



**HARVEST
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ST. LOUIS SOUTH

REGATHERING PLAN

Dear Harvest Family,

We recognize the gravity of the Covid19 Pandemic and understand that the impact to the world, our nation, our community and individuals within our church family has been significant. We each desire to resume our normal activities and see a return to life, work and worship.

National, regional and local leaders have indicated that we are ready to explore a strategic return to activities which include work, social interaction and corporate worship. To that end, our Elders have worked hard to prayerfully and wisely plan a process for us to start regathering again for worship and discipleship.

Our primary mission is to glorify God by making disciples. That has not changed or stopped in this season of crisis. So as we move back towards regathering we are keeping our eyes on that same mission while moving carefully and graciously. In order to do that we must have a posture of humility, patience and unity toward one another and our community at large (Eph. 4:1-3). The Church shines during crises when we hold fast to these Christ-like characteristics, and so we are believing the best in our church family as we walk this regathering road together with one another and Christ.

In the document that follows you will find details of a four-stage Regathering Plan that helps us return to in person worship while following the counsel and guidelines set forth by our federal, state and local governments as well as the CDC. We understand that the situation is fluid and that we may experience several competing and conflicting directives and this could create frustration and concern. When there are mixed messages we will always default to the value of safety for our congregation, concern for our community and neighbors and respectful adherence to the guidelines given by those in authority over us.

At this time, St. Louis County has not given a full phased plan for lifting restrictions so therefore some of the stages of our Regathering Plan do not yet have dates, but we hope and trust the Lord will move us through all the phases and back to full worship gatherings in His perfect and sovereign time. As St. Louis County continues to update their guidelines in response to COVID-19 changes in our local area, we will adjust our plan accordingly and keep you updated as well.


We cannot wait for the day when we are all back together worshipping side by side with one voice and one heart, but until that day we will persevere together in love, grace and unity.

You Are Loved!



STAGES OF REGATHERING

QUICK GLANCE OVERVIEW:

 REGATHERING PLAN					
KEY: ONLINE ONLY ○ ONLINE & IN PERSON ◐ PRIMARILY IN PERSON ●					
	CURRENT Through May 29	STAGE 1 May 30 - June 12	STAGE 2 June 13 - TBD	STAGE 3 Dates TBD	STAGE 4 Dates TBD
SUNDAY SERVICES	○	○	◐	●	●
HARVEST KIDS	○	○	○	◐	●
SMALL GROUPS	○	◐	●	●	●
HARVEST STUDENTS	○	○	●	●	●



CURRENT STAGE: Stay at Home

1. **Sunday Services:** Online Church Platform/Facebook Live – Register, Notes and Offering
2. **Harvest Kids:** Zoom Classrooms and Online Family Resources
3. **Small Groups:** Zoom
4. **Harvest Students:** Zoom

STAGE 1: May 30 – June 12 (Current Restrictions)

1. **Sunday Services:** Online Church Platform/Facebook Live – Register, Notes and Offering
2. **Harvest Kids:** Zoom Classrooms and Online Family Resources
3. **Small Groups:** Combination of Online (Study Nights) and In Person (Fellowship Nights)
 - a. Start Summer Schedule – Meet at least 2x per month - Alternate fellowship and study.
 - b. In Person Gatherings– No more than 10 people, observe social distancing guidelines, no symptoms, high-risk use discretion.
 - c. **Fellowship Nights – Do this first.** - If group is larger than 10 people, divide up across 2 weeks.
 - d. Study – If done in this phase, do via Zoom.
 - e. Talk to your SG Leader about details concerning location and families/kids.
4. **Harvest Students:** Zoom



STAGE 2: June 13 – TBD (Current Restrictions)

1. Sunday Services: – Micro Services (In Person) + Facebook Live

- a. In Person Gatherings – No more than 75 People, no symptoms, high-risk use discretion
- b. 2 Micro Services: Sun 8:30 am & 10:30 am
 - i. You must pre-register on EventBrite – Weekly registration will open each Monday morning
 - ii. Location: Church Building – 9607 Gravois Rd. St Louis MO 63123
 - iii. Precautionary Measures:
 1. We will use socially distant seating and walking paths, extra cleaning measures, no contact accommodations where available, and will have hand sanitizing stations.
 2. All volunteers will use gloves, face masks and have their temperature checked.
 3. All worshippers will be required to wear face masks while indoors.
 4. Connection and Hospitality Centers will be closed. (Bring your own coffee ☺)
- c. Online Services will continue for those who cannot or choose not to return in person at this time via a live stream on Facebook. (If you need assistance with Facebook, please let us know.)

2. Harvest Kids: Zoom Classrooms and Online Family Resources

- a. Due to children being unable to understand and practice social distancing, no Harvest Kids programs will be offered at the Micro Services, but children are welcome to worship with their parents.

3. Small Groups: In Person Gatherings + Zoom

- a. In Person Gatherings – Full Size for both study and fellowship (*Once STL County has lifted 10 person restriction. If not, stay in Stage 1*), Observe social distancing guidelines, no symptoms, high-risk use discretion.
- b. Continue Summer Schedule – Meet at least 2x per month - Alternate fellowship and study.
- c. Talk to your SG Leader about details concerning location and families/kids.
- d. For those who cannot or choose not to return in person at this time, they may join the Online Sermon Discussion Group on Sundays via Zoom until they are ready to return to their normal small group.



4. **Harvest Students:** – In Person Gatherings + Zoom

- a. In Person Gatherings - Full Size (*Once STL County has lifted 10 person restriction. If not, stay in Stage 1*), Observe social distancing guidelines, no symptoms, high-risk use discretion.
- b. Location: Church Building – 9607 Gravois Rd. St Louis MO 63123
- c. For those who cannot or choose not to return in person at this time, they may join a special Zoom call each week that will be scheduled at a later time.

STAGE 3: Dates TBD (Less Restrictions)

1. **Sunday Services:** 1 Full Size Service – Sun 10 am

- a. In Person Gatherings – No symptoms, high-risk use discretion
- b. Location: Green Park Lutheran School – 4248 Green Park Rd. St Louis MO 63129
- c. Precautionary Measures:
 - i. We will use socially distant seating and walking paths, extra cleaning measures, no contact accommodations where available, and will have hand sanitizing stations.
 - ii. All volunteers will use gloves, face masks and have their temperature checked.
 - iii. For Worshippers, face masks will not be required unless stipulated by St. Louis County.
 - iv. Connection and Hospitality Centers will be closed. (Bring your own coffee ☺)
- d. Online Services will continue for those who cannot or choose not to return in person at this time via a live stream on Facebook. (If you need assistance with Facebook, please let us know.)

2. **Harvest Kids:** In Person Classes + Online

- i. We will phase in In Person Classes. Schedule TBD
- ii. Children are still welcome to worship with their parents in the full size service.
- iii. Precautionary Measures:
 1. We will institute additional cleaning and sanitization procedures and alter classroom practices to minimize any risk of exposure as much as possible.
- iv. Online Family Resources will still be available for those who cannot or choose not to return in person at this time.



3. **Small Groups:** In Person Gatherings + Zoom

- a. In Person Gatherings – Full size for both study and fellowship, observe social distancing guidelines if necessary, no symptoms, high-risk use discretion
- b. Continue Summer Schedule (through Aug. 31) – Meet at least 2x per month - Alternate fellowship and study.
- c. Talk to your SG Leader about details concerning location and families/kids.
- d. For those who cannot or choose not to return in person at this time, they may join the Sermon Discussion Group on Sundays via Zoom until they are ready to return to their normal small group.

4. **Harvest Students:** In Person Gatherings + Zoom

- a. In Person Gatherings - Full Size observe social distancing guidelines if necessary, no symptoms, high-risk use discretion
- b. Location: Church Building – 9607 Gravois Rd. St Louis MO 63123
- c. For those who cannot or choose not to return in person at this time, they may join a special Zoom call each week that will be scheduled at a later time.

STAGE 4: Dates TBD (All Restrictions Lifted)

1. **Sunday Services:** 1 Full Size Service – Sun 10 am – without any restrictions

- a. Location: Green Park Lutheran School – 4248 Green Park Rd. St Louis MO 63129
- b. Connection and Hospitality Centers reopen. (YAY for Coffee!)

2. **Harvest Kids:** All In Person Classes resume.

3. **Small Groups:** In Person Gatherings – Summer Schedule through August 31

4. **Harvest Students:** – In Person Gatherings



GOT QUESTIONS?

1. Talk to your Small Group Leader.

2. Contact an Elder or Staff Member.
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 - d. Nathaniel Bergstrom – 314-941-7883 – nathaniel@harveststlsouth.org

3. Find the most up-to-date information for the Regathering Plan at:
www.harveststlsouth.org/regathering.

