



St. Jakobi Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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“We Preach Christ Crucified” 1 Cor 1:23

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Sixth Week of Easter

I was glad when they said to
me, “Let us go to the house
of the LORD!” Psalm 122:1

Dearly beloved of St. Jakobi,

The Lord draws his people to himself so that he may speak to them, feed them, care for them and much more. Then he sends them out into the world to be a light in dark times. It is God’s plan for his people that they worship him as a community. Scripture testifies to this repeatedly. Acts 2:42 says, “They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of the bread and the prayers.” With this in mind, I’m excited for God’s people to worship once again in the Sanctuary of St. Jakobi.

The Elders have been meeting every two weeks since the pandemic started and have now decided to offer three options for the people of St. Jakobi to worship. **First**, the Saturday 6pm WTCH radio broadcast will continue. **Second**, people can continue to worship in the church parking lot on Saturday at 6:30pm and Sunday at 9am by tuning their car radio to 104.5. **Third**, we will resume worship service in the sanctuary on Saturday and Sunday beginning May 23rd and 24th. If you are sick, at risk, or concerned then there’s nothing wrong with worshipping one of the first two ways.

In order to keep everyone safe and not burden the conscience of anyone, the Elders have decided on the following changes to how we will worship together in the sanctuary.

1. We will utilize every other row of pews.
2. Families are encouraged to sit together and keep 6 feet of distance between households.
3. Masks are highly recommended but not required.
4. Hymnals have been removed from the pews and paper copies of the service and hymns will be handed out. Please take the bulletin with you after the service as it will not be reused.
5. There will be no offering plate passed. The offering plates will be in the back of church for people to drop their offering in before or after church. There will also be a bucket outside if you are worshipping in the parking lot. You may continue to utilize online giving at www.bit.ly/DonateStJakobi
6. The Elders have decided not to offer Communion until they see if a spike in cases happens because of businesses reopening. Knowing the great promises of God and his wonderful gifts in Holy Communion, if you would like to receive Communion privately, then please contact Pastor and he would be happy to have a small Communion service with you so that you may receive the medicine of immortality, Christ’s Body and Blood.
7. There will be no coffee or snacks offered after service.

Other events of note:

- Plans continue for Vacation Bible School to be held in August. We don’t have a firm date yet.
- Bible classes will resume at a date to be determined later.
- St. Jakobi will be working the Red Barn food stand at Charlie’s June 22-24.

The pine trees at church have been cut down in preparation for ground breaking on the addition to church later this summer. You will be receiving more information about Commitment Sunday and updates on the entire project soon.

Looking forward to worshipping together as the Body of Christ,

Pastor Kleinschmidt