

# Through Zion's Window

JULY 2020



Dear friends in Christ,

As many of you have heard we are planning to begin in-person worship on July 12<sup>th</sup>. While I would like to worship on the 12<sup>th</sup> exactly as we did way back on March 15<sup>th</sup> the truth is that won't work. Instead we will have to make some adjustments for the new reality of Covid-19. Here are the guidelines for what our worship will look like:

- First of all, it goes without saying that if you don't feel well, are coughing or running a fever stay home.
- Everyone is asked to wear a mask covering the nose and mouth. We will have some available in case you forget yours, but please bring your own.
- Upon entering the Church, please use the sanitizer found on the small table or in each pew to sanitize your hands.
- Enter straight into the worship area and be seated in a pew. Please do not stop and greet other worshippers. Families, those living in the same household, can sit together in the same pew. All others please keep at least 6 feet between you and the next person in the pew using every other pew. Remain in the pew until the service is over. (If you need to use the restroom go straight to the restroom and return to the pew you had occupied earlier). At the end of the service exit your pew and go straight out of the church, no gathering, no fellowship.
- At this point in time we will not be singing, all hymnals will be removed from the pews.
- Service will begin in the normal fashion, with announcements, gathering (Confession and Forgiveness or Remembrance of Baptism) and the prayer of the day. In all corporate speaking you are asked to use a quiet voice, please do not project your responses or the litanies
- The readings and message will then follow
- Profession of faith - Apostles Creed (Again, please speak softly)
- Prayers of Intercession
- Sharing of the Peace – stay in your pew and wave to each other. Please do not shout the peace!
- The offering will not be taken up by the ushers, the plates will be entrance to the worship space for you to place your gifts in.

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- When Communion is celebrated instructions will be given. Generally speaking, those distributing communion will be gloved and masked. We will use wafers (normal at Zion, a change at Cross) and individual cups (normal at Cross, a change at Zion). Communion will be continuous, not at the rail and families will come up together. You are asked to keep 6 feet of separation between family units. Pastor will bless those who do not receive Communion but will not touch the person.
  - At this time, we will plan on Communion every other week, on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays.
- At the dismissal you are asked to leave by pew, beginning at the pew closest to the entrance. Do not “bunch-up”, do not gather in the fellowship space or parking lot to socialize.
- A group of 3 or 4 will be asked to volunteer to stay and sanitize the items and space used during the service.

Due to the lack of singing I expect worship will be shorter than normal. Thus, worship at Zion will begin at 8:45 instead of 8:30 to allow worship for Holy Name to complete and for them to sanitize the space before we enter. We ask that no one gathers at Zion until 8:30 to allow the members of Holy Name to clear the building first.

We will adjust the worship practice as we learn together what works. Please be patient, feel free to give suggestions and thank you and God Bless you for your cooperation.

*Pastor Doug*



Office hours at Zion are limited as we have been practicing social distancing. If you need Pastor Doug, you may contact him anytime via cell at 262-490-8737 or email him at [danderse@luthersem.edu](mailto:danderse@luthersem.edu). Or if you need to contact Danielle in the church office call her at 920-474-7234 and leave a voicemail or email [zionashippun@wi.twcbc.com](mailto:zionashippun@wi.twcbc.com).



(\*NOTE: These meeting minutes are from March 8, 2020, the council has decided to wait until the following month to approve the minutes and then publish them. These meeting minutes were approved on June 9, because they did not meet during COVID)

March 8, 2020 Council Minutes – The meeting was brought to order by President Jerry Liesener at 9:52 am. Devotions were led by Mike Johnson. Devotions for next month's meeting will be led by Christine Siedschlag. A motion was made by Christine, seconded by Mike, to approve the secretary's report for February as printed, motion carried.

Carrie reviewed the treasurer's report. Motion by Linda Braunschweig, seconded by John Siedschlag to accept the treasurer's report and file for audit. All in favor, motion carried.

Pastor's Report – Pastor will be Zion on April 19<sup>th</sup> all day and Cross on April 26<sup>th</sup> all day because of Easter on the 12<sup>th</sup>. March 22<sup>nd</sup> will be a pulpit exchange with Pastor Tom from St. Olafs.

Worship – service for Lent, Holy Week and Easter are in the newsletter.

Missions – Zion is hosting the Blood Drive on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at the Ashippun Town Hall. The barbeque meat was spoiled because of the refrigerator at church not working. Motion by Mike, seconded by Linda to allow Christine to spend up to \$150 to purchase additional meat and ingredients to replace the barbeque.

Evangelism – Card making workshop will be on March 29<sup>th</sup>, there will be a coffee hour after service on Easter. People are encouraged to bring baked goods and other goodies to share. Let Doreen know if you have a middle school, high school, or college graduate in your family, discussed sending college students care packages for finals week.

Building and Grounds – the basement floor will be redone the week of March 23<sup>rd</sup>. The basement will be off limits all week. The security light on the back-basement door will be replaced.

Old Business – an updated member directory will be prepared and distributed.

New Business – Jerry has received 3 bids for the parking lot ranging from \$25K to \$34K. Still working on bids for the window replacement/repairs.

Motion by Jerry, seconded by Heidi to enter into closed session at 10:30 am. All in favor, motion carried. Motion by Carrie, seconded by Christine to adjourn closed session at 11:12 am. All in favor, motion carried.

The next Council meeting will be on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Motion was made by Mike, seconded by Doreen to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 am, motion carried. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Heidi Tunak





Remember – Please continue to save all your Oconomowoc Piggly Wiggly receipts! It may be a while before you get to bring them to church, but we'll be happy to be deluged with tons of receipts for which The Pig donates 1% of total sales to the youth savings account for youth future travels. Thanks for your support!



*Thank you all for the cards and memorial gift with the passing of my dad. It was all greatly appreciated and somewhat unexpected.*

*Pastor Bruce & The Falksen Family*



***Please keep these people and families in your thoughts & prayers...***



Art & Pauline Hall  
Courtney Liesener  
Allen Petersen  
Lois Wittnebel  
Ellen Braunschweig  
Shirley Chatfield  
Carly Ostrom  
Gordon Petersen  
Tim Roskopf  
Peyton Wolter  
Tom & Donna Meotke  
Steve Fuerstenau  
Wilber Pieper  
Ross & Jacob Kopfer

The Family of Sandy Jaeger



*Loss: On Saturday, June 20, we lost Sandy Jaeger at the age of 76. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family and friends during this difficult time, she will be deeply missed. Funeral services for Sandy are pending at this point.*