

Bethel Lutheran Church
EXPECTATIONS TO OPEN WORSHIP

May 28, 2020/PPC

Begin in person worship June 6/7, with two weekend services, 5:00 PM and 10:00 AM

A. To accomplish this, the following guidelines will be enacted:

1. **MASKS are expected to be worn** by all worshipers. We will make masks available at the main entrance. (Pastor and praise team may remove theirs to lead worship)
2. **Worshipers will sanitize hands** upon entering building.
3. **No shaking of hands**, hugs, fist tap or elbow touch has to be kept by everyone.
4. **Lobby doors will be opened** and secured outward for everyone to enter through. Other entrances will be locked. During worship, other doors will be opened and secured outward.
5. There will be no congregational singing for a while. Singing pushes molecules through most masks used by people. We will have other music offerings.
6. **Six feet distancing has to be kept** by everyone not related or living in same household.
7. **We will enforce scattered seating**, avoiding clusters of people (except family groups) and keep one pew between people.
8. **Elevator use will be limited to one** person/party/family unit only.
9. Offering collection boxes, not plates, will be at each door to receive offerings and worship forms
10. **Communion will be available twice monthly**, wafers. Wafers handed out. 5PM, 1st and 3rd, 10:00AM, 2nd and 4th Sundays.
11. **Pictures will be taken at each service** for tracing purposes weekly should someone become Covid positive. This will be done at the reading of the lessons.
12. **No bulletins** will be made available with the exception of a large print. Service will be projected.

B. To facilitate opening, we will

1. Remove all books, paper and pencils from pews.
2. Custodian and cleaners will document all cleaning/sanitizing in building.
3. **People who are feeling even slightly unwell**, will be asked to stay home.
4. Ask people, **if they become ill during the week**, to confidentially inform pastor for tracing purposes.

C. BUILDING AND MINISTRY

1. We will continue to offer a recorded online worship on Facebook and website.
2. Weekday office hours are expanded to: M, T, W, Th, F 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.
3. Outside doors will remain locked, please call the office before entering.
4. Staff hours will be increased gradually to accommodate work needs.
5. Meetings will be held remotely at least through June.
6. We will continue to encourage offering envelopes be left in the mailbox.
7. We will open space to 12 Step groups beginning Monday, June 15, meeting outside.
 - a. They will sanitize chairs and bathroom after every mtg. (Chairs will be on the smaller chair rack.)
 - b. Monday evening 12 Step group, (OA) will be invited back to meet outside or in Family Life center), using distancing requirement and sanitizing space when done.
 - c. Inclement weather limits group size to current Exec. Order. Currently < 10 people