



St. John Lutheran Church of Cat Spring

“Actively reaching out . . . showing God’s love to all.”

May 5, 2020

To the congregation of St. John Lutheran Church - Cat Spring

The church council met on April 30th to discuss resuming in person services. There was much discussion and review of documents provided by the synod and the State of Texas. In the end, council decided to resume in person church services on May 17th, with the following restrictions and guidelines as recommended by both Synod and the state government.

1. High risk members are strongly urged to **not** attend. Instead we recommend receiving your service via email or US mail as in the past.
2. Anyone who has any of the typical covid 19 symptoms should not attend, even if you think it is only seasonal allergies.
3. Communion will not be served at this time.
4. Social distancing will be observed. Every other pew will not be used, and families should maintain 6 feet spacing from other families.
5. Services will be hands free, no handshaking or sharing the peace.
6. Face coverings will be required that cover the nose and mouth. These can be ready made masks, handmade masks or bandanas.
7. Sunday school will remain closed for now.
8. The fellowship hall will remain closed. Please enter the church either by the front door or back door of the sanctuary.
9. Bulletins will be provided, but will not be handed out by a greeter. You may pick up a bulletin as you enter church. Please take your bulletin with you when you leave or drop in the recycle basket.
10. The offering plates will be located near the sanctuary door. You can drop in your offering either as you enter or leave the service.

The council will continue to monitor the recommendations of both the synod and the Texas government, and hope to ease some of the above restrictions soon. By the same token, we will also monitor the covid 19 case count in Austin County, and if we see a spike in cases, may elect to cancel services again.

Respectfully,

Your Council