



Immanuel Messenger

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A Word from Pastor Gregory Fryer

Dear Members and Friends of Immanuel Lutheran Church,

Following are the guidelines we plan to follow when we start gathering again for worship in our church. These guidelines were prepared by our "Task Force on Re-Opening Our Church." They were recommended to our Church Council, which approved them. We can now share them with you.

A big question is left unanswered at this time: When? When shall we start worshiping again in our church? For now, we want to play that matter by ear. We are earnestly inclined in two directions: (1) To gather again and to celebrate the Holy Communion again. And (2) to be cautious, in hope that we do not contribute to a new surge of coronavirus infections in our city.

So Pastor Carol and I plan to recommend a re-opening time after we see how things are going in our city. We care about the example of other churches. We are interested, for example, about when the Catholic churches and the Episcopal churches of our town begin to re-open. We hope that soon we can give a recommendation to Church Council to re-open, at some particular date, but we are not yet settled in our minds about that date.

One good step toward re-opening is that we hope this week to record a video walkthrough of what it will be like when we gather for worship again in our church. (See point #16 under “Coming to Church,” in the report.)

Here, then, is the report of our “Task Force on Re-Opening our Church”:

Returning to Worship at Immanuel

June 1, 2020

*“I was glad when they said to me,
‘Let us go to the house of the LORD!’”*

Psalm 122:1

Immanuel’s Task Force on Re-opening

Many thanks to the members of Immanuel’s Re-opening Task Force: Sexton Gerry Britton, Deacon Barbara Chomko, Parish Secretary Sean Curnyn, Pastors Carol and

Gregory Fryer, Congregation President David Kiehl,
Trustee Sree Panda, MD, Music Director Gwendolyn Toth.

When to Re-open Our Church

This document does not actually recommend *when* to re-open our church. The sense of the Task Force is that we should go slowly and try to get a feel for the lay of the land here in New York City. Our city churches will probably be among the last of churches in New York State to re-open. This document proposes procedures for worshiping again at Immanuel, but does not specify when to begin. When the time seems right, Pastors Fryer plan to give a recommendation to Church Council about when to start gathering at Immanuel again.

Our definite goal is that we will all worship at Immanuel again, as in olden days. We are grateful for the digital versions of worship we have been enjoying so far, but it will be better when we gather again as brothers and sisters in the Lord and receive the Holy Communion again.

Unfortunately due to concerns and caution that there will not be an on-site VBS this August.

Continuing Ministries, Even When We Re-open

Even when we re-open for worship, we mean to continue with video recording of worship so that people can worship online. We want people to return to worship

at church at their own pace, when they feel safe.

Meanwhile, they can continue to worship online and give their tithes and offerings online or mail them in.

Likewise with Monday Evening Bible Study. Presently we meet via Zoom for our Bible Study. It is nicer to meet face-to-face in the Martin Luther Room, but even when we do so, we hope to continue for a while with Zoom participation.

Also, we mean to continue with Phone Church. Not everyone has internet. Phone Church gives people the option of a phone conference call with Pastors Fryer for worship.

Natural Beginning Points for Re-opening

Sunday evening Compline is a natural place to begin with worshipping again at Immanuel. Normally, we have a small congregation for Compline and so it should be easy to maintain social distancing. The service does not take long — maybe 25 minutes. Singing on Zoom is hard because of time delays. The singing gets fractured and jumbled. It will be better when we can sing Compline again at Immanuel, even with masks.

An important step forward for our congregation will be when we resume the Midweek Liturgy. That is a simplified service of Holy Communion at 6:30 PM on Wednesdays, anticipating the Sunday liturgy. At present, only ten people can gather for worship. Counting Music Director Gwen Toth, perhaps a Cantor, Parish Secretary

Sean Curnyn (who video records the service), and Pastors Carol and Gregory, that leaves five people to join us for worship. But that is okay. Jesus promises to be where “two or three are gathered in his name.” We can take turns for the five people. We want some kind of reservation system because we do not want to turn people away at the door. Maybe people can send an email to the Pastors if they would like to attend.

Our Midweek Liturgy, then, will be our main congregational worship service, at least for a while. It will focus on the upcoming Sunday Bible Lessons. It will be our Sunday morning worship in advance. We will record the Midweek Liturgy and make it available online for Sunday Morning worship. Even if we are not among the five people receiving Holy Communion, it will still be good to know that our congregation is celebrating the Blessed Sacrament again. If we are watching at home, we can still join the Eucharistic Dialogue and Sanctus and say our Amen to the Great Thanksgiving to our God.

When we can gather with more than ten people, then we will aim for Sunday morning worship again in our church. That will be great!

The Spirit of Our Re-opening

Martin Luther’s “Morning Prayer” expresses something of the spirit with which we hope to re-open our church. It is a prayer that gives thanks to the Lord for having reached this far in life, asks for His blessings going forward, and concludes with the counsel to go *joyfully to*

work — joyfully to work even in a dangerous world in which our wicked foe hopes to hurt us. Here is his prayer:

I give thanks to you, my heavenly Father through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected me this night from all harm and danger, and I ask that you would also protect me today from sin and all evil, so that my life and actions may please you completely. For into your hands I commend myself: my body, my soul, and all that is mine. Let your holy angel be with me, so that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.”

After singing a hymn perhaps (for example, one on the Ten Commandments) or whatever else may serve your devotion, you are to *go to your work joyfully*.

That is where we stand now: grateful for what the Lord has done for us, even during these days of pandemic, and eager to go forward, including returning to worship at Immanuel.

No plan for returning is perfect. None is foolproof. In these plans for re-opening our church, we are doing the best we can, admitting that we cannot guarantee that all will go perfectly. We want to go on thinking of one another as brothers and sisters in the Lord — not as *dangers* to one another, even if *we are* in some degree.

So, the spirit with which we hope to approach re-opening is that we are doing the best we can to be

conscientious and safe, and then we are going to our work joyfully. Honesty permits us to say that we cannot guarantee perfection, but we trust your judgment — the judgment of each of you, one by one — to decide when to return to worship at Immanuel once we re-open. Our plans seem good to us, even if they are not foolproof. But we bet we can all say this: “I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the LORD!’”

Coming to Church

1. We are grateful that COVID-19 seems to be declining, and we are eager to go to the house of the Lord again. But we do not want to contribute to a new surge of infections in our city, and so we mean to be cautious. We want to see how things are going in our town. Then, when we start returning, we mean to do so gradually, starting off with small gatherings and praying for the day of full worship services again.
2. At present, New York State guidelines for religious services restrict church gatherings to 10 people.
<https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/ReligiousandFuneralServicesMasterGuidance.pdf>

As far as possible, we should be subject to the governing authorities (Romans 13:1). In the end, Jesus is our Lord, and we must be true to him. Still, the government is trying to protect the innocent, which is its God-appointed duty, and it seems right and

Christian to be subject to the government about our gatherings as far as we can.

3. Returning to worship will be a happy occasion but also a scary time. People should return at their own pace. Some won't be able to come for health reasons. On the other hand, there might be new worshipers among us who are moved to come and receive God's gifts of grace.
4. Caution about attending church is realistic. It is nothing to be ashamed of. The virus is not going to disappear completely on a definite date. We might get sick from one exposure, or we can get sick from gradual exposure. One report says that talking can generate corona virus droplets that linger in the air up to 14 minutes. Airflow from outside the worship space is desirable. We can open windows and turn on our big exhaust fans high above our rose window to help circulate the air in our church. We will check whether there are recommended air filters for our air conditioners.
5. We mean to have hand sanitizer stations available throughout our church.
6. We should continue Phone Church, at least for a while. When Sunday morning worship begins again, Phone Church will need to be moved to the afternoon; say, 2 PM.

7. We can continue recording and posting our services on YouTube and our website. We can record the Midweek Liturgy, with Holy Communion, at the usual time: 6:30 PM on Wednesdays. Then we can post the recording on Sunday morning for those who stay home. Wednesday evening, then, will focus on the upcoming Sunday Bible Lessons.
8. When our city churches are permitted to seat up to 25% capacity, we figure that that will be 75-100 people here at Immanuel. That takes into account social distancing and using the back rows of the balcony.
9. We will need to consider service times. Our usual time for the Sunday service is 11:00 AM. Zoom Sunday School has been at 10:00 AM. Our 11 AM service might be enough at first for these 75 people. But as the congregation grows, we could add a second Sunday service. A possible schedule would be this: Choir rehearsal at 9 AM. First worship service at 10:15 AM. Second service at 11:30 AM.
10. No Coffee Hour. We regret this, but we do not want to put people at risk by gathering and mingling in the undercroft. We hope to return to Coffee Hour someday.
11. Recent CDC guidelines stress person-to-person transmission of COVID-19, but back off some from worries about touching hard surfaces.¹ At Immanuel,

¹ <https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2020/s0522-cdc-updates-covid->

we mean to clean things people touch — doorknobs and railings, as well as pews, bathrooms, light switches — but we do not plan to remove our hymnals or Bibles from our pew racks. We do not plan to use the hymnals or Bibles but we want them there. That seems right for a church.

12. We will include the hymns and Bible readings in our worship folders. Instead of greeters handing worship folders to people as they enter our church, people can pick up their worship folder from a table.
13. We do mean to sing at Immanuel, though softly, with our masks on.
14. Rules for “social distancing” will be respected when we gather for church.
 - a. Wear your mask at all times. Please bring your own mask, but we mean to have masks available for any who don’t bring their own.
 - b. Try to maintain distances of six feet between people at all times.
 - c. We aim to have signs guiding traffic patterns— especially coming in and going out of the church and coming and going to the bathrooms.

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- d. Follow signs for seating and non-seating. We will use blue masking tape to indicate where people can sit.
- e. Families can sit together. Also friends who have regular physical contact with each other.
- f. Stay home if you or a family member is sick.
- g. At the Peace, we will greet one another by bowing or waving from a distance.
- h. We will use the locked alms boxes for our offerings. Simply drop your tithes and offerings in the alms box as you enter or leave church. If you give cash and would like credit for your taxes, please use an envelope with your name and address. For symbolic purposes, a basket will be brought forward at the usual time of the offering. The offering is a key part of our worship. It accords with the teaching of the Apostle Paul, "I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." (Romans 12:1, NRSV)
- i. The Bread and the Wine will be on the credence table at the start of the liturgy. So, we do not need presenters for the Eucharistic elements.
- j. Anyone handling the offering should wear gloves and goggles or face mask.
- k. For everyone, wash your hands often and train yourself to not touch your face.
- l. For the sake of one-way traffic in our narrow stairs, we are restricting traffic in those stairs to upwards,

from the undercroft to the narthex. Before the service, people can enter via the front steps *or* the elevator door and then up the stairs to the church. Likewise during the service, if people want to use the bathrooms, they can exit using the front steps and re-enter through the elevator door.

m. The Pastors will not greet people at the door at the end of the service. We want to avoid bottlenecks. We want to keep people moving along smoothly. At the end of the service, we can rest in our pews until the aisles are not crowded.

n. We hope to offer a second way of exiting our church: through the Lexington Avenue stairway. We can exit through the left front doors, near the lectern. It has a bend in the stairs, and so it is not a straight-line exit, but it delivers us right onto Lexington Avenue, near CVS. For some people, it will be a fine option.

15. We will need greeters/ushers who are trained to explain rules and new practices graciously. This is a chance to invite new volunteers, including healthy young people.

16. We mean to record a video walkthrough of worshipping at Immanuel in these pandemic days. That should help prepare people for coming back to church. David Kiehl's brother's church in Des Peres, Missouri has a fine example of such a video:

<https://stpaulsdesperes.org/media/pastors-minute-messages#media-3607311> — the talk for May 21.

Worship Practices

1. Private Confession can begin immediately, via appointment, in the Pastors' Study. Wear your mask. People should wait for Private Confession if they know they have the coronavirus.
2. The pulpit is fairly distant from the people, and so the preacher will remove his or her mask for the sermon. We want no obstacle to the proclamation of the Word — not even a mask. Likewise, the presiding minister will remove his or her mask for the celebration of the Holy Communion, though will put the mask back on for the distribution of the Communion. The lector will remove the mask at the lectern, but put it back on when returning to the pew.
3. Worshipers will wear masks, except for receiving the Eucharistic elements. See paragraph 10 below for further details.
4. We will not exchange the Peace by bodily contact — not even bumping elbows. It will be enough to say "Peace" (softly) with a slight bow, a wave of the hand, a nod, a "thumbs up," or an "okay sign."
5. Communion will be offered every Sunday. No one should feel pressured to receive, but no one should be deprived of the opportunity to receive.
6. Anyone who helps prepare the altar should wear a mask and gloves. The pastor and communion assistant

use hand sanitizer and put on gloves before commencing the Holy Communion.

7. Communion will be offered in both bread and wine. Some may choose to receive the bread only. That is okay. The doctrine of “concomitance” teaches that our entire Christ is received under either the bread or wine. “We who are many become one body of Christ by sharing the one loaf” (1 Corinthians 10:17).
8. During the Eucharistic prayer, the bread will be covered in the ciborium and the wine in the closed flagon and chalice with pall. This is to prevent the bread from contamination by droplets from the breath of the pastor (who will not wear a mask during the Eucharistic liturgy.) The host will be consumed by the ministers.
9. The congregation will commune by station. The left side (lectern side) will walk up the center aisle, being careful to remain six feet apart. The rows are ushered forward from the front pew to the back. After reception and replacement of their masks, members return to their seats by the side aisle. When the left side is finished communing, the right side (pulpit side) will commune following the same pattern.
10. Before distributing the Sacrament, the ministers will use hand sanitizer and put on masks. The bread is dropped into the cupped hands of the communicant without touching hands. If the minister does touch hands, he or she will pause, use hand sanitizer again,

and then continue. The communicant raises the mask slightly to consume the body and blood of Christ, then fixes the mask back in place, and returns to his or her seat by the side aisle.

11. The assisting minister will distribute the wine from a pouring chalice. People who choose to receive the wine will take a small cup from a tray, being careful not to touch any other cups, and hold it for the wine to be poured into it. The communicant will step aside, move the mask to drink the wine and then replace the mask. After drinking the wine the cup will be discarded in a basin provided.
12. For now, only Pastors Gregory and Carol will distribute communion.
13. Pastors Carol and Gregory hope to be tested both for the virus and the antibodies before leading worship again with our congregation. They hope for two negative tests, to try to rule out false positives. Even if they are clear, such a status might be fleeting in a world with so much infection. Still, it would be nice to be able to say to folks that the pastors have been tested and are fine as far as we know. Also, the pastors will regularly check their temperatures to make sure they do not have fevers.
14. Some church members, especially the vulnerable, might continue to stay at home and not attend public worship. The extended distribution of communion can be offered to them for self-communion at home. Bread

from the congregation's communion can be packaged in a self-sealing envelope, along with a paper on which are printed instructions and appropriate prayers (in large print). A lay person can deliver the envelope on Sunday or Monday. Ring the bell, hand over the envelope, step back, say "Peace be with you" with a slight bow, and depart. Self-communion at home with bread consecrated at the service was a practice of the ancient church in times of persecution and of epidemic.

Improving As We Go Along

Careful planning, experimentation, and patience are required. We plan to invite our Church Council to an initial worship service, to see what works and to refine our methods. What is suggested here is a way of proceeding. It is open to improvement.

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Bible Studies

6:30 PM Monday Evening Bible Study
6:30 PM, Wednesday Evening Bible Study

A note from Pastor Gregory Fryer

We have two weekly Bible Studies these days. We have the longstanding Monday Evening Bible Class, and our more recent Wednesday Evening Bible

Class. Pastor Carol and I have divvied them up, so that I am taking charge of Monday evening and Carol is taking charge of Wednesday evening.

Monday Evening Bible Class

The Monday Evening Bible Class is on the Epistles of St. Paul. We are starting with First and Second Thessalonians and going forward in estimated chronological order. Here is the link for our Monday Evening Bible Study. It should be good through June 29:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82060800491?pwd=VTJrUXpVSFEWDRoRkITMVNmUINmdz09>

Meeting ID: 820 6080 0491

Password: 467155

Or you can phone in for the Monday Evening Bible Study:
1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 820 6080 0491

Password: 467155

Wednesday Evening Bible Class

The Wednesday Evening Bible Class is what is called a “pericope study.” That means that the class focuses on the appointed Bible Lessons for the upcoming Sunday. Pastor Carol urged that we establish this class to fill the gap created by the suspension of our longtime Midweek

Liturgy. So the class meets at the same time as that Liturgy used to meet: 6:30 PM on Wednesdays. Here is the Zoom link for our Wednesday Evening Bible Study. It is a link that should be good through July 22. Carol means to open the meeting at about 6:25 PM, and so you can sign-in then:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85439423630?pwd=YWxJRlhCdVh3V3FUMU80Q2l5MXhKZz09>

Meeting ID: 854 3942 3630

Password: 824171

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Meeting ID: 854 3942 3630

Password: 824171

Find your local number:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/u/ks3eUEhPI>

Glad to say, Pastor Carol is inclined to continue this pericope study even when we resume the Midweek Liturgy. She is thinking of relocating it then to Tuesday mornings at 11 AM. More details about that to come.

Our Online Worship Services

They are getting better and better thanks to Music Director Gwendolyn Toth, musician Dongsok Shin, Choir Member Michael Celentano, and Parish Secretary Sean Curnyn. The latest good step is that Dongsok embeds the music right into the liturgy for our Sunday morning worship services.

The service you see on Sunday morning has a lot of elements. Pastors Carol and Gregory usually record the liturgy and sermon on Friday morning. That means that they are preaching and praying in an empty church except for Sean who is recording them. Meanwhile Gwen and Michael and Dongsok record Michael singing the hymns, Alleluia Verse, and so on. It takes a while to process these recordings. Then Dongsok is weaving the recordings together, so that we get a smooth liturgy when we watch on Sunday morning.

Also, we are including a worship folder along with the link for the liturgy. If you watch the liturgy on our website and do not enlarge the video, then you can watch the liturgy and follow the worship folder pretty much at the same time. Here is a recent example of that:

<https://www.immanuelnyc.org/liturgy-of-the-word-on-trinity-sunday-including-specially-recorded-music/5174>


Each Sunday morning, we send out a parish email with the link for that Sunday's liturgy. Probably we will

continue that even when we gather for Sunday worship again, figuring that people will return to worship at their own pace and that if they stay home, they can still join in the worship online. Or maybe we will live-stream the Sunday liturgy, though that is a technological puzzle since we do not have WiFi in our church.

In any case, Sean, Gwen, and Dongsok are working hard and doing great work for us for our online services. Thank you!

Our Tithes and Offerings

Repeating a note from Pastor Gregory Fryer

 Our tithes and offerings are important for our church. Of course they are! Your personal circumstances might well counsel you to hesitate in your financial stewardship. That makes sense, and we trust your judgment. But when you can, please give to our church again. Being absent from our gatherings tempts us to forget our tithes and offerings, but we need them nonetheless. So, please give as you are able.

Let me repeat various ways to give to our church:

- ❖ You can give by check, made out to Immanuel Lutheran Church, and mailed to: 122 East 88th Street, New York, NY 10128.

- ❖ You can go to our website, and click on the blue “Donate” button.
<https://www.immanuelnyc.org/ways-to-give>
- ❖ If you prefer using an app on your phone, then you can download the “GivePlus” app from the Apple Store or from Google Play. Use Immanuel’s zip code, 10128, to quickly find our church, and follow the instructions to set up your donations.
- ❖ You can give by text message. Just text an amount you would like to give to this dedicated number: 917-563-4047, and follow the instructions that are sent back to you. In each case you can donate either by credit card or by a debit to your bank account (this latter method has the advantage of avoiding credit card processing fees).
- ❖ If you receive an economic stimulus check, try to give a tithe to the church, if your circumstances permit.
- ❖ Also, we have a QR code for giving to our church. If you have a smart phone, you can point your camera to this code and it should lead you to our online giving page:



Immanuel’s expenses are pretty much the same even without holding services: we still must pay our regular bills including payroll, insurance, etc. Immanuel is

committed to paying our full and part-time employees, most of whom are still working their regular hours throughout this crisis.

Thank you!

Phone Church

11 AM on Sundays

A Note from Pastor Gregory Fryer

Carol and I enjoy these services. Not everyone has internet. So, if they do not, they might be able to phone us at 11 AM on Sunday morning for a phone conference worship service.

These phone worship services are less formal, and they are briefer, than Sunday morning worship. They are more like homebound visits or hospital visits. People are free to interrupt us with their own thoughts as we go along. Phones are built for conversation. So, Phone Church is more like that—like a conversation. Still, we begin with the Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness, continue with the Bible Lesson, Sermon, Prayers, and Benediction. Plus, phone church gives a chance to check in with each other.

Here is the dial-in number and so on:

- When? 11 AM on Sunday mornings. (You might try dialing in a bit early -- say, 10:55 AM)
- Dial-in Number 1-515-606-5187
- Access code 725495#

When we resume Sunday morning worship in our church, we will probably continue with Phone Church, though we might have to relocate it to, say, Sunday at 2 PM. More about that later.

Theology and Culture

June 19

A Note from Pastor Carol Fryer

The Theology and Culture group has been meeting via Zoom and we will do so again later this month. Since we can no longer share a meal together at this time, we will meet only for one hour from 7:00 – 8:00 PM on Thursday, June 19.

A Zoom link will be sent out to those who are interested in participating. Please let Pastor Carol know by sending her an email at ceafryer@gmail.com.

Sunday School Was Excellent!

A note from Pastor Carol

Sunday School is going into summer recess. The final session will be Father's Day, June 21. Many thanks to Karen and Barbara for a fantastic job keeping Sunday school going and also to Lara Bhasin who has provided the Zoom host for Sunday School.

In Our Prayers

Those who are sick or recovering from illness or injury: Audrey Kiehl (the wife of David's nephew) and her baby, Isaak Ross (godson of the Pastors Fryer), Mark Devine (friend of Michele Michaelis), Faith Stoudt, Ivan Sanchez (Luz Ortiz's brother), Caroline Magnotta (Ruth Wendland's granddaughter), Gwendolyn Toth, Dongsok Shin, Robert Wilken (friend of our pastors), Carlos Opio, Bishop Paull Spring, Marcia Rudat (Jeff's mother), Nathan Linman (son of Rev. Jonathan Linman), Pastor Carol Fryer, Andre Nessen and Arno van Laar (friends of Kathy Jolowicz), Constance Dumas-Coleman (Denise Du'Maine's cousin), Manuel Damon (Maria van der Merwe's brother-in-law), Sally Gaudons, Marion Molno, Helene Lund, Pastor Paul Lorentzen (of Transfiguration Church, Staten Island), June Dittbrenner (Carol's mother),

Emma Kaefer, James Maffucci (friend of Davida Goldman), Haruko Koseki (mother of a friend of the Ichikawa family), Christopher Henderson, Sarah Linder (Carol Dittbrenner's mother-in-law), Erick Balce (colleague of Jazo Ichikawa), Veenda Louiseh Shivute (Helga Kuverua's sister), Mark Schaffel (friend of Denise and Sean Curnyn), Terry Pierce (trombonist), Parimala Rao, Simoney Aguilar-Roatcap (friend of the Kiehl family), Ann Haimburger (Emma Kaefer's sister-in-law), Knox Chadwick (friend of Kieran O'Carroll), Gregory Ortiz (Luz's son), Ofc. Christopher Helms (friend of Kathy Jolowicz), Lyonel Laverde, Christine Maldonado (friend of Ester and Eric Neubacher), Maria van der Merwe, Diana Montesdeoca, Patricia Sanders, Dorothy Schussel, Joan and Dan Westlake (Denise Vaccaro's sister and

brother-in-law), Carol Davis (Sally Graudon's friend), Lena Adams (friend of Maria van der Merwe), Crystal Richardson, Manuel Pamulo (Michael's brother), Eniel Zamora (friend of Maria van der Merwe), Elfriede Sachno, Hope Forrest (mother of Priscilla O'Carroll's friend), Larry Oglesby (Laurin Smith's father), John Bazik (Karen's brother), Vincent Marino (nephew of Irene Juhasz' friend), Barbara Beck (Carol Dittbrenner's friend), Jeanne Plekon (friend of the Fryers), Stephen Fischer, Clifford Rose, Rev. Dr. Paul Hinlicky (theologian and friend of the Fryers), Steven Quirong (Vi's son), Asta Kibler (Hans' and Kirsten's grandmother), Taylor Cochrane (David Hahn's daughter), Ernest Lund Jr., Kathy Jolowicz, Elizabeth Dorovich (Michele Michaelis' aunt), Denise Du'Maine, Barbara Lewis, Edna Szmodis, Mary Masna (Wayne Masna's wife), Father Daniel Vitz (friend of Jim and Victoria

O'Donnell), Justin Brown (Pastor Fryer's nephew), Samuel Goldman (Davida's brother), Valerie Kirchmann, Frank Zerbi (Denise Du'Maine's friend), Kenneth Held (Jeff Rudat's friend's brother), Buck Briggs (Joel Bussert's friend), Julia Galindo Marquez (Monica Marquez's mother-in-law), Lorraine Scharfenberg (Marion Molno's niece), Everett Stallworth and Ray Smith (Denise DuMaine's cousin's father and husband), Tristan Ramos, Molly Sullivan and Jeff Sullivan (former members), Robin Conway (Nancy Tepper's cousin), Dorothy Leung (Priscilla O'Carroll's aunt), Lyonel Laverde (Louise's husband), Emma Meyer (Deborah Meyer's mother), Linda Schulze, Rich Shedrick (Kim's husband), Tripp Stratton, Georgia Lind, Voldo Lundre (President, Estonian congregation), Dorian Kuverua, Bonnie Cebry (Diana Robertson's sister), Julie Marable (Susan Singer's

friend), Alicia Wood and family, David Young (Richard Schreiber's friend's father), Virginia Fay (Mary Nettleton's friend), Inga McConnico, Joan Walter. Pray for your brothers and sisters when they are ill and give thanks when they are well.

Our deepest sympathy to Karen Bazik and her children Hans and Kirsten on the death of Karen's father, Stephen J. Bazik, who died on May 10th, 2020, at the age of 86. Our sympathy also to his

son John Bazik and daughter-in-law Tova Beiser and their children Zoe and Max.

Our deepest sympathy to David Kiehl on the death of his aunt, Ruth Kiehl Growcock, who died on May 29th, 2020, at the age of 99. Our sympathy also to her daughter Janice Wendland, sons Michael and Steve Kiehl, and the extended Eric and Dorothy Kiehl family.

May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.