Dear Church of the Lakes Faith Family,

Your pastors and leadership have been in prayerful conversation about resuming church activities. We have consulted with other churches, reached out to our congregation, heard from our Bishop, and read through the protocols from state and national health care organizations to develop our guidelines. In these uncertain times, we remain focused on our mission of “Connecting all to Christ to become healthy in God and courageous in love”. Our core values, ‘Welcoming All People’, ‘Guiding All Ages’, ‘Discovering our Purpose’, and ‘Spreading God’s Mercy’, will guide us as we maintain a Christ-like environment.

The survey of our congregation shows almost 50% will be ready to gather for worship by early July. Another 32% by the beginning of the school year, and the final 18% will wait until there is a vaccine. Most of our congregation would prefer that we have a live worship service with special music. Based on this information, and keeping our mission in mind, this is our plan (pending health directives from the state):

● **Starting immediately** - Small groups of under 12 people can begin to meet in any large classroom (e.g. 206, 201, 105, etc.) to ensure proper spacing. *Childcare will not be available for small groups at this time.*

● **Starting on June 13th** - Groups of up to 50 people, such as youth activities or AA, can gather in May Hall or the Activity Center using proper spacing. *Childcare will not be available for any groups at this time.*

● **Starting on July 12th** - Worship services of up to 100 people will meet in the Sanctuary and Activity Center. Youth CHAOS service can begin in May Hall.
  
  ○ Sunday services will resume at our normal times at 8:30, 9:30 and two at 11:00 am.
  
  ■ Services will be 45 minutes to allow time for distancing and to sanitize surfaces.
  
  ■ There will be no children’s Sunday School or nursery services provided through the summer. We encourage families to come to worship together.

  ○ For seating, appropriate physical distancing measures will be in place.
  
  ○ No coffee or refreshments will be offered
  
  ○ Masks will be available for anyone who would like to use one.
  
  ○ Overflow spacing will be available should attendance exceed 100 people.
  
  ○ Details of the worship service format are still being developed.

● **Our online service** will continue throughout the summer for those who prefer to continue to worship from home.

Please know that the details of this plan may change, and we will keep you informed of any updates. Our prayer is that we will be together soon.

Peace & Grace,

Pastor Bryan & Pastor Jared