



# Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

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Pastor Kristen Steele

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Dear SVLC members:

Happy Summer Blessings to you all and Welcome Back!

Hopefully you are all healthy and have been enjoying the summer weather. It has certainly been nice to be able to get out and see people, undertake some activities, and just enjoy an (almost normal) vacation. Due to the on-going wildfire threat, it has been somewhat difficult to move around the province and we continue to pray for all those who remain affected.

The mask mandate for British Columbia has been reinstated, and we continue to plan for a safe re-opening of our church building. It is our wish to enter back into worship services as a community albeit slowly and cautiously. We are happy to announce that we will be re-opening our building for in-person worship on **Sunday, September 12, 2021**.

We ask you all to remember that not everyone is comfortable yet with coming together in a large group setting and so we ask everyone to be respectful of this. Things will be a little different once you return to the building. Masks, social distancing, and being vaccinated will be what you should expect. We will be taking steps, well in advance of our building re-opening, to ensure that everyone is familiar with these new expectations. Please watch for this information, coming to you often in the next few weeks, as we put together our plan to help us all worship together safely.

We have much to be thankful for. Pastor Kristen, along with a dedicated team, has been devoted to maintaining on-line worship for our congregation these past seventeen months. She and they have been a blessing for us, and we thank them for all their work and the support they have given us.

God is with us and will guide us and we will be the body of Christ together (in person) soon.

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