

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

"Uplifting Christ" since 1867

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Grace, mercy and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

As we are preparing to have live services on Sunday mornings, I wanted to share with you two documents relating to Covid-19 and our plans. The first is entitled "Saint Paul's Service Checklist" and the second is entitled "Return to Worship Plan Covid-19".

Our Tentative plan is to return to regular Sunday services along with live streaming on Sunday mornings beginning July 5th at 9:00am.

During the week of June 22nd your Elder will be contacting you to go over the enclosed documents and to answer any questions that you may have. If you don't hear from your elder, feel free to contact him. The Elders are listed on the back side of this page.

God's blessings,

Pastor Burns

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD





Return to Worship Plan Covid-19

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Health Screening

- Members will be asked to perform a self-screening just prior to the service
 - Use St Paul's checklist based on Minnesota Dept of Health Checklist
- A sign will be posted by the entrances to the church asking members to perform the self-check
- Pastor, Elders, and Ushers will perform self-check prior to entering the church for the service
 - Use the St Paul's self-check
 - All service workers will have temperature checked
 - Anyone who fails will be asked to return home (get tested or self-quarantine for 14 days)
- If the Pastor fails the self-check
 - An Elder will lead the service
 - Elder will read the sermon of the day

Sanitizing the church

- Windows and doors will be open to increase ventilation (weather permitting)
 - Ceiling fans will be turned on high
 - Turn on air exchangers to bring in outside air
 - Use oscillating fans near doors and windows to promote circulation
- Pews will be sanitized on all surfaces commonly touched
- All handles, door knobs, and railings will be sanitized
- Elevator buttons and surfaces that could come in contact with members will be sanitized
- Bathrooms will be sanitized and occupancy sign posted, restricting access to two people.
- Water fountains will be turned off and marked as out of order
- Hand sanitizer will be placed near the entrances to the sanctuary and sacristy

Signage to Post

- Signs reminding people to social distance
- Signs in Narthex to remind people not to congregate inside
- Signs encouraging wearing of masks
- St Paul's Health Check List

Social Distancing

- At all times practice social distancing 6ft min. from other families
- Family groups should maintain 6ft between them in pews (or move to another pew)
- Pastor will not greet members in the Narthex before or after the service
- There will be two open pews between each occupied pew
- No hand shaking or other form of personal contact

Ushers

- Ushers will minimize activities that bring them in contact with other members
- Masks will be worn by Ushers at all times
- Bulletins will be placed on a table near the doors for members to take
- Prior to the service Ushers will seat people starting at the front of the church
- Offering will be collected at the door as people leave (collection plates will be set on a table)
- One usher will dismiss the congregation starting at the back of the church (people need to be out of the church before the next pew is dismissed)
- The other usher will be in the Narthex directing people to the offering plate and asking them to proceed directly outside

Elders

- Wear masks
- Minimize contact with any surfaces they can
- Use hand sanitizer whenever contact is made
- Sit in the Acolyte Pew on Lectern side during the service

Pastor

- Will not wear a mask during the service
- Will wear a mask while serving Holy Communion, during the Rite of Baptism, and other times deemed necessary

Worship

- The full service will be printed in the bulletin. Bulletins will be available on a table near the entrance to the sanctuary (ushers will not hand them out)
- Liturgy will be spoken not sung
- Wearing of masks will be highly recommended
- Offering will be collected at the end of the service, with members putting their offering in an offering plate near the exit of the sanctuary
- Hymn numbers will be posted on hymn boards

Lords Supper

- Pastor and Elder will wear masks and use hand sanitizer prior to serving communion
- Pastor will invite members forward 1 pew at a time
- Member will take wine cup from the tray
- Elder will hand host to each member
- Empty cups will be dropped into a dispenser as they leave
- Members requesting communion at their pew will be served after all other members (hand sanitizer will be used prior to serving these members)

Bible Class & Sunday School

- In person Bible class and Sunday School will not be held until we are fully open again

Order of Service, Bulletins and Hymns

- Full orders of service/bulletins will be printed for each service (please take bulletin home with you)
- Order of service and bulletins will also be available online for those using virtual worship
- All materials will be removed from the Pews

At Risk Members

- We encourage at risk members to stay home and worship virtually
- Members may contact the church office to schedule private or at home communion from Pastor
- If you test positive, out of Christian Love for your church family please notify the Church office



Service Checklist

1. Do Health Check Below
2. Bring Water if needed
3. Bring a mask for all family members
4. Take Bulletin/Service order from table

If you have any of these symptoms please stay home and worship with us online.

- Fever (100.4°F or higher), or feeling feverish?
- Chills
- A new cough
- Shortness of breath
- A new sore throat
- New muscle aches



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