

Dear First Lutheran Family,

After much consideration and discussion, we have decided to resume in-person worship services beginning Sunday, June 14 with a limited number of attendees and a number of safety precautions. This letter outlines the procedures that we will follow out of love for our neighbor.

**We are so excited to be able to see all you and to worship together again.
In order for us to gather safely, please read and follow these guidelines.**

PLEASE STAY AT HOME IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY TO YOU:

- You are sick or showing any symptoms of being sick.
- Someone in your household is sick or showing any symptoms of being sick.
- You have been tested for COVID-19 and are awaiting results or you have received a negative test result but are still experiencing symptoms.
- You have reason to believe you have been exposed to COVID-19.
- You are at high-risk of serious illness or death from COVID-19.
- You have had a temperature of over 99 degrees in the past 14 days.
- Someone in your immediate workplace has tested positive to COVID-19.

If you feel uncomfortable coming for any reason please continue to join us via Facebook livestream, YouTube, or from the church parking lot over radio station 106.3 FM at 9am on Sunday mornings. Communion is also available by appointment. Please contact Pastor Letsche or the church office.

Service Time (Capacity at the service will be limited to 50)

- Sunday at 9am (doors will open at 8:40)
 - Once we encounter numerous weeks of overcapacity with people unable to attend, we will consider adding another service (Day of the week and time TBD)
- 9am Sunday service will be livestreamed on Facebook, transmitted at a short range over the radio at 106.3 FM, and will be available on YouTube within a few hours after the conclusion of the service.

How to attend an in-person service:

- Church doors will be propped open before and after services, limiting contact.
- Offerings will be placed into offering plate in the narthex.
- Please use the hand sanitizer provided in the narthex after placing offering in the plate.
- The entire service including hymns will be printed in bulletin provided. There will be no hymnals available for use. Please take a bulletin from the table *after* using the hand sanitizer provided.
- You will be seated by an usher so that we fill our seats appropriately and in accord with social distancing guidelines.
- There will be no children's message and no activity bags available for use. Please prepare any children for the service by coaching them about what to expect. Occasional children's messages will be posted on YouTube to correspond with the readings.
- Church will be dismissed from back to front.

Communion Notes:

- The Lord's Supper will be moved to the end of the service and will be received by household as you depart. Pastor and elders will wear masks and wash/sanitize hands prior to distributing communion.
 - For the time being, we will refrain from serving the common cup.
- Communicants are to cup their hands so that the wafer may be dropped into them.
- Pastor or an elder will then hand the individual cup to each member who will grab it from the base of the cup.
- Please depart as soon as you have received Communion.

Additional Notes About Worship:

- Please show up before the service time to be ushered to your pew.
- Please observe "physical/social distancing" of 6 feet in between households.
- Parents need to keep their children close to them at all times.
- Please limit your use of the restroom.
- Sneeze or cough into your elbow.
- The use of masks is strongly encouraged but not required.
- No handshaking or any other form of person to person contact.
- Families of 3 or more will sit together in one pew by themselves.
- Two family units of 1-2 may sit together in one pew, maintaining 6 feet of separation between the other family unit at the other end of the pew.
- The pew cushions have been removed for sanitary reasons. If you need a cushioned seat plan accordingly by bringing your own.

Cleaning Notes:

- The sanctuary, pews, and other appropriate spaces/surfaces will be cleaned after service.
- It is recommended and greatly appreciated that you bring Clorox/Disinfecting wipes to church with you so that if you need to use the restroom during service you can sanitize handles before/after use.
- Communion ware will be cleaned/disinfected appropriately after each service.

As many are accustomed, we like to socialize. It is wonderful to be gathering together in person as a church, but we encourage socializing with one another to be done outside in the parking lot before and after service rather than in the church due to the limited space in the narthex. Please be considerate of your neighbor's needs. You may not believe this is something to be afraid of but your neighbor might. Please take their concerns seriously and as you socialize leave 6 ft of separation.

We want to gather, and we want to be safe. If you have any questions please call pastor or the church office or you may send an email to pastor.letsche@gmail.com.