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# October Newsletter

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I just looked back it is so hard to believe that it has been over six months since we were together in our churches and a newsletter has been written.

As you can imagine – when all of the world began to change it was changing quickly and we were reacting daily to what the world and our leaders were asking of us. It is with great hope and definite care we will begin to again gather in the pews of our churches and praise for the Lord and continue to pray for the world we are living in.

I look forward to starting my time with you now as your Pastor – I cannot put into words how happy I am that it has worked out for both your churches and my first call plan to continue in serving you and the congregations of Kirkebo and Nora. God is good!

Please continue to take care of yourself, return to gathering at the churches if and when you are feeling comfortable to do so. We will continue to stream the services live at 9am each Sunday morning and will only mail out the services to those who contact the office to request it to be mailed.

Stay well - Together in ministry with you!  
Pastor Michele

## Return to In-Church Plan

### **Phase 1: Back to two services effective October 4<sup>th</sup>**

- Masks will be worn at **all** times when inside.
- Usher will advise people to sanitize at entry point and provide bulletin and communion serving.
- We will print the words for the hymns in the bulletins.
- Hymns will be limited to one verse opening hymn and one verse sending hymn with special music played as hymn of the day.
- We will continue to use pre-filled communion cups through this phase.
- Offering receptacles will be placed in the entry way for people to put their offering in before or after the service.
- Worshippers will mark their pew the first time they attend and will continue to use that space each week there-after.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in all common areas.
- There will be no physical contact – shaking hands/communion etc...
- No one will leave their pews until the end of service and children will remain in pews during service (including children's message & offering).
- Children's activity bags will not be available until Phase 3.
- Pastor will dismiss each pew and members will be asked to leave the building as soon as they are able.
- Restrooms will be available but please limit to one person at a time.
- No coffee and fellowship between services.
- Ushers will wipe down entry way and bathroom door handles after service.
- No Sunday School during this phase.
- Confirmation will be held once a month – in person but social distanced alternating locations monthly.

### **Confirmation 2020-2021**

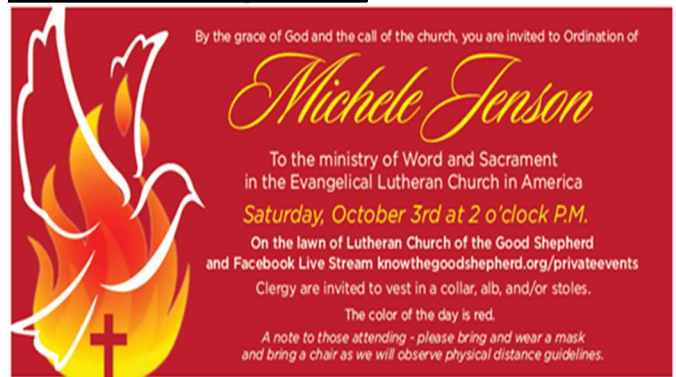
Confirmation will be held for students 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade. We will meet in person once a month beginning October 25<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 – Nora.

Please complete a Confirmation Registration form – available at both churches beginning October 4<sup>th</sup>. Forms must be submitted by October 18<sup>th</sup> for planning purposes. If you need forms mailed to you please call the office and leave a message.

### **Perley Parish Food Shelf:**

Open Thursdays from 5:00-7:00. Contact the church office if you would like to volunteer.

## **October at a glance:**



**Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>** - Start of In-person Services  
9:00am – Nora & 11:00am – Kirkebo

**Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>** –  
9:00am – Kirkebo & 11:00am – Nora  
Kirkebo council at 9:45 (note date/time change)  
Nora council at 11:45

**Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>** – Installation of Pastor Michele  
9:00am – Nora & 11:00am – Kirkebo  
Guest Preacher – Pastor Taylor Wilson

**Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>** –  
9:00am – Kirkebo & 11:00am – Nora

**Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>** – Joint Council Meeting  
6:30 pm at Nora.

### **Things to watch for in November:**

- Confirmation for the 2020 confirmands
- Update on Covid/In-Church Plan
- New Member Sunday
- Thanksgiving Service Information

### **We Need Some Funds:**

As we continue to Live stream each Sunday morning, we have determined that we will need to update equipment and purchase a few more pieces to make both locations operational at the same level for sharing our services.

Kirkebo was blessed with a Synod grant that allowed us to purchase the new portable PA system (along with a bit of help from a generous donor) that we have been using for outdoor services. It's now time to go inside though and we need additional equipment.

Watch for more information coming out on Sunday October 25<sup>th</sup> to see how you can help.

### **In our thoughts and prayers:**

Alana Harden, Doug Rensvold, Jeff Loe, Kirk, Brent, & Paxley.

*If we have missed anyone, please let us know so we can get this list updated.*