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Dear People of Good Shepherd,

I am writing to let you know that our in-person services for this Sunday, November 29, will be cancelled. This includes 8:00, 10:00 and the 5:05.

Sandra Alagona, a member of our staff, has tested positive for Covid-19. Sandra had her test on Saturday November 21 after she discovered she had been in contact with someone who might have been exposed to the virus (this person ultimately tested negative). She received her positive test result on November 25. Sandra is quarantining at home and is experiencing mild symptoms of the virus.

Except for the sexton staff, Matt Harbison, director of youth, and Sandy Skorput, head of the school, all of the Good Shepherd staff had some contact with Sandra on Wednesday November 18 during the filming of the Taizé Advent service. During our contact with Sandra, all of us were masked and kept safe social distance. The CDC guidelines require 14 days of quarantine following exposure to a known Covid patient. Since we were in contact with Sandra 3 days prior to her positive test there is an assumption she was positive at that time.

For that reason, I believe it is the safest and most prudent decision to **cancel this Sunday's services**. In addition, **all church activities will be cancelled until Thursday, December 3**. That means we will not have the in-person Healing Eucharist on Tuesday, December 1, the 5:30 Eucharist service nor SNO on Wednesday, December 2. The pre-recorded Taizé service will be streamed on Facebook and YouTube on Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm.

All staff are being tested for Covid and should anyone test positive, I will let you know. Please keep Sandra in your prayers and please wear your mask, keep social distance and wash your hands. Above all, let us love one another.

Blessings, grace and peace,

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