

Sanctuary Guidelines (v4)

St. John's will be reopening its doors for worship services beginning June 14th. Special guidelines will be followed to help assure the safety of everyone attending church, but we know the coronavirus is still active among us. We know that God desires us all to be together in worship again, but we are also sure He wants us to use good judgement in protecting our health

- We encourage elderly, at-risk, and symptomatic people to continue worshiping from home (the “live-streaming” service on Face Book, will continue).

“At risk” conditions include: 65 years or older, chronic lung disease, moderate/severe asthma, serious heart conditions, compromised immune systems, severe obesity, diabetes, chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis and liver disease.

- Wearing face masks inside the church/sanctuary is **STRONGLY** recommended. If you don't have one, masks are available throughout the church, along with hand sanitizing stations. Pastor will wear a mask, except when preaching God's Word,

- Services will be held @ 6:00 pm, on Saturdays and 8:30 am & 11:00 am on Sundays. Doors will be open 30 minutes prior to each service and secured during the services.

- To comply with 6' social distancing guidelines, seating will be limited to every third pew (2 pews in between). Family groups and individuals will be separated by 6' in each pew. Services will be limited to approximately 75 attendees. Overflow will be asked to listen to the service on FM 92.1 in their cars.

- Ushers and Elders will assist with entry and dismissal to maintain social distancing. Do not sit in the taped off pews and follow the Ushers/Elders directions. We will be seating front to back upon entry and dismissing from back to front.

- Ushers (wearing gloves & masks) will hand out bulletins with the service liturgy and hymns (Take these home; they can't be reused). Hymnals, Bibles and attendance books have been removed from the pews

- Offerings are collected at the sanctuary doorways while exiting the service. Exit the church promptly upon dismissal as the sanctuary, hallways, restrooms **MUST** be sanitized before the next service. Please socialize outside the church.

These guidelines are based on current Federal, State and County Health requirements and the recommendations of the LCMS to provide for your well-being. Although, we are taking steps to reduce the spread of Covid-19 or other infectious agents, the ultimate responsibility for preventative measures belongs to whomever comes to join us at St. Johns'. Thank you for your patience and understanding during these challenging time.