

1. **First: If you are worried or uncomfortable returning to worship service, *that's OK!*** We are going to try to livestream services through Zoom for those who are unable to attend service. We'll miss you, but you'll be with us! Come back when *you* are ready!
2. **Second: IF YOU OR A FAMILY MEMBER FEELS ILL OR JUST "OFF", SKIP CHURCH THAT WEEK TO LET YOUR ILLNESS PLAY OUT.** People are still getting colds and flu *unrelated to Covid*, but this just assures the sickness remains local. This also gives you the opportunity to see a Doctor or be tested for COVID if you're worried about your symptoms.
3. **Before you enter Church, wash your hands thoroughly before you come in the building.** If you can bring hand sanitizer with you and clean them before entering that's *the most important step you can take to minimize risk.* Use the handicap button to enter/exit church, and use your elbow to do so!
4. **You should feel comfortable wearing a mask to worship, because for our adult members it will be required, especially whilst singing.** Masks properly worn protect you from others and others from you when you're in close proximity. We get that young children and others may not like this, and if you keep to family groups in the sanctuary and their masks come off during worship, that's OK.
5. **Practice Social Distancing – Be friendly, say Hi, have a conversation...but at a distance of 6-8 feet.** This is the hard part to get used to, but it is essential in our reopening plan! With nice weather, we can be social outside the outer doors if you wish!
6. **Do what Lutherans do best – choose and own a pew area,** and fill in the sanctuary like a three dimension checkerboard, keeping at least 10 feet between family groups. We have a 330 seat Sanctuary so just spread out a bit. Since Corona can only live a few days on a hard wood surface, when you come back next Sunday everything will be just fine, we don't have to spill gallons of sanitizer every Sunday on your pew. But we will have the cleaning service wipe down handrails, and restroom door handles. Again, washing or sanitizing your hands after leaving church is your best defense against COVID.
7. **The Sanctuary doors will remain open during service.** No need to touch the handles..ever!
8. **Communion will be different** – we'll commune likely as family groups, called by users, in widely spaced lines. You'll come up to a long table where prefilled cups and bread in tiny cupcake papers will be widely spaced on each side for you to partake. Pastor and the Lay Assistants will commune likewise after the congregation is done. The cup and bread preparers will set up using gloves, so the only one touching your communion elements will be you. *If you're not comfortable taking communion, do not feel obligated!*
9. **Passing The Peace – We'll be waving for the foreseeable future. Minimizing contact between family groups is the best technique for controlling the spread of COVID19.**
10. **Sunday School** – well, one step at a time. Let's worship for a month or so, continue to watch the County COVID19 numbers, and figure that out. We are blessed that COVID seems to go easy on kids, but it's their grandparents in particular that must be careful.

11. **IF YOU OR A FAMILY MEMBER TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID19 AND ATTENDED CHURCH SERVICES, NOTIFY BRIAN KENT, PASTOR ROBYN, OR KAREN DOYLE IMMEDIATELY!** Under this circumstance, we will notify the congregation so those who may have been “close” to the positive person can keep aware for symptoms and possibly get tested or self-quarantine for 14 days. This allows the church to implement what is called “contact tracing” or giving people a heads up they may have been near or close to a positive COVID19 patient. **Your workplace is or will likely doing this when they reopen.**
12. **Coffee and social (distance) time** – We have made a dramatic change to the Narthex while you’ve been out. We have established two easy, single serving Keurig coffee /tea machines separated by 9 feet, so you brew your own coffee in your own lidded cup should you wish it. We only ask you wash your hands before pressing the one button necessary to brew your coffee/tea. I guarantee you this is lower risk than stopping at Dunkin, or Speedway where someone else touches your cup.