

Fairbanks Lutheran Church

October 20, 2020

Greetings, and I hope this letter finds you well. Here is a quick update of what's going on at Fairbanks Lutheran Church.

Worship

If you are unaware, we have resumed in-person worship! We are currently only having one worship service at **10am** on Sunday mornings, and will continue with this one worship service for the foreseeable future. Our Reopening Task Force has put together a list of precautions and safety measures that we ask EVERYONE who would like to attend worship in-person to follow:

- First and foremost, if you are feeling ANY of the following symptoms we ask that you please, please, please stay at home and join us virtually. This is for the safety of the entire congregation.
 - Fever (100°F/38°C) or chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Abnormal fatigue
 - Headache
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea or gastrointestinal discomfort
- If, in the last 14 days, have been in close contact with somebody that tested positive for or exhibited symptoms of COVID-19 please stay at home.
- **MASKS MUST BE WORN PROPERLY THE ENTIRE TIME YOU ARE IN THE CHURCH BUILDING.**
- Please abide by the six feet of social distancing recommended by the CDC. The pews are roped off and marked for appropriate social distancing.
- Please make sure our greeter has recorded your name before you leave the church. This is so we are able to do contact tracing if necessary.

We are also going to be continuing to stream our worship services online, and we are looking to improve the video and sound quality of our streams and videos.

Readers & Greeters

Now that we are open for in-person worship services we are in need of readers for the scripture readings, and greeters for Sunday mornings. If you would like to volunteer for one of these rolls please contact the church office at 907-452-3425.

Congregational Meetings

As many of you may have heard from our worship announcements these past couple Sundays we have some very important congregational votes that need to take place in the upcoming months. The first vote that needs to happen is to ratify our church constitution. Once we ratify our constitution it will be sent on to the Alaska Synod for our official records. Leading up to the official vote the governing council would

like to host some discussion opportunities for the whole congregation to participate in. The following are the dates and brief descriptions of what we will be discussing in the meetings:

Sunday, Oct. 25th: 11am (after worship) - Congregational meeting to discuss the 1st bylaw: “*Statement of Inclusivity*” (C3.02.01), and the mission of the FLC congregation.

Tuesday, Nov. 10th: 6pm - Congregational meeting to discuss 1st bylaw: “*Statement of Inclusivity*” (C3.02.01), and the mission of the FLC congregation.

Sunday, Nov. 15th: 11am (after worship) - Congregational meeting to discuss the remainder of the constitution as a whole.

Sunday, Dec. 6th: 11am (after worship) - This is our specially called congregational meeting to vote on the constitution.

PLEASE PUT THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR, and we strongly encourage all of those who are able to participate in these conversations as we move forward to our constitution vote on **December 6th**. *If you are unsure if you are a voting member of FLC or not, please contact the church office.*

At this time the governing council will be hosting these discussions in-person in the church’s sanctuary during the designated times. This is subject to change depending upon the local and state regulations at the time of the meetings. We will also be offering those who are not comfortable attending in person the opportunity to join us via Zoom video call:

Link - <https://luthersem.zoom.us/j/96892938638?pwd=WTZiUkJTS2FVcDI1UjN0NXZ0NjR6Zz09>
Meeting ID - 968 9293 8638
Passcode - **743813**

If you need assistance in connecting virtually please contact the church office.

Office Hours

Since the beginning of this COVID crisis we have closed the church building to the general public, but with winter and the cold coming fast we have decided to open the church building to the public on **Tuesday** and **Thursday** of each week from **11am – 3pm**. We will be requiring masks for those coming into the building, and we will be monitoring the number of people to abide by social distancing recommendations. The other groups and events that have received permission from the church office will continue as usual.

Peace in Christ,

+ Pastor Lou Peters and your Church Council leaders

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