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Sunday Worship Service 9:15 AM
Bible School 10:45 AM

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The morning after President Trump declared churches to be essential, and that governors should allow them to open, I received a text message asking if there would be “in house worship” the next day. Sadly, I had to say we’d just be online.

Being able to worship online has been a blessing, and I’m very grateful to every-one who has made it possible. However, we are all anxious to get back to church, and I read just this morning that nearly half of regular churchgoers are apparently tired of online worship because they haven’t done so in the past four weeks.

No one thought the restrictions would last this long, and we’re all ready for things to get back to normal. But, as we’re being told, the best we can expect in the near future is a “new normal.” The elders pondered what that might look like at Tuesday’s meeting.

Once the decision is made to resume corporate worship, we’ll begin gradually, and with several changes to assure the safety of those gathering. To comply with guidelines, we will tape off every other pew, and encourage families to sit together. For the first week or so, the nurseries will be closed, and no children’s worship or Sunday School will be offered. To avoid contamination, no bulletins will be passed out, and outlines and manuscripts will be available on tables to be personally picked up. Offering trays will also be on the tables, and communion will already be in the receptacles on the back of pews. We will probably reduce the number of songs we sing, and remain seated while doing so. We will offer no refreshments in the fellowship hall, and those who wish to visit will be encouraged to do so in the parking lot.

I know all this sounds draconian, but we don’t want to appear rebellious against those in authority over us, and we do want everyone to be as safe as possible. When we determine we can worship together again, services will be live-streamed online as well as recorded for later viewing, and no one will be expected to come if they are at high risk or are uncomfortable doing so.

God Bless, Rick



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SINCE WE CAN’T CELEBRATE WITH OUR GRADS INSIDE THE CHURCH BUILDING, WE’RE GOING TO DO SO IN THE PARKING LOT THIS SUNDAY FROM 2:00-3:00. THE GRADS WILL BE STANDING AT INDIVIDUAL TABLES, AND ALL ARE INVITED TO WALK BY AND CONGRATULATE THEM.

STATISTICS

Worship	5/10	Online
Offering		\$7,696.61
Worship	5/17	Online
Offering		\$4,492.61
Worship	5/24	Online
Offering		\$6,823.30



Due to the current suspension of group activities, LSCA is only able to offer a limited schedule for summer camp this year, so those desiring to go should register ASAP. Even this schedule is subject to change, but if you register for camp and it is cancelled, a refund will be offered. As usual, we will pay half of the fees for anyone from our church who is able to go.

For more details, and to register, go to Registration@www.lscacamp.org.

LSCA SUMMER CAMP 2020

Age / Grade *	Session	Date
TRADITIONAL OVERNIGHT CAMPS		
2nd & 3rd	First Chance	July 9-10
3rd - 5th	Pre Teen Camp	July 5-8
6th - 8th	Junior High	July 12-17
9th—Just Grad.	High School	July 19-24
ADVENTURE CAMPS		
5th & 6th	Adventure 5-6	July 12-14
6th—8th (boys)	Fishing Camp	July 9-10
7th & 8th	Adventure 7-8	July 14-17
Adults	Boundary Waters	August 16-22
DISCOVERY CAMPS (DAY TIME ONLY—NO OVERNIGHT)		
2nd—4th	Discovery Camp 1	July 6-10
2nd—4th	Discovery Camp 2	July 13-17
2nd—4th	Discovery Camp 3	July 20-24
2nd—4th	Discovery Camp 4	July 27-31



Grace Hunley is one of our graduates from Auburn High School. She plans to attend Illinois State University in Bloomington to study Elementary Education. She is excited to be rooming with Nicole!



Emma Warwick is graduating from Auburn High School with plans to attend Murray State University in Kentucky. She will be majoring in Nursing.



Reagan Formea is graduating from Glenwood High School. She will be attending Lincoln Christian University this fall to study Psychology.

Carly Karhliker is graduating from Auburn High School and will be attending Illinois College in Jacksonville this fall. She has not declared a major and looks forward to rooming with Abbie.



Justin Tanner is a 2020 graduate of Auburn High School who plans to attend Eastern Illinois University this fall majoring in accounting.



Nicole Weaver is graduating from Auburn High School and plans to attend Illinois State University. She will be studying Exercise Science and rooming with Grace.



Abbie Divjak is graduating from Auburn High School and plans to attend Illinois College this fall to study Nursing. Besides rooming with Carly, she is looking forward to playing soccer for Illinois College.