

Memo: To all Zion Members

Date: 05/21/2020

Re: Update from Council

Status of 'live' Worship at Zion:

All in person activities have been suspended under 'social distancing' for more than two months. We will continue to follow the guidelines issued by the State of Ohio and the Southern Ohio Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Some churches have held in person worship in other states and have had Covid-19 instances in their congregations. We are proceeding with extreme caution to protect our church families. Council held a "Zoom" meeting this month to address how we might handle worship services as we reassess the Covid-19 suspension.

- 1) The suspension will continue through the month of May. We will reassess as the situation changes.
- 2) **We MUST establish a "Health Cleaning Team"** before we can open the church for any activities. Members of the team would be assigned to Zion activity at the church to insure that the area in use is cleaned **'before and after'** each use. This will be similar to assigning ushers. The team needs many participants to share the burden. If a team is not present an activity cannot be held. The team will develop a plan to address working guidelines, required training and necessary supplies.

Please call the Zion Office at 937-667-3110 to sign up. You can also volunteer by email to office@ziontippcity.org.

3) Online services and Pastor Devotionals can be seen on the web site at www.ziontippcity.org Look for Worship in the popup box or click Worship on the menu. Online services will continue even if in person services resume. The online services are viewed by many shut-ins as well as active members. Once again we are asking for **"Video Team"** volunteers to help with the recording of sessions.

4) Council approved adding an online giving option on the website. We are partnering with tithe.ly through their ELCA program to offer this option. More information will soon be posted to the website.

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