



Brothers and Sisters of Holy Spirit,

Great News!! We are preparing to re-open for in-person worship services!

We have been busy developing guidelines for Holy Spirit worship including revising parts of the service, establishing a seating chart and cleaning to keep the service safe.

Our first in-person service will be July 5th at 10:15 AM in the Social Hall. We will continue to meet in the Social Hall until further notice so that we can maintain proper social distancing. Services going forward will be a little different from what we are used to as we try to establish what the new norm will be.

The services in July will not include Communion as we await further guidance from the Synod as to best practices to keep it safe. Hopefully we will return to Communion services in August or September at the latest.

The following guidelines will be in place for worship services starting July 5th:

- Everyone attending worship services is required to wear a mask. This does not apply for children 2 years old and younger. A limited supply of masks will be available but you are encouraged to bring your own.
- Seats in the social hall will be setup at least six feet apart to follow the social distancing guidelines. People living in the same household are permitted to sit directly next to each other, otherwise there are no exceptions.
- At this point services are limited to 25 people but we will be flexible and this number is subject to change as conditions improve.
- Offering will not be collected during the service but a basket will be setup to collect offering. This will help limit physical contact.
- Bulletins will not be distributed by the ushers but will be placed on each seat prior to the service.
- Singing has proven to be a high potential transmitter of the virus so singing should be limited to singing softly with your mask on.
- Sharing of the Peace should just be a verbal acknowledgement and shaking of hands should be avoided.
- Chairs will be disinfected before and after the service. Hand sanitizer will be available for your use as well as gloves, if desired.
- Socializing before and after the service is discouraged unless all social distancing guidelines are followed. Socializing should also be moved outside, if possible.

We appreciate your patience as we all get accustomed to the changes. We also need to be flexible as the guidelines continue to change as conditions improve.

For those of you who are still a little anxious about returning to in-person services, we are hoping to provide the services virtually through Facebook Live. More information will be coming about this.

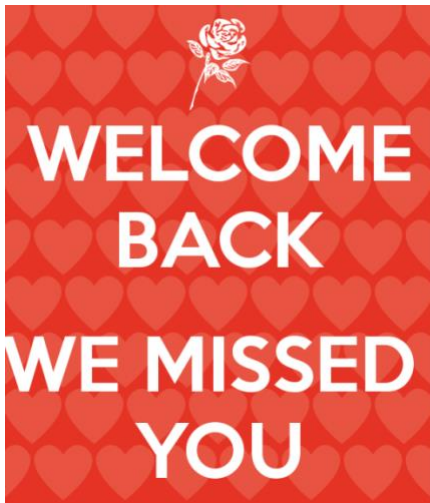
I hope to see everyone back at Holy Spirit in the coming weeks.

Peace.

Bill Kline



In-person worship gatherings will resume on **Sunday, July 5th at 10:15am**. Services will also be available on Holy Spirit's Facebook page using Facebook Live.



TENTATIVE DATES:

COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, Aug 18th.

We will update when information becomes available.



Feeding the Community

The food that was collected in May has been donated to the Food Pantry at Ridley Park Methodist Church located at 501 N. Swarthmore Ave, Ridley Park. If you or you know of someone who is in need, please contact the church at 610-534-1081.



WORSHIP & MUSIC MEETING:
Monday, July 13th at 11:00am via Zoom

COUNCIL MEETING: **Tuesday, July 14th at 7:00pm** via Zoom.

HOMELESS MEAL: **Wednesday, July 29th.**

OFFICE CLOSED: Jeanne will be on vacation **July 27th thru 30th.**

ELECTRONIC GIVING – This summer, if you can't make it to church due to travel or other commitments, we encourage you to automate your regular donations. Holy Spirit relies on the consistent financial support of the congregation and electronic giving offers an easy way to give on a recurring basis. Call the office to get a form. We thank you for your continued support.



JULY

Suresh Joshi 7/4
Samuel Stevenson 7/8
Kim Keenan 7/ 13
Joyce Shaw 7/15
Jeanne Warner 7/18
Charlie Fisher 7/20
Laura Taddie 7/20
Steven Pollard 7/24
Morgan Waterfield 7/29
Stephanie Oaster 7/30

AUGUST

Cyndi Kline 8/2
Trudy Fisher 8/4
Andrew Christensen 8/6
Kathy Dowd 8/7
Alex Gerakaris 8/12
Steve Keenan 8/14
Jackie Crepack 8/19
Vera Kuhn 8/20
Joyce Shaika 8/20
Jonathan Kline 8/23
Jane A. Croghan 8/24
Debbie Ulmer 8/24
Alan Daddona 8/26
Stephen Colahan 8/27
Katie Gerakaris 8/28
Christine Podgorski 8/28
Nathan Funchion 8/31

CONDOLENCES

Prayers for the family and friends of **Elaine Kerns** on her passing away on June 2, 2020



<i>Joe Monte</i>	<i>Jane Croghan</i>
<i>Jean Brown</i>	<i>Lisa McDonough</i>
<i>Frank Taddie</i>	<i>Carol Greenway</i>
<i>Lana Frye</i>	<i>Joe Pasquale</i>
<i>Deb Saunders</i>	<i>JoAnn Kane</i>
<i>Jean Hagenlocher</i>	



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Holy Spirit Lutheran Church Facebook Page

Email blasts: If the church does not have your email and you would like to add your email, please send email to holyspiritsecane@verizon.net and you will be added.

It's important that we are able to communicate any changes that may incur – so please keep us up to date on your contact information.

'We Are A Nation In Distress'

June 5, 2020

"Out of my distress I called on the Lord" (Psalm 118:5).

We are a nation in distress. We are a church in distress. The coronavirus has killed 103,000 of us. The virus of racism has taken hundreds of thousands more throughout our history. Now these two deadly viruses converge. Under this distress the veneer of equality has cracked and we see the pain, anger and frustration of those who have been denied the rights and dignity so many of us expect and often take for granted.

I have heard it said that slavery ended with the Civil War. Why don't people of color "just get over it." Here is the question we need to ask, "How do you get over something that isn't over?" The extrajudicial killings of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor and George Floyd that we have seen have laid open the wound in our country that has never been fully dealt with and has never healed. The officer's knee suffocating the life out of George Floyd "reminds us that blatant acts of intimidation, hatred, and violence continue" (*Freed in Christ* social statement, page 3).

Continued peaceful protests, vigils and demonstrations are not only legitimate but essential to move this country and this church to honest and deep self-examination. Just as the body of Christ is COVID positive, so is the body of Christ infected with racism and white supremacy. We cannot turn away from this truth. To deny it is dishonest and dangerous.

Let us stand with those peacefully protesting and acting responsibly. Looting and destruction of property does not further the cause of justice. Government has a role to uphold civil order while also a role to respect peaceful protest. There are those in law enforcement who are acting wisely, even while others have acted irresponsibly. I ask you to support the many people, including those in our church, who are working to de-escalate tensions between law enforcement, protesters and the community.

Psalm 118 continues: "I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" (21-24). Christ, the cornerstone, has already broken down the wall that divides us. The time is now. This is the day.

In Christ,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America