



June 3, 2021

Dear All Saints Family:

All of us are quick to admit that this past year and a half has been an incredible journey! We have seen the devastation, despair, and sadness the Covid pandemic brought to so many of us around the entire world. And yet, we have seen so many acts of courage, bravery, selflessness, compassion, and love. Truly our faith in God has been our solid foundation through these difficult times!

All Saints has undergone many changes in 2020 and 2021. Improvements have been made within our church walls and the surrounding outdoor area. Most recently, all flower beds were planted and the beds along with the trees and bush areas have been mulched, a retainer border in the front of the church was installed, and a retention wall was built for the tree on the office circular entrance to prevent damage to the asphalt driveway. Our facebook page is being enjoyed not only by our members but many others.

We have closed our doors for in church services, **joyfully reopened**, closed again, and with **great happiness opened once again!** We continue to have the blessing of Pastor Terry Dufur as a regular supply minister for the time being along with Pastor Sue Ellen Grudt periodically presiding over our services. Our search for either an interim minister or a new leader of our congregation continues. We have been informed by the Synod that currently those options are very limited. Your continued prayers and support are needed as we move forward.

We are extremely pleased to inform you that because of the continued decline in Covid cases and the increasing number of vaccinations within our community, effective this Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, masks are optional for all those who are fully vaccinated. Temperatures will no longer be taken but we will continue with the registration procedures. Our recently installed air filter system will continue to be used along with the fresh air ducts in the sanctuary. It is also our plan to begin Fellowship Hour serving coffee and treats after the June 13<sup>th</sup> service.

The Village of Fox Lake has informed us that the sewer project will begin shortly on the church property. It was planned that the large sewer pipes would only be installed on the easement property but because of county concerns, the sewer pipe will be installed on the church property and affect the parking spaces adjacent to State Park Road, our electrical LED sign, landscape bricks, and driveway light. They have assured us that we will have access to the church and both the parking lot, sign, bricks, and light will either be restored to its original condition or replaced.

With God's guidance and His will, All Saints will continue to move forward in faith and our commitment to share His Good News. We look forward to seeing you back in church on Sunday morning worshipping together and praising God for His love and blessings!

In Christ,  
Nancy Romej, Council President