



September 11, 2020

Dear Beloved in the Lord:

On July 22, the Diocese sent out to all the Wardens and Clergy of the Diocese the Guidelines for reopening our church buildings for public worship from the Archbishop's Task Force of the same name. Since then, Corporation and Parish Council have been working to put together St. Paul's Plan to Reopen Safely for Public Worship, for us to follow when gathering together in-person for worship on Sunday mornings until a vaccine is widely distributed. I'd like to thank all members of Corporation and Parish Council for the commitment to the sacred task of reopening our building for worship safely they have shown in crafting this Plan. I want to offer particular thanks to Cam for going the extra mile - and then some - to help it come together.

St. Paul's Plan to Safely Reopen Safely for Public Worship is attached with this email. I ask us all to please read it closely. This Plan will also be mailed by regular post to those who aren't on our email list, posted on our website (About/Resources/Documents), and linked to on our Facebook pages and Twitter account. We'll be looking to communicate the Plan to, and then receive feedback from, as many people as possible. To assist this, we'll be asking our Ministry Leaders to discuss the Plan with those in their Ministries (e.g., Suzanne with the Sidespersons). We'll be asking our Caring Contact Helpers to invite feedback from those they phone or email. And, we'll be hoping to receive much feedback via email to me or the Office, or regular post or phone calls to the Office. We'll also be sharing regular reminders for feedback, with links to the Plan and the 4 questions with this email, via Facebook, Twitter, and our weekly emails.

All questions about the Plan are welcome. But the feedback we especially need are the answers **(in red type)** to the following 4 questions:

1. Do you think you are likely to attend in-person worship Services before a vaccine is distributed? **Yes / No / Maybe**
2. If you answered "yes" to question 1, how many may attend in your cohort on a given Sunday? _____.
3. If you receive the necessary training, are you willing to commit to be a greeter? **Yes / No / Maybe**

4. If you receive the necessary training, are you willing to commit to being a sidesperson? **Yes / No / Maybe**

If you share your answers via email or regular post, please include your name, as it will help us avoid counting people more than once.

If we receive sufficient positive responses to these questions, and the COVID-19 situation in Calgary doesn't worsen significantly from what it is at present, we'll be able to resume in-person Services, hopefully around Thanksgiving Sunday, October 11.

With the prospect of again having in-person worship Services, it's important to emphasize that we'll still be continuing to post these Services online. In fact, we plan to start live streaming our Service as soon as we resume in-person Services, and to keep doing this from that point forward. This is in response to the fact that there are many of our members who are not able to come to Services due to frailty of health or travel, and other people throughout the world, who would be blessed by our offering online Services.

Also, while we're following the Plan, we'll be able to accommodate significantly fewer people in our building on a Sunday than we were pre-COVID-19. We'll begin with a maximum of 25 on a Sunday, and in time increase to approximately 50 - still less than half our 2019 average Sunday attendance. It's our hope that on the Sundays people can't attend in-person, they'll share in our online worship.

Until there are more effective treatments or a vaccine, continuing to share our worship online is an excellent option for those with internet access who, due to age or pre-existing conditions, would be most in danger of getting seriously ill or dying from COVID-19. This decision of whether or not to participate in-person in our worship Services is a personal matter between each of us and God.

May we all commit this Plan to much thought and earnest prayer to the One whose we are, and whom – whether we are together physically or not – we unite in spirit to worship.

Now to him who is able to do
immeasurably more than all
we ask or imagine, according
to his power that is at work
within us, to him be glory in
the church and in Christ Jesus
throughout all generations,
for ever and ever! Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21



God bless you all, always.

Your Brother in Jesus,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerry +". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.