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Dear Members,

You are all probably aware of the fact that CDC guidelines are constantly changing as time moves on in the pandemic. Because of the previous guidelines, Council decided to start in-person worship earlier this month with two service time options. Since guidelines have recently changed, we are now permitted to seat people in the sanctuary up to 50% of capacity while also maintaining 6 feet of social distancing (along with a one-way traffic flow pattern). Because of the trends in attendance at the two services and in light of this recent change of seating capacity, it was suggested and voted on by Council to change to one service. While Council originally decided to make this change in early October, other factors were then realized, including the overlap of meeting time with the virtual Wired Word Sunday School class, as well as the importance of hearing the opinions from the congregation.

We, the Council, see this temporary change to one service as an opportunity to bring people together from both services and to be reacquainted in this joint fashion. Although not the reason for the change to one service, an added advantage is that we would save some money since the expense of paying the supply pastors would be cut in half. In addition, the volunteers needed on a Sunday morning would also be reduced and no deep cleaning would be necessary between services since no one would be coming in to the Sanctuary after the service ends.

Council believes that a 9:00 a.m. service time would be a fair compromise between the current worship times of 8:30 & 11:00. Right now, the two services are identical in style & format. Due to some other restrictions that are being lifted, we are hoping to be able to make some changes to the worship service so that it can be more of a blended service with a variety of music and perhaps the having a soloist and/or different instruments at the required social distance. Please note that this is a temporary change until we are able to reinstate services more like they were pre-pandemic. We are hoping that the Wired Word class would be willing to move, yet again, to a slightly later time so that members of the class would be able to attend worship as well as get home in time to sign on to the class.

In closing, we would like your feedback and to hear comments you have regarding this temporary change. Please fill out the survey included in the email that this letter accompanied. We ask that you do this within the next week, with a deadline of October 9th. As of now, Council is planning to make this proposed change to one service on October 25th, Reformation Sunday!!! Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Blessings,
Adele King

United in Christ, we are called to love and serve.