



Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

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Dear Friends,

Yesterday Dr. Henry announced changes to the provincial restrictions regarding COVID-19. I know that I heard those changes with both excitement and some anxiety and trepidation. Two of the changes that have been changed immediately is that masks are no longer required in indoor spaces where physical distancing is possible, and church capacity limits are removed. Checking of vaccine passports is still mandatory for indoor events until April 8 and so until then we will continue to have coffee hour for all groups outside.

We are not through this pandemic yet and I regularly hear of people who are getting sick so it is still circulating in our community. In light of this we will follow these protocols:

1. Please do not attend in person worship if you are not feeling well.
2. We **strongly recommend that everyone 5 years and older wear a mask** at all times while inside the church building.
3. **Please practice physical distancing** (min. 6 ft.) while inside the building. This includes ensuring you are distanced from other individuals and families when you choose where you will sit for worship.
4. Those who are 12 years old and older are asked to **only attend if they are fully vaccinated**.
5. Hand sanitizer will be available when you walk in the building. **Please sanitize your hands upon entry** or proceed immediately to the washroom to wash your hands with soap.
6. Bathrooms will have a capacity limit. Signs will be posted on the doors.
7. **Coffee/Fellowship Time will be outside**, weather permitting.
8. Doors and windows will be open during the service regardless of the weather outside. Please dress accordingly.

We will not be making any changes to our current practices in worship at this time.

We are still awaiting the arrival of our livestreaming. Until that is in place I will continue to record the service on my iPhone and upload after the service on Sunday afternoons. As we did in the fall I will send out the link Sunday afternoon.

These are challenging times for everyone and, as we return to this new way of being together while staying safe, I encourage you to only participate in the ways you feel comfortable. I recognize this will look different for each individual and each family, and may change as circumstances change. Please continue to connect with each other and know that I am available for pastoral care.



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We would like to have flowers for each Sunday. If you would like to honour or celebrate a special occasion with flowers, please choose one of the following options: either add your name to the flower chart on the board in the narthex when you are here on a Sunday, or email Eleanor in the office (eleanor.svlc@shaw.ca) with the date you would like and she will add your name to the sheet.

Flowers need to be brought to the church and arranged into vases either on a Friday afternoon or Sunday morning. If neither of those days works for you, please make other arrangements to bring in your flowers.

We will gather for coffee hour after worship outside this Sunday so that we all have a chance to visit and reconnect. I hope you will plan to stay and visit as you are comfortable. We are looking for people to host coffee hour on Sundays. If you are able to host, please sign up on the sign-up board in the narthex or contact Eleanor to add your name to the list.

Peace,

Pastor Kristen