

# Viral Times

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## Local Church Openings

On June 4 the government accepted a *Joint Protocol for a Safe Reopening of Places of Worship in Quebec*, from an interfaith coalition, which establishes guidelines for the partial opening of worship sites. This means you may have some friends and neighbours who have returned to worship since June 21.

There are 17 specific requirements for places of worship that have opened this summer. Churches are expected to establish a hand-washing station at the main entrance. Worship books and other reusable worship items must be put away. Volunteers will staff the entrance and manage seating. A sign-in sheet will be used. Face masks are mandatory. Worshippers from different households must sit at least 2m apart (making for a maximum of about 36 at CTR). No hand-shaking or physical contact. No congregational singing. No social gathering before or after worship. Reservations for worship are recommended.

Even so Lutherans, Anglicans, Presbyterians and the United Church of Canada in the Montreal area are waiting a little longer for in-person worship to resume. There is still no effective treatment for the virus or a vaccine. And the risk of an outbreak at a place of worship in this region is still high.

An Eastern Synod Task Force will have guidelines for us in August. And when the Council and Worship and Music Committee have a chance to examine it we'll let you know when face to face services will return.



## Life Line

At our last Zoom Worship members were placed in smaller "Breakout" groups, to allow for more conversation. Members shared their favourite methods of staying cool on these hot summer days, including a story about an energetic dog with sharp teeth and an inflatable pool.

Which reminds me to tell all you that if you do not have air-conditioning, and find the heat unbearable, we could probably have a few of you in the building for a couple of hours at a time, just to give you some relief. There's a portable AC, fan, and fridge. Just call me first, to reserve your spot. I'll provide instructions about reducing the risk of spreading the virus.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Jim Slack



## Montreal Lutheran Picnic

Up to 50 Lutherans from greater Montreal will gather for an outdoor service of worship on Sunday August 23 at 11:00 am. (We're still at work confirming the site.) We'll soon begin receiving requests – first come, first served - for space for you to set-up your lawn chair. The Rev. Ronald Shumba will be our guest speaker.

Due to the COVID-9 virus there will be no picnic lunch, games for children and adults, or a raffle in support of CLWR.

## This Week at CTR

July 15 Lessons' Study 7:00 pm  
Zoom Meeting ID 879 1570 3753  
July 19 Worship 9:30/10:00 am  
Zoom Meeting ID 879 6252 4151

