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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We know that COVID-19 has changed our world in many ways. We appreciate your patience and support as we navigate these new circumstances! We are trying our best to do what is healthy and safe for all of our students and volunteers involved in Sunday School and Midweek. Please read this letter carefully so that you're familiar with our starting dates and our safety procedures for this year. **We will be needing parent volunteers again for Midweek when it starts. Please be thinking about when you can help.**

Please visit [www.trinityalgona.org/children](http://www.trinityalgona.org/children) to register your child(ren) for Sunday School, Midweek, and LYF by Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. **Registration is Mandatory** because having this information allows the church staff to better communicate with you and to better keep your child(ren) safe.

Here are our planned starting dates:

- **We will begin in-person Sunday School on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:15 am to 10:15 am.**
- **Midweek for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> will begin meeting in-person on Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 7:30. (Please note the time change for Midweek).**
- **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class will begin on September 9<sup>th</sup> via Zoom.** An email link will be sent out prior to the start date with more information. 8<sup>th</sup> grade will join regular in person class on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

*Enclosed you will find the complete schedule.*

In order to keep our students and volunteers safe and well we will be committing and adhering to the following health policy and will be following the Algona Community School District's policies:

- If a student or volunteer has a temperature of 100.4 or higher or one high risk symptom or two low risk symptoms, the student will need to be picked up as soon as possible. Please have arrangements made if you are unable to pick up your child in a timely manner. Students will be asked to wear a mask until a parent picks them up.
- High Risk Symptoms: new cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, new loss of taste or smell. Low Risk Symptoms: fever, headache, muscle and body aches, fatigue, sore throat, runny nose, congestion, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea. These students/volunteers will also be required to be seen by their doctor to return to class. The provider may order a COVID test. If the student tests negative/has alternative diagnosis, they may return to class when fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication. If the student/volunteer tests positive for COVID, they may return to class when: 1. They are fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication AND 2. Other symptoms have improved AND 3. At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared. If parents/families choose not to test their child for COVID or be seen by a physician, the student will remain out of class for 10 days.

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- Guidelines for coming to Sunday School and Midweek:
  - Students/volunteers must be symptom free.
  - Temperatures must be 100.4 or lower before entering the building. Temps will be taken at the student's assigned entrance door. *(See enclosed map)*.
  - Students will have specific drop off and pick up areas and entrances to avoid non-social distancing practices.
  - Students cannot be dropped off any earlier than 10 minutes before start times for Sunday School (9:05) and Midweek (6:20).
  - Students must go directly to their designated areas or classrooms.
  - Face coverings are strongly encouraged and may be required by our volunteer staff. Masks will be available in case they are needed.
  - Hand sanitizer stations will be available at designated entrances.
  - We will be sanitizing all areas on a regular and consistent basis.
  - If at any time during class a child or volunteer presents symptoms or runs a fever, a substitute volunteer will be arranged. If a student presents symptoms, parents will be contacted and the child removed to a separate area and masked until parent/guardian arrival.
  - No outside items other than Bibles and Catechisms will be allowed. No bags, food, beverages, toys or miscellaneous items.
  - Socially distanced seating will be practiced with each class.

If the Algona Community School District needs to be closed or the state issues guidelines indicating that it is unsafe for large groups to meet, we will transition to video based options for Sunday School and Midweek. More information will be shared if that becomes necessary.

Please sign up for updates and emergency notifications by texting TRINITYALGONA to 84576 or by visiting [www.trinityalgona.org/connections](http://www.trinityalgona.org/connections). It will really be helpful if we can connect with everyone quickly.

**“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.”**  
**Proverbs 3:5-6**

2020 will definitely be a year to remember, however as Christians we know that God continues to be in control and we trust Him to care for us as we continue growing in our faith and in His Word. At the same time the explanation to the third article of the Apostle's Creed reminds us that God has given us *“my reason and all my senses”*. God's gift of reason allows us to take precautions to stay safe and healthy as we gather together.

We're in this together and by working together we can help our children continue to grow in their faith and trust of their loving savior Jesus Christ.

Please see the enclosed documents and contact the church office ([office@trinityalgona.org](mailto:office@trinityalgona.org) or 515-295-3518) if you have any questions.

In Christ,

The Board of Education