

Greetings St. Paul's Family!

These past months have been difficult for us all. While some have not felt too many effects of the pandemic, others have been affected greatly. Our "normal" church life has been thrown into chaos, just like the rest of the world around us. Regardless, this continues to be a difficult time for all of us. With love of neighbor as a primary concern for not worshipping in person, online worship has, for the most part, has been working. Is it the same thing as gathering in person? Of course not, but it is our safest option. Fully aware of our current situation, the consistory has made the decision to resume holding in person worship in a modified fashion.

I have had many conversations with folks from our church family. Some have been asking why we haven't resumed in person worship yet—while others are asking why we would resume worship in person in this current climate. This is a complex conversation about how live during a pandemic. Whether you choose to continue online or come in person, your decision will be respected.

At this time, the consistory overwhelmingly believes that it is unwise to worship indoors in this current climate. In order to be as safe as we can, starting September 13, we will be gathering in-person to worship in the alley parking lot. The consistory has put in place safety protocols to keep us as safe as possible, while recognizing that gathering in a group is a high-risk activity.

The Details

Online worship will continue as it has since March.

Face masks are required, no exceptions. We have many on hand in case you forget.

Pop-up canopies will be provided for shade and help us keep our physical distancing.

You will need to bring your own chairs.

Worship will be shorter (30-45 minutes).

Please park in the big lot on Wedemeyer and walk over.

There will be a limited amount of parking in the alley area for those who need it.

Please bring your worship covenant (we will have extras on hand).

You will need to fill out a contact tracing form when you arrive.

Bear with us as we stumble our way into resuming in person worship as safely as is possible.

Please know that you need not feel obligated or guilty to attend in person if you feel safer at home. There is no perfect solution to this and thus everyone will need make up their own mind.

Yours in faith,

