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Dear Congregation,

The Resurrection Team met again last week to continue evaluating all the considerations for reconvening inside the walls of CLLC. We appreciate the feedback many of you have provided—your understanding and perspectives help us collectively consider what is best for all of us as a CLLC family.

One of the biggest considerations we are weighing are the safety guidelines we will need to abide by – some of which are our favorite parts about gathering together. For instance, we will not be able to have fellowship hour or share food, sing in worship, or share the peace. Due to the sanctuary floors being refinished and the need to remove any “extras” that would need sanitizing, the pew bibles and hymnals have already been boxed up. We will also be adding a bathroom upstairs this summer, possibly congesting the entryway. As we said in our last communication, safety is our first priority; therefore, we invite you to think about what church would look like if we were to return at 25% occupancy, per the guidelines outlined by the state of Minnesota. We ask that you continue sharing feedback with us as we consider all perspectives in these very important decisions about what is best for our entire congregation.

We will continually evaluate the situation and ever-changing state guidance as we move through the summer. We will also be developing a plan for what in-person worship looks like when we are able to return. At this point, **we will continue online services with a tentative return date of Rally Sunday, September 13**. Please be advised that this date is ***not*** set in stone. Our team, in conversation with the Church Council, will reevaluate the recommendations as that date draws closer.

We are discussing ideas for potential parking lot activities and how we will conduct other events such as baptisms, weddings, and funerals. For the time being, we will continue to keep those gathers to 10 people or less, following Minnesota Department of Health Guidelines. Abiding by the Stay Safe Order, staff will continue to work remotely. The building remains closed to all other activities and group meetings.

We are grateful for your feedback and partnership in this process. We will keep you informed of developments, as we meet every two weeks.

Blessings,

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