

# St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church and School

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Dear Saint John's Members,

Pastor, along with the Board of Elders and Church Council, met by Zoom (on-line) meeting on Saturday June 6, 2020. We discussed our options for beginning to reopen church. We are attempting to follow state guidelines to help keep those who want to attend church in-person safe and healthy. The following list of guidelines will be followed when we resume our live church services:

- Everyone in attendance must wear a medical mask of face covering during the entire service. The mask will be lowered to receive Holy Communion.
- If you do not have a mask, a limited number will be available at church.
- There will be no handshaking or any other physical contact while in the church building.
- We will have every other row of pews roped off to try to maintain a minimum of 6 feet distance between all members.
- Our calculations show that about 40 seating positions will be available during church. Once those 40 positions are filled, ushers will seat you in the church basement or chapel during church.
- Families will remain together during services and will count as one seating position.
- Once seated by an usher, you will need to remain seated until you are escorted out of church by an usher. No one will be allowed to walk around church to visit with other members.
- All church staff will wear masks during the entire service. Pastor and Elders will wear masks and gloves during Holy Communion.
- While approaching the altar for Holy Communion, you must maintain at least 6 feet of space between yourself and the people around you. Families may stay together for Communion.
- There will only be individual cups offered for Communion.
- Singing and recited and responsive prayers are discouraged to avoid droplet spread.

- Plates will be placed at both exits to drop your collection envelopes and donations.
- Doors will be propped open at the beginning and end of service to avoid anyone having to touch any surfaces.
- Hand sanitizer will be available for use when entering or leaving church.
- Altar Guild members will wear masks and gloves while preparing Communion supplies for worship service.
- During this time, we will continue to provide an on-line service for those who choose not to attend a live church service.
- For now, Bible study will be delivered on-line only.
- Choir loft area is closed except for musicians who are performing.

We are planning to reopen church on June 21<sup>st</sup> (Father's Day) at our usual 9:30 a.m. start time. This will not be anything like what our normal church service was. We are still battling a global pandemic so all necessary precautions must be taken. If you are at all uncomfortable about attending a live church service, or have a medical condition that would not allow you to attend, please feel no obligation to attend. Everyone's health and safety are our top priority. We ask everyone to continue to pray for an end to this pandemic and to all the other tragedies that are occurring all around us.

Mike Winters  
Saint John's Board of Elders

If anyone is interested in singing the hymns as a solo (from the balcony) please contact Sue Olson (708) 217-0197. Please contact her at least 3 days before the service.