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Dear All Saints' Family:

It is with great joy that we welcome you back to public worship at church on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

This journey has been a long one and we are so thankful that we can now re-enter and worship together at All Saints. We want to thank Pastor Sue Ellen for her meaningful, inspiring weekly messages, her wonderful music, and her leading our online services. Our sincere gratitude is also extended to Pastor Rich Grudt for being our artistic film director, producer, and editor. God has richly blessed us with wonderfully gifted people and it is our plan to continue with our online ministry.

We are also pleased to announce that Pastor Ellen Arthur has agreed to be our supply minister and will be presiding over our services. She was ordained into the Ministry of the ELCA in 1990 and has served in North Dakota and the Metropolitan Chicago Synod and council, the Board of Directors of Prince of Peace Lutheran School, Open Arms Mission in Antioch, and Antioch Area Healthcare Access Alliance. Her last position was the Interim Minister at Shepherd of the Lakes in Grayslake for several years. She has been married to Charles for 44 years and has 3 adult children and 4 grandchildren. Pastor Ellen truly believes we all have a call to serve.

With that in mind, we want to share some things to be mindful of should you decide to worship at church with us. Below are the new procedures and protocols that will need to be followed in compliance with the state and ELCA guidelines:

During our initial opening we are able to accommodate 50 people. Please telephone the church office at 847-587-7727 no later than Thursday at 3:00 p.m. of each week to attend worship service. If leaving a message, please include your name, number of people attending, and a telephone number.

#### **ENTRY, ARRIVAL AND SEATING FOR WORSHIP**

- Worshippers will enter through the south (office) entrance. The north entrance door will remain locked.
- Arrive no earlier than 15 minutes prior to the service and put your face mask on prior to exiting your vehicle. (Please note: a face shield does not provide proper protection but can be worn with a face mask). Your mask must be kept on the entire service until you re-enter your vehicle except for Holy Communion.

- There will be a check in process that will include taking your temperature, answering a few questions.
- Please maintain six feet social distancing at all times with people not from your own household.
- When you enter the sanctuary, an usher will hand you a bulletin, ask you to take a pre-filled Communion cup and wafer, and show you to your seat. (We initially will not have Sunday School but children will be provided packets to use during the service and to take home.) We know it's a difficult "un-Lutheran" thing but keep in mind you may not be seated in your normal pew! Thank you for understanding!
- After being seated, please use this time for personal prayer and meditation.

#### **TEMPORARY CHANGES FOR WORSHIP**

"Passing of the Peace" will be limited to non-contact gestures! We will not pass collection plates. They will be located when you enter the sanctuary where you are picking up your communion cup and wafer. Hymnals, Bibles, attendance pads will be removed. When responding to the Prayers of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer, to minimize the spread of germs, you are invited to say the words quietly or speak the words in your heart. We will not be singing but you are asked to "sing within".

At the end of the service, wait for the ushers to dismiss you. Please do not congregate in the hallways. If you wish to speak, do so outside in the parking lot while continuing to practice social distancing.

#### **SANITATION**

The restrooms will be open for 1 guest person at a time. Hands free soap dispensers are in each bathroom. Parents please accompany your child under 10 to make certain they properly wash their hands.

These changes require all of us "to get use to" and we all will need flexibility to ensure our safety. Please remember should you decide not to come, it is OK! We are planning to still provide on-line services. It is hoped that many changes won't be necessary as we move into the 5<sup>th</sup> and final phases.

Our continued prayers and thoughts are with each of you!

Love and Blessings in Christ,

Your Church Council

Nancy Romej, President, Becky Dubovik, Vice-President, Joy Barroso, Treasurer, CinDee Schoeps, Secretary, Lill Boutin, Ken Grzeskowiak, Holly Tomal, Karen Wilberg