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St. Paul - Grafton, WI Opening Update as of 5/15/20

Based upon the Wisconsin State Court ruling on Wednesday, May 13, 2020 there is a decision that in effect says the “Stay At Home” order has been lifted for churches. Our Washington/Ozaukee Board of Health has also stated that the order is lifted. They still have a few guidelines for churches. You may do what you want, but be safe.

For the past month, St. Paul has been diligently working on a plan to allow members of St. Paul to receive the Lord’s Supper. St. Paul seeks to be Bearers of the Word and Sacrament; not bearers of the virus.

Could we open up fully this weekend? Yes. Is it wise to open up fully this weekend? No, not yet. Please see the next few weeks as a time of Spring Training like you would prior to a baseball season. Just because it is permissible, doesn’t always mean it’s beneficial.

So here is our plan. We want to open St. Paul wisely and safely. We feel this is in the majority’s best interest for the short, mid, and long term. We are putting the final touches on a format for the Body of Christ to gather with a limited number of members at a time for what is called the Service of the Sacrament. We will be practicing social distancing and taking precautionary measures as servant leaders in an effort to love Christ’s body at St. Paul.

Please prepare for these 4 things:

1. A mass letter mailing will be arriving at your home around May 21-23. Please open this letter, read it, and act upon it.
2. Please sign up to secure a timeslot for receiving the Lord’s Supper. You may do so online or by calling the church office. Note that we will start opening up the weekend of May 30/31st which is Pentecost Weekend.
3. Please continue to worship virtually for the Service of the Word which includes Bible Readings and the Sermon.
4. If you are not yet comfortable, you will not be judged for your hesitation. If you want a private communion we will make some accommodations, especially for those who might be at risk. If you are not feeling healthy or want to wait, please do so until you are ready.

Thank you.

The Board of Elders and Pastors of St. Paul