

## **OSLC Plan for May**

*Worship—Communion—Confirmation—Weddings/Funerals*

### **Worship plans for May:**

May 3: We worshipped digitally, as we have done since March 22.

May 10: We plan to worship digitally, as we have done. Pastor will remember mothers in the service, since it is Mother's Day!

Following the service, we will be offering "drive-thru" sweets for Sweet Sunday, as well as flower pots for mothers. We will take every safety precaution.

May 17: We plan to worship digitally, as we have done, in the morning.

That afternoon, at 2:00, we will have an outdoor service for confirmands and their immediate families (more details below).

May 24: We plan to worship digitally, as we have done. Pastor will remember graduates in the service. We are hoping to have pictures of the graduates that can be shown online, pending approval and permission.

May 31: We plan to begin having physical worship, adhering to all of the best practices being strongly suggested by the governor for congregations. This will include encouragement for continued online worship for those over 65, those at-risk, or those experiencing symptoms of sickness.

We will do our best to sanitize the area, and we will plan on practicing communion separately from corporate worship. We will offer multiple services (likely our regular 8:15, 9:30, and 11:00 time slots) to spread people out between the services.

Even when we are back together physically for worship, there is a good chance we will continue to have Bible class and meetings via Zoom through the month of June.

\*\*\*Caveat: If our understanding of COVID-19 and its effect on the community changes for the worse during the month of May, or if there is a great spike in cases in that time, there is a possibility that we will adjust accordingly, moving the May 31 reconvening date back and continuing online-only worship.

### **Communion:**

Communion will resume on May 31, but outside of corporate worship. The plan, which will be discussed in greater detail at the May 19 Elders Meeting, is to have communion set up in the fellowship hall, allowing single families to commune together. We will have a window of time set up, likely on Sunday afternoon, when families can come to the church to receive Communion.

Wine will be delivered in plastic cups that will be disposed of immediately following each communion. We will use clean, disposable methods for delivering the host as well. After each family, the area will be sanitized.

We will make every effort to discourage unnecessary touching of any surfaces in the course of this practice.

While we cannot be certain, it is possible that this will be our Communion practice for several weeks. The hope is to offer it twice a month.

### **Confirmation:**

An outdoor confirmation service is planned for May 17 at 2:00 in the afternoon.

Plans are being made for the technology requirements, as well as best practices for giving the blessing, having God Moment Papers read, and offering first communion for the confirmands.

This will be the first time delivering communion since March 15, and so we will want to make sure we are observing every safety protocol. Controlling the situation will be easier with such a small group. There will be elders on hand to help ensure this goes smoothly.

In the case of inclement weather, there are secondary plans being considered for safely gathering in the sanctuary with a smaller group.

### **Weddings and Funerals:**

We have only one wedding on the books for May (and none in June). The couple has decided on a very small wedding, with a larger celebration in the Fall.

Since we are not opened back up in May, funerals in May will rely on the protocols of the funeral homes.

The Minot funeral homes are still discouraging funerals in church sanctuaries, and they are still restricting funeral home funerals to 10 people with a Livestream option for the rest. They are pushing for 50 or less at the graveside. This is subject to any changes the funeral homes may make in the month of May.