

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our gracious Savior, Jesus Christ!

We pray this email finds you safe and healthy. As you have likely heard, this past Friday the President has declared all churches to be “essential,” meaning that churches are allowed to start public gatherings again. However, at the writing of this letter, we have yet to hear how the state and the county will respond to this decision. It is our understanding that we will have a clearer picture of what our gatherings are expected to look like after Monday, May 25th.

What this means for the church is that this Tuesday, May 26th, the Executive Committee, Church Council, and Elders will be meeting to discuss the best plan forward. Simply because we may be cleared to meet doesn't mean that it is wise for us to return to Sunday mornings as usual. We have been working on a plan to re-open and will finalize this plan on Tuesday evening. We will have that plan available to the congregation on Wednesday, May 27th.

Please continue to pray for God's guidance for the church leadership as we navigate the most faithful way forward. Also, keep praying for the Lord to guide our government officials, to strengthen our health-care workers, to provide for those who are without work, to comfort the depressed, and to heal the sick. The Lord has given us a great deal to pray for and, what is more, a great Savior who forgives our sins and comforts us in our trials. Remember His promise, He will not leave you nor forsake you!

In Christ,

Pastor Bob Hiller & Pastor Matt Knauss