer/practice physical distancing during worship.

I will continue to worship online if we are not able to have physical contact.

I will continue to worship online if others are not observing safety regulations (such as wearing a mask, washing hands/using hand sanitizer, etc).

Other

16. As we think about how worship will need to be modified for some time:

I will return to worship in whatever capacity we are able to gather.

I will only return to in-person worship when it is safe to resume our normal practices.

I will only return to in-person worship when it is safe not only to worship, but also to gather for fellowship/coffee hour.

Thank you for taking the time and thought to complete this survey. While we cannot cater to every individual's desires, we appreciate the feedback as we consider





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Sunday Worship Schedule

8:30 am — Traditional Service
Online with Zoom

10:00 am — GiG Praise Service
Online with Zoom

We will worship together again when it is safe to do so.
Until then, please be sure to connect with us on our Facebook
Page.

