

# **Covid-19 and Our Life Together Update for Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**

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By the Congregation Council

The Council would like to take this time to thank the diligent work of the POP Safety Team (Rob Herb, Karen Kramer, Jill Porter, Robert Price and Walter Stridick) who over the past year has helped us to compile and understand the information concerning Covid-19 so that we could help make faithful and informed decisions about our life together. We also want to thank the congregation for your care for one another throughout this time.

The following plan has been presented to the council who unanimously approved it at our council meeting this past Wednesday. This update is based upon The Way of Jesus Christ, the updated CDC recommendations, the NJ State and Burlington County Health Department mandates and recommendations to date.

## **Beginning May 30, 2021**

Outdoor Worship – Anyone, at any time, who wishes to wear a mask may do so.

## **June 2021**

We will continue to enjoy celebrating God's glorious and good creation by worshipping outdoors on Sunday mornings at 9:30. Throughout the month we will be celebrating a baptism, and the graduation of our high school seniors. There will continue to be an online time of worship Saturday evenings at 5:30 through the month of June. The congregational leadership will use the month of June to continue planning the many things that need to be attended to as we move into this next phase.

## **July 3 & 4, 2021 until mid-September-ish**

### **5:30 - Saturday Evening Worship**

- In-person Outdoors
- Please bring your own chair
- Anyone at any time who wishes to wear a mask may do so.

### **9:30 – Sunday Morning Worship**

- In-person Inside the Sanctuary
- The specific protocols will be announced closer to that date

### **6 pm – Sunday Evenings**

- Online Gathering for Worship
- Zoom Link will be in Friday Newsletter.

## **The Building**

Beginning in July the congregation's building will be opened for more regular Prince of Peace ministries with any protocols being announced closer to that time. The community groups will not return yet as the leadership considers various ministry considerations and their impact on space in the building.