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## Public Service Restart

### General Information

- Public services will begin on the weekend of May 31 – June 1.
- We will offer our three service on Sunday at 8:00, 9:15 and 10:30 am, and Monday at 6:00 pm.
- The 8:00 Sunday service will continue to be on WNAM radio and live streamed.
- We will ensure proper distancing and sanitation to the best of our ability.

### Encouragements

- Those who have any of the [symptoms of COVID-19](#) should stay home.
- Those who are at high risk of serious illness are encouraged to stay home.
- Those who are uncomfortable attending services at this time are encouraged to stay home.
- You are welcome to wear a mask, but they are not required.
- Everyone should practice distancing and good hygiene.

### Distancing

- Every other row of pews will be closed, ensuring six feet of distance between members.
- One household will be allowed per pew or at each end of the pew as long as proper distance is maintained.
- *Households are required to register by email ([office@stpaulappletonwi.com](mailto:office@stpaulappletonwi.com)) or phone (733-9061) to ensure that the appropriate number of people are in attendance for each service.*
- Following these guidelines, *50 people* will be permitted to attend each service.

## Cleanliness

- High contact surfaces (like pews and door handles) will be disinfected after every service.
- A deeper cleaning will be done after each weekend.
- Hymnals will be removed from the pews.
- The entire service will be shown on the screens as usual.
- Those who are accustomed to following along in hymnals are encouraged to bring their own.
- Service folders will not be available.
- Offering Plates will be available in the entry way for offerings.

## Before the Service

- Hand sanitizer will be available at the doors.
- There will be no hand shaking before the service.
- The doors from the entry way to the sanctuary will remain open at all times.
- A pastor or other member will be present in the entry way to guide people in these new procedures.

## Communion

- *Since we will not immediately have the capacity for all of regular attenders to come each weekend, we encourage you to attend only every other week. We will offer the Sacrament of Holy Communion in each service every week, giving everyone the ability to partake when they attend.*
- *Following the sermon and prayers will be a blessing, announcements, and a hymn. This will give those who choose not to commune the opportunity to leave the sanctuary if they wish.*
- Those who do not wish to commune or are not comfortable communing at this time are welcome to stay home and watch or listen to the service there.
- The wafers and wine will be placed on tables at the front of church. No direct, personal distribution will happen.
- Communicants will line up in the center aisle at safe distances. After taking communion, they will proceed down the side aisle back to their seat.
- The pulpit side will commune first, then the font side.
- Each communicant will take a wafer from the first table, and a cup from the second table. Vessels for disposal of the cups will be next to the table.
- The common cup will not be used for a time.
- When all have communed and returned to their seats, they will be dismissed by the pastor.

## **After the Service**

- Pastors will not greet people as they exit the church.
- Members are encouraged not to stay and socialize in the narthex or basement. This is something that can be done more safely outside, if desired.