



Sunday, November 8 Worship online
10 AM

<https://www.facebook.com/greenchurch1897> [click link!]

Worship on-line this weekend November 8th at 10 AM.

This weekend, we find calm in the midst of chaos. There is a peace for all of us, and it is one which passes all understanding. It is yours to live into. Trusting God's guidance, we will be renewed in living our most authentic lives. Our worship service premieres at 10 AM on the St. John Facebook page [link above]. No Facebook account? You don't need one to take part in the worship services---just click the link! [St. John Facebook Page](#)



This is exciting.

Sunday, November 15th in-person worship services, with limited capacity
10 AM

The St. John Covid-safety task force has implemented a 3-stage plan to begin offering prayer time and worship in the St. John building.

What to consider

- Although every attempt is being taken to make coming into the building safer, it is important to remember that anyone who attends in person worship is at risk.
Even with the best health practices and strict adherence to guidelines, anyone who enters a public space, including church, needs to be aware of the risk. We are cleaning thoroughly, requiring masks and social distancing, but the risk of contracting COVID-19 remains.
- Out of love for you, we ask those who are more vulnerable to the virus to remain home to worship online.
We want nothing more than to see you---except to see you stay healthy.
- Out of love for the neighbor, if you are experiencing any symptoms of Covid-19 [or other illness], it is your Christian duty to stay home.

What to expect

- Worship will be very different than we remember. Even the set-up for worship will be different.

Capacity will be very limited, because of the physical distancing that is necessary. Also, so that we can provide the best ventilation, we have, like many churches, temporarily moved our worship space. This provides us with the ability to have better airflow [using our newer space and opening 2 doors to provide cross ventilation].



- To attend worship in person, reservations are required & seats will be assigned.
- No singing and no unison speaking/praying out loud.

We are excited to see you and can't wait for the day when these restrictions will no longer be needed. We ask for your continued patience as we balance offering safer in-person opportunities with the realities of a world-wide pandemic. Along with concern and considerations for your safety, please remember that we are also making decisions to keep St. John Lutheran Church in compliance with recommendations from our insurance company as well.

The church building is now a "Zoned Building"

Zones are best practices for buildings that have multiple uses, during the pandemic.

1. CCP
2. Worship/Small Meetings/Staff

Zone 1 defined as CCP classroom, includes the following spaces and only these spaces--

- Large upstairs classroom [includes a bathroom in the classroom]
- West-side entrance and stairs
- Entire lower-level, including restrooms, bathrooms, fellowship hall

Zone 2 defined as Church Use [Worship/Small Meetings/Staff] includes the following spaces and only these spaces--

- Front doors and stairs leading to Narthex Gathering Space
- Narthex Gathering Space
- Church Office
- Sanctuary [*with the exception of when Preschool meets for 15 minutes in the Sanctuary with Pastor for Chapel Time]
- Pastor's Office
- Room next to Pastor's office [*STAFF only]
- Upper restrooms

This means---members and visitors are only admitted to the upper level, through the front doors at this time.

What is the 3-stage worship in person plan?

Stage 1---began this past week with the opportunity for in-person prayer time in the Sanctuary. The Sunrise Room has been set up for this prayer time as well, as a small chapel for those who are *immune compromised* or have someone at home who is immune compromised. Prayer time is Thursdays between Noon and 3 PM. Call the church office at 763-856-4561 to reserve your time slot. If we happen to be on the other line or away from the office, please leave your name and phone number and we will call you back to arrange your time slot.

Stage 2---begins next Sunday, November 15th, with the in-person worship opportunity, as outlined above.

Stage 3---begins Friday, November 27th, with in-person worship opportunity at 10 AM.
Reservations required, as outlined above.

Can you help?

As we have been saying---we need help to open for in person worship. We would like to train a small group of St. John members in the Covid-19 safety measures for cleaning spaces between use. We are talking maybe 1-2 hours a month---[if we have enough volunteers]. Please email or call the church office. churchoffice@green-church.org or 763-856-4561
Thanks!

The Celebration Continues!

Reformation Sunday was a special day in the life of St. John, despite Covid-19. We rejoice with the 10th Graders who were confirmed as they Affirmed their Baptism in our Confirmation worship service. We are grateful for the neighborly invitation from our Catholic siblings over at Christ our Light to host our service so we could be inside on a cold, sleety day!



What to expect in-person worship



Call the church office M-F 763-856-4561 or go to this link: [reserve my spot for worship](#) to reserve your spot at worship. Please note: to be fair to everyone, we will not be able to honor any requests left prior to Mondays at 10AM.



Consider alternating weeks so that more members have a chance to worship in-person throughout the month.



Take health-check list questionnaire prior to leaving for worship. We want to see you, but please stay home & contact your health provider if you answer yes to any of the questions.



When you arrive. Wear your mask before entering the building. Wait in the entryway or narthex to be ushered in. Always maintain at least 6 feet physical distancing.



Bring your phone or tablet to use electronic bulletin. The screen will also have the bulletin visible.



Consider using our convenient online giving or phone app Give+ for your offering. The offering plate will not be passed.



Communion will be served from your seat. There will be no singing, passing of the peace, or unison responses. Greet each other with the thumbs up, peace sign, or a wave.



You will be ushered back out after worship. If you want to talk with someone, please go outside, so we can keep the traffic flow moving.



St. John on-line Pumpkin Carving Contest!

Our on-line pumpkin carving contest yielded one entry. We missed seeing more of your creative work! Congratulations to the Gensmer Family, you are the winners of the Gift Card to Jim's Market!!

We continue to provide more opportunities for you to connect in more ways as we move through this up-surge in Covid-19 cases. Watch for upcoming events, like Virtual Coffee & Conversation!

Virtual Coffee Time



We missed you last week!

Join your St. John friends right after worship, on our Facebook Page. We will be able to see each other & enjoy conversation with Pastor.

Grab your coffee/hot chocolate mug!

New to ZOOM? See last page for great instructions.

7th-9th Grade Confirmation Students

~~The plan is to begin meeting in person in November!~~

We've had to change our plans, because of the increase in Covid-19 cases in our area.

We can't wait to see you and are sad we have to change these plans. We continue to be dedicated to keeping all as safe as possible during this pandemic. Instead of meeting in person, we will meet via ZOOM.

We will "Zoom" Together* from 5:45 PM to 6:45 PM, Worship follows at 7 PM

7th Grade----1st Wednesday of the month, beginning Nov. 4—*We had a great time! Mark your calendars for next month---December 2nd*

8th Grade----2nd Wednesday of the month, beginning **Nov. 11**—This Week!

9th Grade----3rd Wednesday of the month, beginning Nov. 18

[Confirmation Zoom Link](#) [this link will always be on the St. John website, under the Confirmation tab]

Meeting ID # 519-114-0024 New to ZOOM? See instructions on last page of this newsletter.

*We allow virtual backgrounds, but to create a sense of community and relationship, ask that students have their camera on.

ST. JOHN HEALTH SCREENING CHECKLIST

HEALTH SCREENING EACH TIME YOU PLAN TO ENTER THE ST. JOHN CHURCH BUILDING .

We love the thought of being able to see you in person!
Because we care deeply, we are asking each person to answer
the following health survey before entering the St. John building.
For the safety of all. For the love of each other.

Have you experienced any of the

Please answer “Yes” or “No” to each question. Do you have:

- Fever or feeling feverish?
- Chills?
- A cough?
- Shortness of breath?
- A sore throat?
- Muscle aches?
- Headache?
- Loss of smell or taste?
- Nauseous? Stomach Ache?
- Exhaustion?
- In past 14 days, have you been in contact with anyone who has tested positive for Covid-19 or who is suspected of having Covid-19?

If you answer yes to any of the questions, please stay home, home, stay safe, & keep others safe. Contact your health provider.

For the Love of Neighbor---The St. John Way—Together we get through this!

Thank you for being committed to keeping our Pre-schoolers, our wonderful staff, our pastor, and anyone who enters our building as safe as possible against the Covid-19 virus.

If you are a keyholder, **please do not enter the building unless** your event is on the church calendar **or** you have called the office at 763-856-4561 [or emailed at churchoffice@green-church.org] letting us know when you plan to be in the building. **This is not to keep anyone out of the building**, it is to keep it safe for all. Remember: you can not assume you know the health risk that others may be living with. We **all** need to do our part for **all** of us.

We know how easy it is to get lax on these policies, but we need to work together on keeping everyone safe. We need to know who has been in the building and where people are in the building to keep our cleaning schedule and safe zones sanitized and to have accurate contact tracing, as Covid-19 guidelines, policies, and our insurance dictate.

For contact tracing purposes, all who enter the St. John building need to sign-in and answer a few short health survey questions.

This is about making faith active in care for one another.

We thank you for your partnership in helping us keep all who enter our building safe and healthy!

Prayer Concerns

Please pray for

Christopher, recovering
Lil, at the death of her sister
Kathy & Karen, at the death of their brother
Those who are quarantined because of Covid-19
Those who have lost their jobs
Those who are fearful

*Lord Jesus Christ, you taught us to love our neighbor,
and to care for those in need
as if we were caring for you.
In this time of anxiety, give us strength
to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick, and to assure the isolated
of our love, and your love,
for your name's sake. Amen.*

HOW TO ACCESS ZOOM



BY KELLY SKILTON

START HERE

Welcome to Zoom. To get to your meeting, there are two options:

1

1. Click the ZOOM link that might have been sent to you; or,
2. Go to your internet browser and type in: zoom.us/join
A display window will appear. Here you can enter the Meeting ID number. Then click 'JOIN'.

Await your HOST to begin your gathering

If this is your first time using Zoom, follow along to POINT 2. If you have been on Zoom before, you may SKIP TO POINT 4.

2

When you are joining Zoom for the first time, you will need to download a file. This process is slightly different depending on what device or program you are using.



COMPUTER • When you download this file off the internet, make sure you save the file (this can be anywhere, but a good place to keep it is the Applications Folder). These steps should be written on the screen as you wait for the download to complete. Once downloaded, saved and opened you can move on to POINT 3.



SMARTPHONE • You can get Zoom from either the App Store or the Google Play store. To set up, there are simple prompts to follow.

3

You will be asked how you would like to join your Audio (sound). The best option is to click 'join audio via computer'. (You can select the 'automatically join via this method' for next time.)

4

If you are having trouble with hearing or seeing, make sure your volume and camera are switch 'ON'. You may also want to check whether you have muted your camera or microphone in point 5.3

5

Once in Zoom, there are some extra buttons that we can use to help us all have a respectful time together (particularly as we cannot see body gestures when we are behind our screens):

5.1 • RAISING OUR HAND



These buttons will allow our host to know when there is someone who would like to speak next in line.



5.2 • CHAT MESSENGER

You can type to one another. Click this button, and then select either EVERYONE or THE NAME of who you want to type to.



5.3 • SOUND & CAMERA

These buttons, when a red strike is through them, mean you are turned off to others.

