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Good afternoon!

You may have seen that LUMC is targeting August 2 as the earliest date to resume in-person worship and wondering what that means for our youth programs.

I know some of you are chomping at the bit to get back while others have settled into staying home and are happy to do that indefinitely. Many of you find yourselves somewhere in between.

Below is the plan for the summer and into the fall as broken down by discipline:

Worship:

- The main worship will continue to be livestreamed, even once in-person worship resumes, the livestream will continue as part of the new normal.
- I set-up a [Spotify playlist](#) with worship songs to play on Sunday mornings (or whenever); many of the songs should be familiar and I've added some newer ones and some classics, as well.

Teaching

- We plan to begin outdoor Discussion Groups with Rev. Heather and myself around the [Be the Bridge](#) resources that Pastor Jim has been promoting. *If you (your youth) are interested in participating, please reply and let me know, as this will help us plan how the groups will work.* Please indicate any best available times, or blackout days/times.
- A good resource for you to use together as a family is the Bible Project's [Church at Home Series](#); you can sign-up to receive resources that usually go into my junk folder every Saturday (just FYI, that's where I find them).
- For parents, I highly recommend a new book, [God and the Pandemic](#) as a resource for you to read and then be able to have conversations with your kids. It obviously speaks specifically to the pandemic, but the principles can be applied to any tough conversations when the question "where is God in this?" is asked.

Fellowship

- For youth, "fellowship" has been combined with "serving" which had just been decided by the Reboot Team only a couple of weeks before the pandemic.

Serving/Fellowship

- Our first Serving opportunity is June 29 at JK Community Farms which raises food for Loudoun Hunger Relief and other local food pantries.
- You must [pre-register](#) by June 25; please see all the info on that link. Space is limited.



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- You must have completed [this release form](#) and a health questionnaire will be sent a few days prior which must be completed
- You must follow all distancing and mask rules (I do not expect masks to be required outside, as long as distance is maintained)
- Our next two dates are: July 20 and August 18
- I hope to schedule a few more of these types of activities; that will depend on availability and response

For the Fall:

First, we have to follow the guidelines set by the conference and also by LUMC's leadership team. Beyond that, honestly, I would like to see how the reopening of schools goes. So, I anticipate the "summer plan" to be in effect through September.

We have a plan for the short term, and it would not take much to resume when we feel the time is right. I am researching and exploring different options for how we would maintain programming remotely well into the school year, if that needs to happen, without feeling like distance learning in school, including using virtual reality platforms and setting up virtual games, scavenger hunts and competitions.

If you (or your teen) is interested in helping develop ideas, experiment with tools and test concepts, please let me know.

I hope that gives you a sense of what to expect over the next few months. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Blessings,

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