

June 30, 2020

Dear St Paul's Lutheran Members and Friends,

Following current advice from the Delaware-Maryland Synod, Baltimore County, and CDC COVID guidelines for Gradual Return to Worship, St Paul's Lutheran Church, with an abundance of precaution and safety measures, will start Sunday outdoor worship services at the Pavilion, on Sunday, July 19, 2020 at 9 am. Please keep in mind that based on the evolving guidance and concerns as COVID continues to be monitored, these safety measures could change accordingly. Please review the video link at the bottom of this page prior to attending service.

We ask that you not come to the in person service, if you have any signs of illness or have been recently exposed to a COVID positive person, or are considered to be at a higher risk for severe illness.

Precautionary measures for the return to gathering for your safety:

Please wear a mask and practice social distancing at all times.

For outdoor worship:

- Please assess yourself for any signs of illness prior to leaving your home.
- Please stay home if you have any signs of illness (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>.)
- If the service is cancelled due to inclement weather, we will not hold service that day but will have virtual worship for online viewing on Sunday afternoon.
- We will have a check in person perform a brief temperature check as you arrive. If you have a temperature of 100.4 or above, we kindly ask you to refrain from in person worship that day. Your temperature check will not be documented.
- Please wear a mask and you will be directed to sit at the picnic tables which will be set up and marked for social distance seating or bring a lawn chair to sit socially distanced in the grass area. Families may sit together.
- Hand sanitizer will be available.
- Bulletins will be emailed to you prior to the service for you to print, if desired.
- We will be taking attendance of all who attend each week, so we can be prepared if we have to implement contact tracing at any time.
- We will have a speaker system in place.
- We plan to implement a no contact communion and offering.
- At this point in time, it is requested to use the church bathroom for emergencies only. The porta pots may be used "at your own risk".

We will continue to provide virtual worship services which will be available to view later in the day on Sundays at <http://stpaulsupperco.org> or <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOvnEf8eHah01BMJZlttYrQ>. You may choose what is best for you, your health, your risk level, and your family.

Please review this video <https://youtu.be/SwfOdgDv3ZQ> prior to attending outdoor worship.

Immediately contact the church if you test positive for COVID after recently attending a service, so we may implement steps for rapid contact tracing.

As we prepare to move indoors in the Fall, we will send out updated guidelines for indoor worship.

Other safety measures for the church building are being implemented for the safety and wellness of those who enter at any appointed time.

- Those who enter will have their names and date/time of visit documented.
- The church has implemented an increased frequency of disinfection and cleaning measures.
- Disinfection supplies and hand sanitizer will be available in various areas in the church.
- Seat cushions, bibles and hymnals have been removed from the pews.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Council president Suzi Lyons at [president@stpaulsupperco.org](mailto:president@stpaulsupperco.org) or 443-375-2424.

**Outdoor In-Person Worship Begins July 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am**

- Services will be held in the Pavilion.
- Services may be cancelled due to inclement weather.
- A check-in person will perform a brief temperature check as you arrive.
- Seating is 6 feet apart (families can sit together).
  - Use the picnic tables in the pavilion
  - Bring your own lawn chair to sit in the grassy area if you prefer
- Please wear a mask at all times.
- Hand sanitizer will be available.
- Bulletins will be emailed to you prior to the service for you to print, if desired.
- There will be a safe and no-contact communion and offering.

**We will still offer the online recorded services each week for those that can't / shouldn't attend the in-person services.**

**Please choose what is best for you, your health, your risk level, and your family.**

Online services : <http://stpaulsupperco.org>  
or <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOvnEf8eHah01BMJZlttYrQ>

**Please stay home if you are feeling ill.**

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