

# HOLY APOSTLES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Dear Holy Apostles:

As you well know, the pandemic crisis continues to affect (and infect) our lives and unfortunately Covid-19 cases in our state and county have risen dramatically in the last couple of weeks. In response to this rise, Bishop Barker, our Nebraska Episcopal Bishop, has set a guideline in consultation with state health experts regarding holding in-person worship. This guideline is based on the seven-day moving average from data submitted to the State. Based on this data, Bishop Barker has stated that if the seven-day moving average rises above a rate of infection of 20 per 100,000, the risks of worshipping in person are too great and we are to suspend in-person worship until the number drops again below 20.

As of today, Wednesday, October 21, 2020, the 7-day rolling average is 25.01. Based on this number, we will be suspending in-person worship on October 25<sup>th</sup>. We will, of course, livestream the Sunday morning worship service and encourage everyone else to worship with us online via Facebook Live by visiting our Facebook page or using the link on website.

**Again, there will be NO in-person worship on Sunday.**

Going forward, our plan is to check the infection rate on Wednesdays and if the infection rate is above 20, there will be no in-person worship for the upcoming weekend. Should the infection rate be below 20 on Wednesday, we will plan on holding in-person worship for the upcoming weekend. Once we make the decision on whether we will hold in-person worship or not, we will email everyone on our email list, post the decision on our Facebook page and Website, or you may call us directly as well. *(if you are not on our email list and would like to receive the email when it is sent out, please contact the church office to give us your email address.)*

If you are interested, you may also check the graph we are using to make our decision by using the following website and clicking on Scottsbluff county.

<https://public.tableau.com/profile/healthynebraska#!/vizhome/NebraskaCountyCOVID-19Ratesper100K/CountyRates>

Hopefully, the moving, seven-day average will drop in the days ahead and we can resume in-person worship sooner rather than later. In the meantime, stay safe and well as we seek to care for each other as Christ cares for us.

Blessings,  
Pastors Chris and Sheryl