

June 30, 2021

To our Mt. Zion family,

We are sending this message to update you on a recent meeting of the Wilderness Committee June 29.

In considering feedback we received from the congregation, we have made some decisions that relate to our worship services. These decisions are rooted in the best practices of the St. Croix County Public Health and the CDC.

Worship Services

Indoor With much consideration, we have decided to move to one service on Sunday mornings at 9 AM beginning this Sunday, July 4 with distancing.

Online Worship/Outdoor Worship

We will continue to offer online worship on Sundays at 9 AM and five summer services outdoors on Wednesday evenings throughout the summer.

Masks

Indoor services--We strongly recommend masks for people who are not yet able to be vaccinated or for those who prefer to be masked. Masks will continue to be available at the door for anyone who needs or wishes to wear one.

Outdoor services—Masks are not required but for those who feel more comfortable wearing one, please feel free to do so. As always, if you need a mask, we can provide one for you.

Singing

7 PM Wednesday Outdoor Services—(June 30, July 14 and 28, July 11 and 25).

Singing will be encouraged at our outdoor services as you feel called and comfortable. Words will be provided for your convenience.

9 AM Sunday morning summer services

On Sunday morning, we will continue to have our cantors sing hymns and offer the opportunities to those who would like to provide special music to do so.

This committee will meet again in July and continue to evaluate worship practices as guidance evolves. Please know that we value all in our church family and want everyone to feel comfortable and welcome.

Sincerely,

The Wilderness Committee:

Judy Meincke, Scott Johnson, Robin Arneson, Craig Gustafson, Jim Letourneau, Anna Peterson, Kim Pilarski, Cindy Saathoff, and Pastor Carolyn Staats