

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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Dear Good Shepherd Family,

It is our hope that this letter finds you well, feeling strengthened by the presence and love of God, in these tumultuous days. We are reaching out to the Good Shepherd community today to provide an update on in-person worship. In late September, the CMT tentatively agreed to resume in-person worship at the beginning of November, with the necessary guidelines in place, if the Covid-19 situation in Saskatoon seemed to be moving in a positive direction. Unfortunately, as most of you are probably aware, the Covid-19 case numbers are not trending in a positive direction in our city and the CMT does not think that we can responsibly resume in-person worship at this time. Since we are all eager for a return to in person worship and to a much-needed sense of normalcy we were disappointed to make this decision but we must keep the welfare of our church family and the community around us at the forefront of any decision that we make.

We realize that this decision will be particularly difficult for those deeply yearning for a return to in person worship. If you are struggling and feel that the online services are not meeting your needs please reach out to the church office or to Pastor Munye so that we can find alternate ways to connect with you and to help in these difficult times. We would also encourage you to reach out to the church office or to Pastor Munye if you are aware of someone in our community who is in need of support. We have been forced to put on hold our in-person services, but we have never and will never stop being the church. It may require some creativity and some unconventional methods but it is our desire to be available and present to the members of our church community at all times.

The CMT will meet again at the end of November to discuss the resumption of in-person worship and we will provide an update after that meeting takes place. Until then, we will continue with online services and we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the individuals whose hard work makes our online services possible, and please feel free to take part in these online service as much as you are able. As we look expectantly towards the day when we can meet once again in the Good Shepherd sanctuary we leave you with this benediction:

*May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you: wherever he may send you;
May he guide you through the wilderness: protect you through the storm;
May he bring you home rejoicing: at the wonders he has shown you;
May he bring you home rejoicing: once again into our doors.*

In Christ,

Nathaniel Gibson
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Pastor