

Weekly Update from Our Saviour's Lutheran Church – June 15, 2020

Dear Friends in Christ,

One of the questions that keeps coming up is “When will we offer an indoor worship service?” I can now answer that. Our church council decided that we will aim for Sunday, July 5 for our first indoor service. Our plan is to offer both an early outdoor service and a later indoor service. We will also of course continue with our online services. But we are looking to have an indoor service beginning on July 5.

We have a number of details to finalize – how do we maintain social distancing, masks, how do we do communion in a safe matter, what do we do if we have an attendance that exceeds our seating capacity, etc.? Our church council is meeting on Sunday, July 21 to continue working on all the details. But it all looks quite doable and we are making plans for July 5!

We have been pleased with our reopening thus far. Our online service continues to receive many views, more than we ever anticipated. The outdoor service has gone very well. (Thank you again to everyone who are helping with this!) The next step is to add an indoor service.

We will share more details as we get closer. Please keep all this in prayer. Please continue to pray for our nation and community and congregation. May our Lord lead us onward!

Let me also share another prayer by Rev. Eric Reisen, our North American Lutheran Seminary president:

*Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favor and further us with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

God Bless,
Pastor Mark

Service of Sending – June 21

One of the special services we do each year is a Service of Sending for our graduating High School seniors. We are planning on doing this during our worship service on Sunday, June 21. We have 4 seniors – Ambrosia Jackson, Max Lewis, Tori Snyder, and Chloe Page. Please come on the 21st as we bless and honor our seniors.

Food Collection for June

Remember our June food collection for those in need in our community. Please bring a non-perishable food item and leave it on the table with the bulletins when you come for worship. At the end of the month we will bring the food to PATH for those in need in Smith County.

Worship

We have a number of worship options and we intend to expand on that. For starters, every Sunday we have an online service. These are going well and we are excited to offer this for those who choose not to attend worship at this time. These will continue every Sunday. We also for the month of June are offering an outdoor service at 9:00 a.m. This has been fun! And beginning on Sunday July 5 we will offer an early outdoor service and a later service indoor. More detail to come!