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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Earlier this week the Relaunch Committee and then Council gathered in special sessions to discuss our course of action involving in-person worship services and Sunday School at Jordan. We are well aware of the concerning rise of COVID cases within the Lehigh Valley. After prayerful deliberation, and with heavy hearts, both committees decided it was in our members' best interest to take a break and provide only Livestreamed worship services and Zoom for Sunday School, effective immediately (November 27, 2020) through January 10, 2021. During this hiatus, the Relaunch Committee will carefully monitor the impact of the virus and develop a recommendation to church council involving in-person worship services and Sunday School in mid-January.

The Council Members and Relaunch Committee understand how difficult this decision is for many of our members. We will miss sharing the in-person "as one body" gatherings we traditionally look forward to experiencing throughout the blessed Advent and Christmas Eve seasons. What we can thankfully celebrate is the ability to Livestream our services to our church family and visitors while we remain safe within our homes. Even though we are physically separated we are spiritually united.

May God's Grace provide you with good health, patience, peace and hope as we await the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Jordan has weathered many storms over our 285 years as a united Body of Christ and a respected sanctuary within our community. Undeterred we *will* persevere and thrive. We look forward to the day when we will gather again in person at Jordan as one body and celebrate the Glory of God. During this interim, please reach out to your fellow members, give them a call, send a card and demonstrate your love and concern for our Christian sisters and brothers in Christ.

Until then, we pray you and your loved ones remain safe and healthy!

Faithfully in Christ,

The ReLaunch Team
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