

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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I want to bring you up to date on our tentative plans to resume in-person worship. As you well know, everything about the COVID-19 virus is unpredictable so plans can change.

First of all, we will continue to record at least the scripture readings and sermon from the Sunday service and post it on our YouTube site. We have had this on-line presence before the shut-down and we will keep it in the future.

On Sunday June 28, we will hold an outdoor worship service at 9:00 am at the Borchers farm. The address is 1174 E US HWY 24. This is east of Gilman and north of Rt 24. Please bring your own lawn chair and water. We prefer you wear a face covering, at least until you are seated. We will sit in family groups separated by at least 6 to 10 feet. There will be no fellowship time or meal. We ask you park your car as directed and proceed to the seating area. Following worship, we ask that you return directly to your car.

On Sunday July 12, we will hold another outdoor worship service in the high school parking lot. We will follow the same procedures as we did for the first outdoor service.

At this time, we plan on gathering in the church on July 19. We will still be following the guidelines set by the Illinois Department of Public Health. These guidelines limit our gathering to 50 people or less. Therefore, we will have two services, 9:00 and 11:00 on Sunday and one at 7:00 on Wednesday. We will ask you to sign up for the service you wish to attend. We will have more details on the procedures after the July 2 Church Council meeting.

Once again, these plans are subject to change. We are all yearning to be back to worship but we also want to stay as safe as possible. I doubt that anything will ever be the same as it used to be. This is our opportunity to revisit everything in our lives and make it better.

In service to Christ.

Pastor Pete