

Wednesday, May 25th, 2021

Dear LCM faith community and neighborhoods,

For the past 18 months, we have been on quite a journey together. We lived through a brief time of not gathering at our campuses (for the first time in our history) and have been living through a season of restrictions that have impacted how we live out our faith where we are. Through it all, LCM has continued to provide either online or in person ministries on a weekly basis. We have offered weekend worship; we have provided educational and ministry opportunities for all ages; and have had fellowship events on and off campus. We thank the Church Board and the vast number of faithful volunteers who helped navigate our faith community through these unique times.

Our staff has done an amazing job in the midst of these challenges—facing an increased workload, loss of gathering places, restrictions in meeting with those they serve. They have done all of this while navigating through all of their personal challenges of living in these times. As I have shared with all of you from the beginning of the global pandemic, we have always kept in our hearts the best interests of our entire community. Our overriding concern has always been the spiritual and physical well-being of everyone.

I am writing to share with you all that **effective immediately, as of today, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021, face masks and social distancing will be optional** on our campuses for all individuals including members and staff. This will include both weekend worship and ministries, as well as weekday ministries. You may choose to wear a mask and distance or not as you desire. Please respect each other no matter what personal choices are made; all of us are the Body of Christ. We continue to be the church both on and off campus, in our homes and our workplaces, as well as online. We are the church together!

Our prayer remains that the light of Christ continues to burn brightly in our community and our world, and the Great Physician continues healing our globe and our nation.

In Christ,

Pastor Kip Tyler