

Dear Congregation,

As we joyfully anticipate the opportunity to begin worshipping together again on June 7, we ask for your help and assistance in the following areas:

- City of Racine regulations currently allow us to gather in groups no larger than 25% of our occupancy limit (Occupancy Limit of sanctuary is 380....so, we can gather in groups no larger than 95). Our plan to accommodate this restriction is to have 50% of the congregation invited to attend in person....and the remaining 50% participate by logging in to an on-line streaming of the service at 9:30 AM. On June 7, we invite the members of the congregation whose last names begin with letters A through K to participate in person and all members with last names beginning with L through W to join the live streaming event online. Our plan for June 14 is to flip the groups and have the M-W group attend in person and A-K join on-line. Following these two Sundays, the Council will meet on June 15 and will set aside time in their meeting to evaluate how those services went and discuss and decide on our worship plans going forward. Please feel free to provide your feedback to your District Elder/Deacon on how you felt the worship experience went prior to their June 15 meeting.
- When you return to the church building, you will notice sanitizing stations distributed liberally around the social hall and narthex. Please use those stations liberally.
- If you prefer to wear a mask in public gatherings, we ask that you bring your own mask to the service. We will also have a few disposable masks available at each sanitizing station (for those who may have forgotten) and a basket of cloth masks at the welcome center (for those who would like a cloth mask but have not been able to get one yet)
- If you have been ill....especially with any of the symptoms associated with COVID – 19 (Fever or chills, Cough, Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, Fatigue, Muscle or body aches, Headache, New loss of taste or smell, Sore throat, Congestion or runny nose, Nausea or vomiting, Diarrhea) anytime in the 72 hours prior to worship ....please join us on line , but please do not attend the in-person gathering.
- The sanctuary, and all frequently touched surfaces throughout the church will be cleaned and sanitized by our custodians before and after each large gathering (over 50 people) in the church facilities for the remainder of the summer. Please assist our custodians in keeping our church as clean and sanitary as it can be by doing a quick wipe down of surfaces that you may have touched during smaller gatherings you attend during the week. Clorox wipes will be available on the welcome center counter throughout the summer to assist you in helping us in this area.
- Every other pew will be marked off to assist us in maintaining appropriate social distancing. Please do not remove/move the tape ...or, go over/under the tape to sit in a blocked off pew. Ushers will be available at all three entrances of the sanctuary to seat us in the pew that maximizes our ability to best utilize our space and maintain social distancing for all.
- Hymnals and Bibles will be removed from the pews.
- Members are encouraged to bring their own Bibles to follow along in our lessons from Scripture.

Thank you all for your consideration and assistance as we begin our “ramping up” of worship. Once again, we remind ourselves that each member will need to decide for themselves.... based on their own health and risk situation...when is the proper time for them to begin gathering in larger assemblies. We look forward to the time when we are all able to gather and worship in ways that we took for granted just a few short months ago. Between now and then, whatever our gatherings look like, let us ponder and treasure God’s Word to us in Hebrews 12:28 ....wherever it is that we worship .

*Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe*

Praying for God’s richest blessing for all,

The Council