



May 21st, 2020

"We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose."

Romans 8:28

Hello people of St. Stephen Lutheran Church!

I wanted to inform you of the actions of the council on May 19th. By simple consensus we did two things:

First, we opened the building to outside groups who use our facility, instructing them to be in accordance with Minnesota Department of Health and CDC Guidelines.

Second, we decided on a plan of moving forward with weekly worship. For now, we will continue with our drive in worship services. When the time is right, we'll move to a form of outdoor worship in chairs, also having those who do not feel comfortable remaining in their vehicles.

As a pastor, I want to share with you all that these simple actions by themselves do not adequately describe the maturity and wisdom I see in the church council. In an interesting time full of anxious leaders, overloads of information, and many angry or scared people, our council meeting was calm, collected, and thoughtful. They understand the tension of our time is in competition with our desire to worship and be together.

For our council, and for all of you, I am deeply thankful.

+In Christ,

Pastor Lyle Snyder