

April 14, 2021

Greetings members and friends of Our Saviour
Lutheran Church in Green Bay!



It is our prayer that this letter finds you well!

- It has been over a year since OSLC closed its doors to worship during the pandemic.
- There was a long time where we had only virtual worship. That worked well!
- The virtual worship continues, serving those at home and in distant places. It will continue!
- We are back to all five in-house worship services for several months now. We have been following safety protocols during our worship service: Registration, masks, social distancing, no singing and cleaning between services.
- While our worship services have served those who have a preference for strong safety protocols (Masks, social distancing and no singing), there are others who desire to sing during worship and who (for one reason or another) may prefer to not mask. We understand that some of those folks may feel left-out, perhaps less cared for, and some are worshipping at other churches. They are our sheep, too.
- As we prudently and cautiously move toward our former routine, your pastors called for a congregational meeting to hear the will of the people about the incremental path forward for reopening. That meeting was held in the sanctuary at 6pm on April 12, 2021.
- There was an excellent turnout at the meeting. Voices and perspectives were heard. The tone was respectful and there was a foundation of joy amidst the group.
- *In a nutshell, the result of the congregational meeting is that two of our five services will continue with our current safety protocols (Masks, no singing and social distancing); while three of the five services will have relaxed protocols and masks will be optional.*
- It cannot be understated that we need folks to step up as ushers and help properly clean the sanctuary between worship services. Call the office (920-468-4065) if you want to be on an usher or cleaning team.
- The results of that meeting are below and will **take effect on Sunday May 2, 2021.**

OSLC Worship Protocols - Effective Date: Sunday May 2, 2021

(The start date was determined by church leadership, the authors of this letter)

Changes based on approved motions at the April 12, 2021 Voters Meeting

Thursday Worship

- 12:15pm - Registration, masks required and social distancing
- (Cleaning after worship, as current practice)
- 6:30pm - Registration, no protocols
- (Cleaning after worship, as current practice)

Sunday Worship

- 7:45am - Registration, masks required and social distancing
- (Cleaning after worship, as current practice)
- 9:15am - Registration, masks optional and social distancing
- (Cleaning after worship, as current practice)
- 10:45am - Registration, no protocols
- (Cleaning after worship, as current practice)

What remains the same:

- **Servant teams will clean the sanctuary immediately after each worship service**
- Worship registration for all services
- Communion in the pew with the double-sided cups
- Paperless worship with important information appearing on the electronic screens and on the website
- The offering to be received in the Atrium and brought forward during worship and online

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we slowly move forward to where we were.

Sincerely,

Pastor David H. Hatch, Sr. Pastor
Doug Gossen - Congregational President
Robin Williams - Head Elder