

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
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To: All Members of Zion
From: Adele King, Council President
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In light of the number of calls being generated, I thought it would be best to let the congregation know what our course of action will be concerning the re-opening of the church. These are quite troubling times and I am sure everyone has their individual opinions on what should or should not take place. I'd like to share a recent news clip with you about a church in Calgary, Canada, that tells their experience about their re-opening. The link below is where you can find the news clip to read what they have to share.

https://calgary.ctvnews.ca/mobile/i-would-do-anything-for-a-do-over-calgary-church-hopes-others-learn-from-their-tragic-covid-19-experience-1.4933461#_gus&_gucid=&_gup=Facebook&_gsc=g255pgZ

That news clip scares me! Neither the Pastor nor I want to be the one to say we should go back to services immediately. I personally want to be cautious. I am, therefore, taking the stance that I will follow the recommendations of the Lower Susquehanna Synod Bishop and the CDC. Additionally, we are currently in the process of obtaining the proper disinfectant for use on the wooden pews in the Sanctuary as well as in other areas of the church building. Additionally, we are desperately trying to obtain hand sanitizer, backup masks, and gloves ... all items used for cleaning the church before and after each worship service to prohibit the spread of the virus.

Obviously, we need some prep time, and we need to see more positive declines in cases in our county. Once we are given the recommendations to go ahead by the Bishop and the CDC for safely re-opening the sanctuary and other areas of the building, we will, once again, consider having services. Please bear with us through this difficult time. We continue to offer video services, and we hope you take full advantage of them.

Please know our special task force will meet again on May 18th, and we will be sure to deal with all the "unique" circumstances created by this virus. We will eventually send out a letter of the decisions made and what will be expected of each of us as we proceed. Keep us in your prayers as we do not EVER want to have regrets! Each of you is too precious!! I will continue to ask His guidance and direction.

Stay safe until we meet again,

Adele King
Council President.