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Church Family,

I know that many of you are like me—excited about the prospect of soon being able to participate together in in-person Sunday morning worship. But, in order for us to be observant about what happens with the pandemic in Alberta after schools open up, we are now planning for September 27 as the first Sunday of our in-person worship. A spike in COVID-19 cases could alter these plans, but we are praying this will not be the case and that September 27 will be a day on which we have both online and in-person worship taking place.

In light of this, we are preparing to have our church building “COVID-19 ready,” making plans for maintaining social distancing, for sanitation, for online registering of attendance, and for conducting a worship program that will be encouraging and safe for those who register for worship at the building. Although final details need to be mapped out, our current plans call for the use of Eventbrite as an online means for those worshipping in-person to register for Sunday morning attendance at the building. If numbers warrant it (we think we may be able safely to seat between 70-90 people on a Sunday, depending on the family sizes of those attending), attendance will be allocated to families on a rotating basis, so that everyone wishing to do so will be able to worship in-person at least once every two-three weeks. Some have asked about holding two services, but at present our plan is to hold only one in-person service. If nothing else, sanitizing between two Sunday morning worship services seems at present a prohibitive obstacle to holding two services.

Between now and September 27 please watch for announcements in emails, the weekly newsletter, on our website, and on Facebook and Instagram. I also would love it if you could devote special prayer to our preparations for in-person worship. We have not held in-person worship during times like these, nor have we tried simultaneously to hold both in-person and online worship, and we want to prepare for and conduct worship in a way that is safe and encouraging for all.

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