UPDATE #55 Contact info: [church@stlorenz.org](mailto:church@stlorenz.org) or mbrandt@stlorenz.org

5/27/2020 652-6141

* “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Matthew 22:39

“’All things are lawful,’ but not all things are helpful. . . . Let no one seek his own good, but the

good of his neighbor. ” 1 Corinthians 11:23 & 24

“If food causes my brother to stumble, i will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.”

1 Corinthians 8:13

* Luther’s Morning Prayer

“I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.”

* Gathering for worship (Let us know you are coming by clicking on this link:)

[www.pastorstoolbox.com/save-a-seat/afa897b0-07fd-4b1a-8b76-*c76de0582f08*](http://www.pastorstoolbox.com/save-a-seat/afa897b0-07fd-4b1a-8b76-c76de0582f08)

* + PLEASE do not feel obligated in any way to come to worship.
  + PLEASE do not come inside if you are feeling unwell or if you are in any way at higher risk from the coronavirus.
  + PARKING LOT worship will be encouraged for those who are not gathering inside the building. At some services (still working out details), we will also offer Communion to those who are worshiping in their cars.
  + FACE MASKS are required for all who can tolerate them in the parking lot and while entering or exiting the building.
  + HAND SANITIZER will be offered to all who are entering the building.
  + SAFE DISTANCING will be ensured by having worshipers escorted to designated seating areas.
  + CONGREGATIONAL SINGING will be reduced.
  + OFFERINGS will be placed in receptacle as worshipers leave after the service.
  + COMMUNION will be received as worshipers are leaving after the service. Communicants will pick up a sealed packet with wine and wafer and self-administer the Sacrament before depositing the wrapper in a receptacle.
  + MONDAY NIGHT services begin on June 1st. We start at 6:30. At least for the month of June, we will offer Communion on Monday evenings. We do not require pre-registration for this service as we don’t have a good handle on what capacity would be. We do anticipate a fairly large attendance and encourage everyone to observe safe distancing protocols. You may spread out around the bandstand as much as you’d like. Offering and Communion will be received as you are leaving the service. We plan to have several stations set up for that. We will explain more at the service itself. (Not trying to be secretive! Some decisions won’t be made until we see how many people are there and where they are seated.)
  + CONNECT IN THE GROVE. No decision has been made as to the date we will move out to the Grove for Sunday Connect services. There are many factors to be taken into consideration with that.
* Administrative Pastor Call
  + At its meeting on May 18th, Ministry Council determined a three-stage process for calling our next Administrative Pastor.
    - An information letter has been sent to all congregation members. That letter will also solicit your comments/questions.
    - At 7:00 p.m. on June 4th, we will conduct a web-cast “town hall” meeting to provide more info and to address questions or comments that have been submitted. Additional time following the web-cast will be allowed for follow-up questions or comments. Those will probably be addressed via an email sent to all our members.
    - A referendum vote using both electronic and hard-copy ballots to agree or disagree with Council recommendation. Deadline for casting your vote will be 5:00 p.m. on June 10th.
  + Council has a strong desire to protect the privacy of those who are on our call list. We are working to develop a process that provides all the information our members need in order to make an informed decision, while doing our best to keep that information from being shared outside of our congregation. Your cooperation will be necessary.
* Ways to give at St. Lorenz. You may:
  + Mail your offering to 140 churchgrove Road
  + Sign up for e-giving on our app or the web site
  + Place your offering in the mail slot at The Rock (South Side Entrance)
* May we help you? Call 652-6141 or write [church@stlorenz.org](mailto:church@stlorenz.org)
  + We have 24 “runners” who will happily run errands for you.
  + Prayer assistance is also readily available. We have 50 people who are eager to pray for you. Email [nanzee1@aol.com](mailto:nanzee1@aol.com) or call or text 818-497-3843. We can also forward requests sent to the church office.
  + Stephen Ministers can provide a listening ear and much more. Contact the church office.
  + CrossRoads Counseling Ministries can be reached at 652-0764 to access telephone sessions or video sessions.