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Dear People of God at St. John's,

With much care and caution, we will be re-gathering for worship once again in our sanctuary starting on **Sunday, June 07**.

But as we do so, we will also continue to strongly encourage everyone who is at greater risk and/or with underlying health conditions to continue to safely worship online as we also transition back to live-streaming our worship gatherings each Sunday morning.

(We will also continue to provide a number of the other Sunday morning resources online, as well.)

Please also note the new Sunday morning schedule, beginning June 07...

8:30 Pastor's Class in the Sanctuary
10:00 Worship in the Sanctuary (live streamed)

Do also know that until we are able to transition into the second phase of safely re-gathering, there will be no refreshments served either before or after worship, nor any childcare provided.

With the utmost concern for keeping any and all airborne germs in the confined space of our sanctuary to a minimum, the liturgy will be both simplified and spoken, musical selections will be provided by either soloists or no more than a quartet, and everyone will be encouraged to wear a mask. Disposable masks will be provided for any who need one.

With an equal concern for everyone's well-being, open pews will be staggered, households will be asked to sit apart from other households, and safe-distancing will be practiced by all. (This means we still need to refrain from enjoying hugs and handshakes from one another for still a while longer.)

Please also know that the offering plates will not be passed through the pews. You will be encouraged to drop your offering into a couple stationary plates as you come forward to receive Holy Communion.

And again, until we are able to enter into the second phase of re-gathering, Holy Communion will be offered through Host alone.

Hand sanitizer will also be available at both entrances to the sanctuary, as well as near the First Floor entrance near the Memorial Hall.

God's grace and currently-improved health conditions in San Antonio are enabling us to take these small steps toward a renewed normalcy. *We ask everyone to offer a greater spirit of grace toward one another as we caringly consider not only ourselves, but the well-being of all others.*

May God provide us and our community both blessing and renewal in the weeks ahead.

Pastor Jim Dew



- 1 Stephen Schenk
- 2 Nina Mendez
Rosemary Petry
- 3 Emily Mae Schenk
Arlene Schirmer
- 4 Shawn Peavler
- 7 Carol Detwiler
- 8 George Pawkett
Alton Schulze

- 12 Dan Robison
- 13 Karen Woodruff
- 14 Courtney Kramme
- 17 Ryan Burk
- 19 Betty Boenisch
- 20 Glenn Michalek
Donald Reynolds
Melvina Turner

- 21 Karen Garteiser
- 23 Alexandra Berry
Ryan Hudel
Ebbie Kelly
- 26 Tina Zelenak
- 28 Curtis Franz
Jonathan
Riemenschneider
- 29 Ben Cauble
- 30 Julie Shadrock

A special thank you to Pastor Dew, Maria Dew, Michael Bade and our interns, Delia, Christian and Louie, Rob Jenkins, Roger Steckly, Brad Richie and Wayne Richie for our Sunday Services during the time when our church was unable to hold services.

A special thank you to our Business Manager, Eric Ryniker, for taking care of our Church business and keeping us informed during this time.

Blessings,
Mary & Ken Boehme

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Due to the impact of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) our mission trip to Sololá Guatamala scheduled for June 2020 has been cancelled. We will continue to communicate with our friends in Sololá and make plans to return in June 2021.

Yours in health,
Blessings
Bea Imken
Chair- Mission Ministry

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Financial reports are produced monthly and reviewed by the Congregation Council. These reports and Council minutes are available by request from the church office. For more information, please contact Eric at 210-223-2611 or at eric.ryniker@stjohnssa.org



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Our Mission: Remembering our heritage
and reaching for the future by living in faith
and growing through worship, study and
service.

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