

Viral Times

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Face-to-Face Worship?

In early June Bishop Michael Pryse, of the Eastern Synod, recommended that congregations remain closed to face-to-face worship until at least September.

Since then a **Task Force on the Resumption of In-Person Worship** has been formed, and is reviewing a wide range of resources prepared by other synods, our ecumenical partners, as well as Public Health advisories from across the territory of the Eastern Synod. The synod affirms its belief that physical distancing, for the health and safety of our neighbour, is an act of love.

By August the Task Force hopes to have a detailed plan in place, regarding the resumption of in-person worship. It will include a check-list of measures that will reduce the likelihood that the virus might be spread at our gatherings. You can keep up-to-date by visiting

<https://easternsynod.org/preliminary-considerations-for-the-resumption-of-in-person-worship/>

Life Line

Lutherans from Montreal have gathered at the end of August to worship, picnic, and play games together. This year's event is taking a different form, because of COVID-19. We plan to gather for outdoor worship on Sunday August 24 at 11:00, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church at 1720 Decarie in Ville St. Laurent. Up to fifty of us will sit at safe distance from one another, wear masks, refrain from singing, and follow the Service of the Word. You'll soon be given instructions to reserve your lawn-chair space.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Jim Slack

Black Lives Rally



Brandon Normandin, a member of Council, spoke out again racism on behalf of CTR at a rally on July 4.



14 year-old Mischa Bertschmann, the grand-daughter of Heidi, spoke about her work in forming Youth for Change and Equality.

Devotional Material

Several items are available for pick-up at the church office:

Eternity for Today is a free quarterly devotional booklet prepared by members of the ELCIC. The summer edition is now available.

The ELCIC's monthly magazine **Canada Lutheran** is here to borrow.

Printed copies of this weekly publication, **Viral Times**, are available to those without internet access.

This Week at CTR

July 8 Lessons' Study 7:00 pm
Zoom Meeting ID 879 1570 3753
July 12 Worship 9:30/10:00 am
Zoom Meeting ID 879 6252 4151

