

St. Lucas Community Church
Preparedness Plan for Resuming In-Person Worship Services
Effective 6/7/2020

The St. Lucas Community Church Council will monitor recommendations from the CDC, WHO, and MN Department of Health, review all guidelines on a continuing basis, and update policies accordingly.

Anyone with fever, cough, shortness of breath, or generally feeling ill is asked not to enter the building and is invited to participate in the service online.

When possible, a volunteer will open entry doors for attendees to limit additional contact to surfaces.

Attendees at worship services or other services such as funerals are requested to enter the building then proceed directly to the Sanctuary to be seated and exit in the same manner.

Congregating in the entry or narthex is not allowed at this time before or after the service, rather attendees are welcome to socialize outdoors while respecting social distancing.

Hand washing and/or use of hand sanitizers is requested upon entering the building. Hand sanitizer stations are available in the narthex.

Several areas of the building have been temporarily closed including the entire lower level, Great Hall, and kitchen. Nursery service is suspended at this time. Pews in the Sanctuary have been arranged 6 feet apart to maintain social distancing.

Appropriate face coverings are required for anyone over the age of 2 years to slow the spread of illness. For anyone who does not have one to bring from home, there will be masks made available.

Scripture readings, music, and announcements will be in digital form. Pew Bibles and hymnals have been temporarily removed to decrease surface areas and will be returned at a future date.

Communion has been temporarily suspended.

Stations for offerings will be set up at the main entrance to the Sanctuary and can be made before or after the service.

Increased cleaning and disinfecting of common areas and high-touch services will be conducted between gatherings. Areas of concentration include door handles, railings, elevator controls, and restrooms.

Any questions or concerns should be directed to a member of the church council.