



# Advent Lutheran Church

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Dear Advent,

We are so grateful that vaccines have arrived, and COVID-19 caseloads are declining! Praise the Lord! The end of the pandemic is in sight and we are making plans to gather again in person. Unfortunately, the pandemic is not gone and gathering in person won't come as quickly as any of us would like. We need more time to get more people vaccinated before we can safely resume large, in person gatherings.

While we wait for more people to get vaccinated, we are going to take advantage of the improving weather. The warmer weather will allow us to provide lots of opportunities to gather in person and worship outside and fellowship outside.

Here is **some** of what you can look forward to over the next few months:

- Pop-up Easter Sunday Sunrise service in the parking lot at 8 a.m. (weather permitting.) The staff can't wait to see you bright and early on Easter morning in the parking lot! The staff is having lots of fun planning this festive service.
- Beginning in late May, we will have Wednesday chapel services in the sanctuary at noon. These small, socially distanced services will be a time for reflection, scripture, and prayer. After the service there will be an opportunity to gather outside for fellowship.
- In person outdoor worship begins May 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Opportunities for fellowship outdoors this summer: Confirmation on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Senior Sunday Celebration on June 6<sup>th</sup>, First Communion on June 13<sup>th</sup> – to name just a few!
- Continued Parking Lot Events with some opportunities to tour the building and see capital campaign improvements.
- VBS is virtual, but there will be some in person activities – like a petting zoo and an ice cream social!
- Continued online worship and education
- Outreach opportunities
- We are making plans to resume office hours in June.
- Rally Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, a return to in person worship in the building. We are planning a huge celebration and hope that you will make plans now to attend and bring your friends!

Advent, thank you for your prayers, your patience, and your partnership. This has been a challenging year, but you have responded to this challenge with grace and love.

With hope,

*Pastor Elizabeth Felt*

*Pastor Peter Carlson Schattauer*

*Dave Strootman, Congregation President*

*Scott Tiesma, Congregation President-Elect*