

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

As many of you know, the Wisconsin Supreme Court ruling has removed the Safer-at-home order and opened up the opportunity for groups to gather. Our own county of Waukesha has released a statement that no additional restrictions are currently being put in place on a county level, nor are there any such restrictions currently here in the city of New Berlin.

We rejoice at the opportunity to gather for worship. At the same time, our world is still in the midst of a pandemic, and out of love for our neighbors we want to take a cautious approach to gathering. For this reason, we encourage those who have been making use of the Live Stream service to continue to do so. We ask this in order to ensure that those who are not able to view online services or who have difficulties in doing so would be able to attend worship safely. In an effort to maintain safe distancing, we will be limiting our attendance to 25% of our capacity, or 130 people per service.

This weekend we will hold 2 Sunday services at **8:00 & 9:30am**. The 9:30 service will also be Livestreamed. Again, while these services are open for our members to attend, we encourage those who are able to worship at home to continue to do so, *especially if you are part of the population who may be at a higher risk*. We also ask that if you are planning to attend worship this weekend, that you let us know by completing the online form for [8:00am](#) or [9:30am](#). We are counting on you to do so for the health and safety of all worshippers. As always, if you are exhibiting any signs or symptoms of illness, or if you have recently been in contact with someone who is, please stay home.

Here is what you can expect at worship this weekend:

- **Limited numbers:** We will be limiting numbers in the sanctuary to 130 people.
- **Distance:** Pastors, ushers, and/or greeters will greet you with a smile and a hello, but will not be shaking hands. Doors will be opened for you. In the sanctuary, every other row will also be blocked off to maintain safe distance.
- **Masks and Gloves:** These are not required nor will they be provided. For those choosing to wear them, please plan ahead to bring your own.
- **Service Folders:** These will not be handed to you. They will be available to pick up upon arrival. If you make use of a bulletin, please take it home with you. The parts of the service will also be posted on the screens.
- **Offering Plate:** The plate will not be passed. It will be placed prominently in the gathering area ready to receive offerings either before or after the service.
- **Cleanliness:** The tops of each pew will be cleaned after each service. Hymnals, Bibles, and pens have been removed from the pews.
- **Coffee Area:** The coffee area will be closed for use.

Understand that the present situation is constantly changing. We don't know if further restrictions will be put in place in the coming days and weeks, and we will continue to adjust. For those worshipping at home, God bless your worship. If you are attending worship at Star, God bless your worship.