



# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH a Launchpad for God's Kingdom

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Dear Faithful Members of Grace Lutheran Church

We are doing our best to follow all of the best practices to keep people safe. There is, however, an emotional, social, spiritually price that we pay as we are absent one from another especially in the worship setting. People are eager to get back to normal. We in Nebraska are fortunate because we live on the prairie where fewer bugs communicate. These viral critters are smaller than ticks and bacteria; they are small enough to go undetected. We don't fear them but we do take precautions against they're plaguing our lives and producing discontent among us.

The Elders, on July 7, decided the following practices that will move us to normalcy.

1. We resume 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Communion Services on July 18/19. Communion will still be practiced with proper spacing, but allowing communicants to proceed to the railing and there remain standing as the Pastor and Elders distribute the elements, then return to their seats as normal.
2. There will be slips of paper (post-it notes) that can be picked up at the entrance to the church on Saturday evening for the 5:30 service. We are asking that worshipers place these notes on the pew where they sit. The Elders will then clean those areas with soap and water following the service. This way, we can avoid having to clean the entire church in corporation for Sunday service.
3. The July 8, 10:00 a.m. service was the last Wednesday service that will be happening. We move now to the regular Saturday/Sunday routine starting July 18. There will no longer be Wednesday evening Chapel service.

Starting Monday, July 13, the office will be open from 8a.m.-3p.m. with one hour off for lunch. The fans in the church will be turned on Friday afternoon and left on until the service is finished on Sunday morning. The Sunday morning Bible Class at 8:45 a.m. was begun on June 14. A good number of Bible students are present. We hope that we can return to our former numbers or even greater numbers. We are studying the book of Revelation and doing it quite thoroughly.

The Men's Bible Study with Pastor Asbury's leadership will begin on August 4 at 1<sup>st</sup> Choice Catering. The Ladies' Bible Study is pending. The Mary-Martha Share and Care Table is up and running. We invite both donations of vegetables and willing recipients of the produce. It would be great if the table was empty by 11:30 on Sunday. Please don't hesitate.

In the joy of His Service,