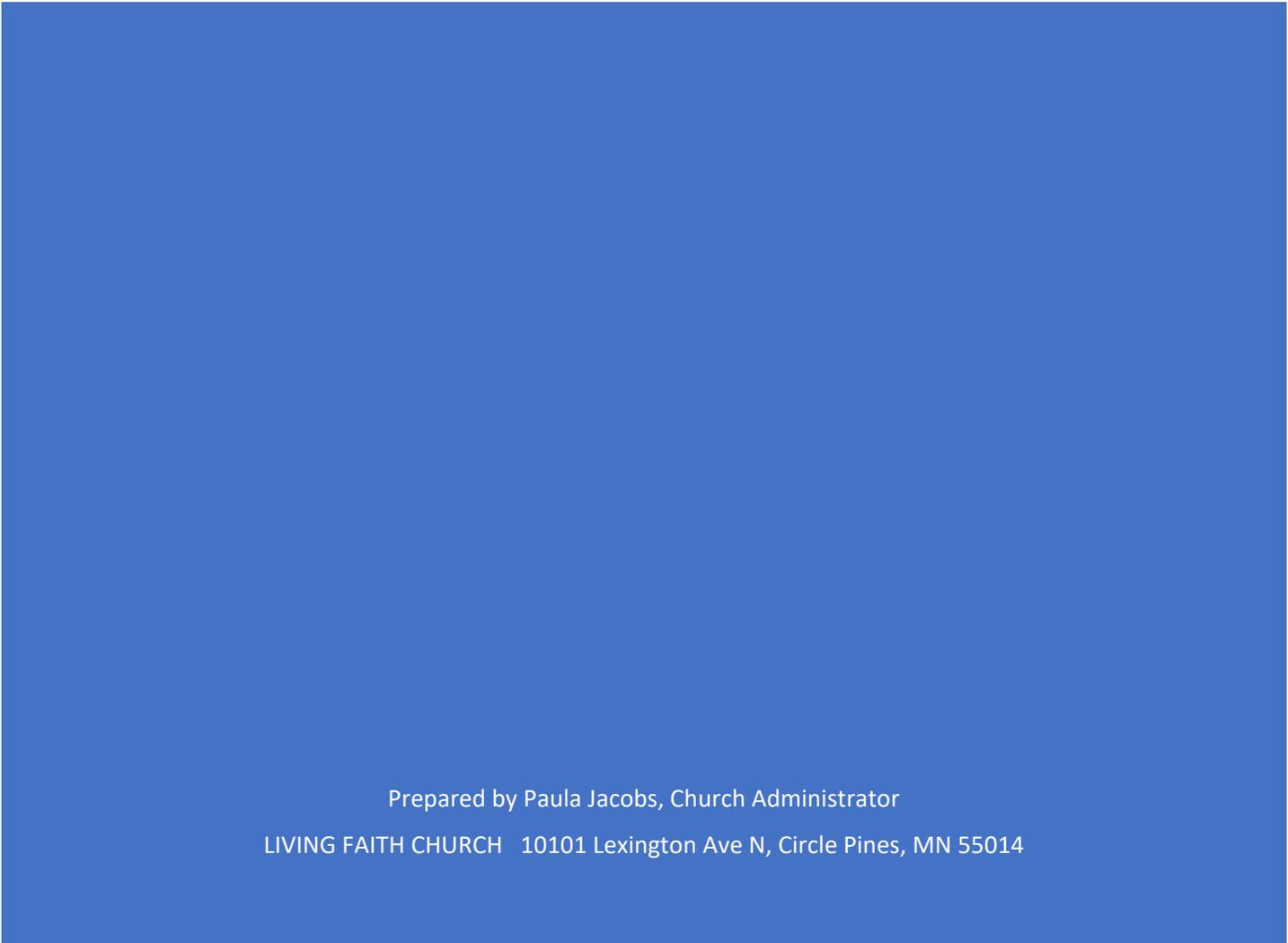




LIVING FAITH CHURCH COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS PLAN



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Introduction

The purpose of this document is to be Living Faiths COVID-19 Preparedness Plan. It is our goal and commitment to ensure a safe place to come and worship. This document is a living document and as such will be updated as the need develops.

What to expect

The Worship Service:

Many things have changed due to COVID-19. The same will be true when you return to our Living Faith Church service. Please read carefully before coming to church.

1. On August 9, 2020, Living Faith will reopen for in-person services. However, if you are uncomfortable coming to an in-person service, the ability to watch online will continue to be available.
2. Services will take place at 9:00 am and 11:00 am. We ask that the 9:00 am services be reserved for those who are in the Higher Risk category for COVID – 19.
3. When you enter the building, please proceed to the Worship Center, rather than lingering in the hallways.
4. Masks are required at both services. Masks, gloves, and hand sanitizers are available.
5. Social Distancing will be practiced in the building.
6. Families (parents and children under 18 years of age) must sit together. Children should be supervised and stay with their families while in the building. Once the service is over, and they are outside, they are free to connect with friends.
7. We encourage you to bring activities for your children. We will not be having Children's Church at this time.
8. Upon the completion of the service, exit the Worship Center and the building as soon as possible. We need time to disinfect between services. Follow the instructions of the Ushers and the flow diagram attached.
9. For families with babies and small children, we will have the nursery open (2I). Please bring your own toys, cleaning supplies, and snacks. We will not have nursery workers in the room.

Touchless Experience:

Our goal at Living Faith church is to take steps to avoid multiple people touching the same areas by putting processes in place to prevent people from touching the same surface. To accomplish this, we will adopt the following practices.

1. We will no longer be handing out a paper bulletin. Please continue to check your emails for weekly announcements and event updates.
2. An offering plate will not be passed. Two giving boxes were installed. The first is located on the first floor, on the left-hand side of the hall as you come in the building. The second is on the second floor between the Library and the hallway door.
3. Communion elements will be pre-packaged. They will be placed on a table as you enter the Worship Center. Please dispose of the cup as you exit.
4. We will no longer have a greeting time during the service.
5. The bathrooms are open; however, we are discouraging their use due to the inability to disinfect after each use. The multi-person bathroom doors will be propped open to help to ensure the ability to know whether we reached capacity to maintain social distancing. We ask that no more than three be in the bathroom at one time.
6. No coffee, donuts, or water will be provided on Sunday morning. Please bring your own beverage if needed. Please, no food.
7. Front doors will be propped open, beginning at 8:45 am for the first service and 10:45 for the second. As weather permits. Interior doors will be open.

The Facility:

During the time we were closed, the staff has researched the best practice for disinfectant and equipment to use. With the approval of CSL, we have purchased Disinfectant Mister that will be used throughout the building to disinfect.

1. The Sanctuary will be cleaned after each Service with a Steam Mist machine and disinfectant with a five minute kill time for the COVID-19 virus.
2. Hand sanitizer is available as you walk into the building, outside of the Sanctuary, and outside the restrooms on the second floor.
3. The water fountains have been shut off.
4. Certain areas of the church will not be accessible. They include the Office area, Youth Room, and the Children's Ministry area. We ask that you cooperate with the signs throughout the building.
5. The elevator is reserved for those in need of it. Please use the stairs if you are able.

What is expected of you?

We as staff are doing everything we can to keep you safe and the building clean. The role you play in the process is just as important.

1. If you are sick, stay home. Check the CDC website for symptoms of Coronavirus <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>. This website is updated as needed.
2. If you come in contact with someone who has COVID-19, stay home for 14 days.
3. If you test positive for COVID-19 and have been at a Living Faith Church event in the last 14 days, contact the church office at 763-784-1760. If someone in a service test positive, we will send out an email to notify the congregation.
4. Please refrain from hugging or, at a minimum, ask before you hug. Not everyone is comfortable with hugs in this season.
5. Please Register at <https://reopen.church/r/PXQSFkHH> with your family's last name and the number of people who will attend the service.

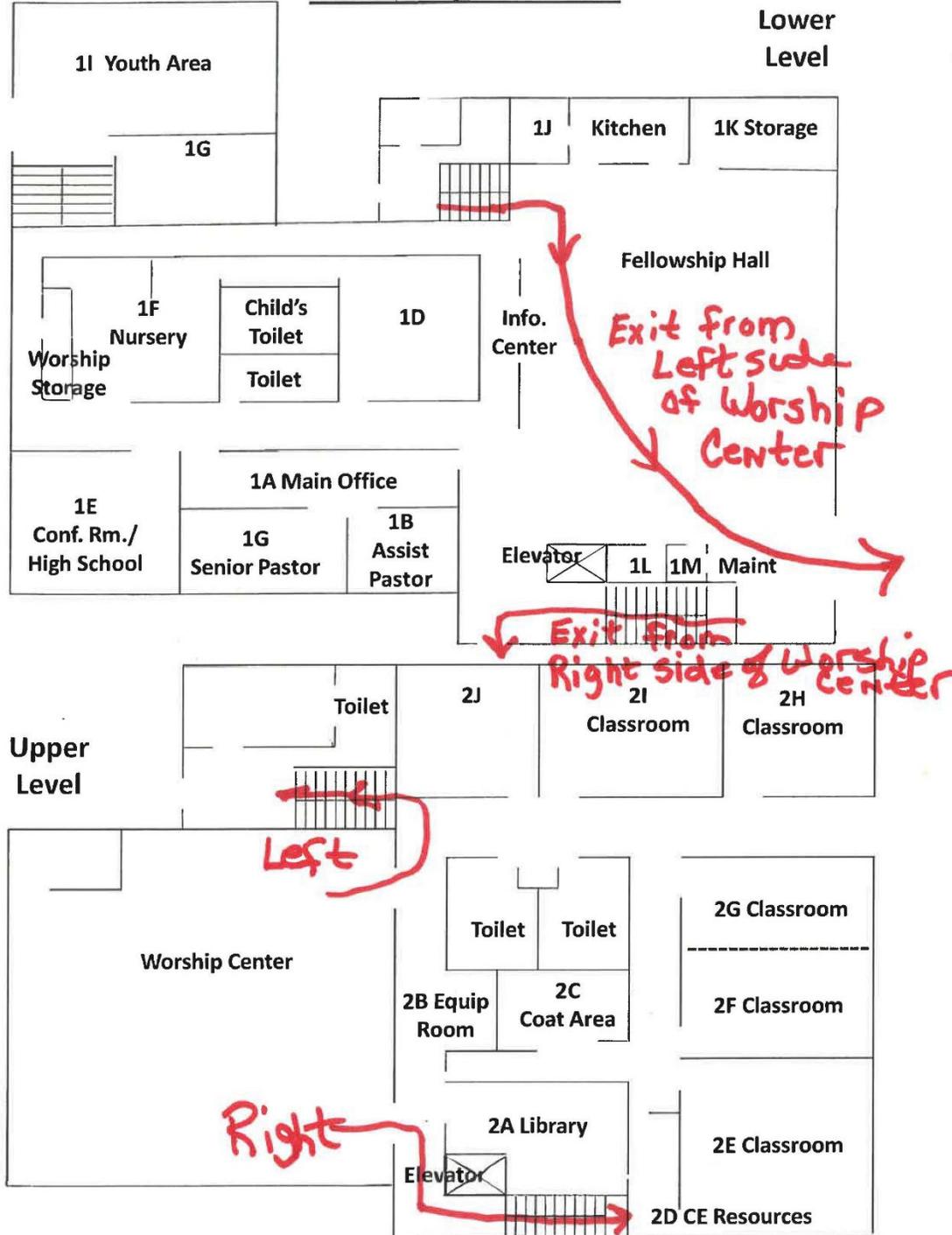
Expectations for other meetings and gatherings at Living Faith Church.

We have started opening the church for small groups to meet. You must have permission from the office or CSL to hold regular meetings at church.

1. Gain approval to meet by contacting the church office at 763-792-4428 or nancy@livingfaithmn.org.
2. We, at this time, will not rent out chairs or tables.
3. Masks will be required
4. The person responsible for the meeting will be required to clean the room after use. Cleaning products will be made available in the meeting room.

Appendix A:

Galilee Baptist Church



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