

To: All Members of the Congregation
From: Adele King, Council President
Date: June 4, 2020

Hello to each of you,

Just want to send a note to keep you informed of what has been happening as we struggle to move forward. We continue to get spiritual support from the online services provided by Pastor Caruana, Dave Klepper, Riley Klepper, James Alfieri, Jean Pretz, Lisa Nelson, Dave Albin, Mary Hetrick and Jeff Engroff.

Many of you have been inquiring about our financial status during this pandemic. I thank those who have not forgotten the church and have continued their giving. A special thanks should go out to John Hay. He applied for a grant from the synod that is called the Paycheck Protection Program. We received the "loan" on May 5th in the amount of \$50,000. There are strict guidelines, but it was a nice boost during an uncertain time. Phil Houseal and John Hay have put together a report that will better inform you of the differences we have encountered from 2019 and 2020. That will come to you shortly.

Meanwhile, the transition team (Dave Dumeyer, Pastor Caruana, Cathy Benedict, Scott Hetrick, Anne Rankin and myself) has worked diligently and with your good health in mind, to investigate best practices in alignment with the CDC. We want to ensure that everything necessary is being followed in order to make our church a healthy place to worship. We put together and approved, a document that will go to the Church Council, to give its approval, or lack thereof, on June 15th. That document will be sent out to you, once approved. Here are some key points of that document:

- * We will be deep cleaning the church prior to opening.
- * We will be using a special disinfectant before and after services.
- * We will be using volunteers to clean between services.
- * We will require members to wear masks, but if you don't have one, one will be provided.
- * We will not use bulletins (you will read from overhead screen)
- * We will only allow one at a time for restroom usage.
- * We will permit only 20 members to enter a service, as we will also need the pastor, James, Dave and 2 ushers.
- * We will ask each of you to reserve a spot at the service of your choice by Thursday.
- * We will have 2 services on Sunday, and if more desire to come, we will have Saturday as well.
- * We will require seating that allows for you to be seated 2 rows away from others.
- * We will not have singing, so as to not spread any viruses.
- * We will not have communion or passing of the peace.
- * We will take your temperature prior to entering.
- * We will have sanitizer around the church for your use.

We will, of course, change these guidelines as necessary, and in accordance with the recommendations coming from the CDC.

We will need your help in order to know when the best time might be to re-open the church. I have put together a survey that will be sent out tomorrow. Please respond to the survey to give your Council a better understanding of what each of you would like to do. Thanks in advance for participating in the survey! I know you've heard this before, but we are in this together!!

God Bless and Keep you,
Adele King, Council President

