

Dear Mt. Zion members and friends,

On August 24, the Wilderness Committee met to discuss church protocols and update our policies.

We have been in contact with staff at St. Croix County Public Health and learned that St. Croix County is currently in a “high” rate of community transmission for Covid-19. This includes both unvaccinated and vaccinated individuals.

We are monitoring the recommendations from the CDC, Wisconsin Council of Churches, and our own Northwest Synod of Wisconsin.

Due to the large increase of transmissions of Covid-19 in our area, and out of abundant love and concern for our members and neighbors, we are making the following changes:

Beginning September 1

- Masks will be required for all persons inside our church building, vaccinated or not (Including in worship and for anyone inside the church, including groups meeting in the church).
- We will continue with social distancing in the building (sanctuary, halls, and rooms).
- We will not have congregants singing in worship but continue with the cantors providing music.
- We will serve coffee and juice indoors in the fellowship hall after services and masks will be required.
- Masks will not be required outdoors for groups or individuals who wish to meet outdoors.

Thank you for your patience and support as we continue to work to keep our members and community safe, as well as to be able to meet indoors for worship.

We will continue to offer our worship services online if you feel more comfortable.

This committee will meet again on Tuesday, September 7 to reevaluate these policies.

God bless you all.

Your Wilderness Committee:

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