



*proclaiming and serving Jesus Christ*

**August 24th, 2020**

*"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven..."*

***Ecclesiastes 3:1***

Dear People of St. Stephen Lutheran Church:

At its August 18th meeting, the St. Stephen Lutheran Church Council voted to move our worship back indoors to the sanctuary beginning on September 13th:

- Three services at 8:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 10:30 a.m. (further spreading people out).
- Strongly encouraging the elderly or those with vulnerable health to attend at 8:30 a.m., as the least amount of people will likely attend 8:30 a.m.
- Our pews will be labeled for 8:30, 9:30, or 10:30 worship times, limiting our capacity to 1/3 of the sanctuary and eliminating the need to clean immediately after use. Overflow seating will be available in the Fellowship Hall.
- We encourage everyone to follow the mask mandate in accordance with state law.
- We encourage everyone to offer grace and understanding to those not wearing masks.
- We will not have communion during this time.
- We will not have coffee or fellowship during this time.
- Sunday School will be at home lessons until Church Council re-evaluates in October.

I very much want to thank all of the people of St. Stephen during this anxious and interesting time. It's been a time of not just upheaval and challenge, but of grace, adventure, and growth. Our God is a god of all times - a god of pandemic times and a god of more normal times. The people of St. Stephen have been full of grace, understanding, love, and dedication.

+In Christ

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lyle Snyder", written in a cursive style.

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