Dear Friends in Christ,

Last Friday, Pastor Carrie sent a message acknowledging the increase in community spread due to the Delta variant of the COVID virus. She asked for your prayers for the Congregation Council as we discerned a way forward, and we thank you for your continued prayers.

Council met on Thursday evening, and rather than deciding to require specific precautions by changing our COVID policy, we decided to send an appeal to the congregation’s concern and love for our neighbors. Beginning August 7, we are asking that the congregation and all those who enter the church building voluntarily wear a face covering regardless of vaccination status while Scott and/or Clinton counties are in the substantial or high zone of community transmission.

We give thanks for those who have already been vaccinated. For those of you who have been hesitant, we pray that you would take time to review reliable, reputable information and get your vaccine, if not for yourself, for the sake of others, especially those who cannot be vaccinated. For more information, go to <https://vaccinate.iowa.gov> and/or speak with your healthcare provider.

We pray for God’s guidance as we continue on this untrodden path. With persistence, we will achieve the level of immunity that will make such precautions a rarity, perhaps even just a memory. Until then, we will remain vigilant, faithful and rooted in our commitment to the one who calls us to “love your neighbor.”

In Christ’s love,

Linda Golinghorst, Council President

Pastor Carrie Lewis La Plante, Senior Pastor