

First Lutheran Church In-Person Worship Announcement

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

Greetings in the name of the Risen Savior! I'm writing to let you know the Parish Planning Council voted to that in-person worship services will start up again as follows:

Sunday Worship	July 5	In Main Sanctuary
Thursday Chapel	July 16	In Main Sanctuary (<i>note the corrected date and place</i>)

To be clear, the church is made up of the people, not the building. With that in mind, we have continued to be the church during the past three months. Our main goal has *always* been to connect people to the hope of Christ and each other. Our mission, through it all, is still to renew hope in our community through Christ. We are called to these tasks whether we gather in a building or not.

Moving forward, we will:

- (a.) continue to make worship services available on Facebook Live and the website.
- (b.) assess the situation weekly and make changes as necessary.

Based on individual circumstances, each person must use their discretion in deciding whether or not to attend in-person worship. If you feel symptoms of a cold or flu, please stay home out of consideration for others.

Guidelines for Attending In-Person Worship:

If you decide to attend in-person worship, here are some guidelines to keep in mind:

1. Enter and exit through the main door (corner of 4th and Jefferson). Please be patient and wait for the designated greeter to open the door for you.
2. Please wear a mask (NOTE: *worship leaders will not be wearing a mask*).
3. Physical Distancing will be practiced:
 - a. Every other pew will be blocked off
 - b. Maintain at least 6 feet of distance between families.
 - c. Ushers will direct dismissal to help with "traffic flow" and encourage physical distance.
4. There will be no:
 - a. Holy Communion at this point
 - b. Congregational singing. We will still stream words for those at home to sing.
 - b. Nursery
5. Instead of passing the offering plate, it will be on a stand at the entrance.
6. Bring your own Bible
7. Join us for "Social Time on the Green" (on the lawn between the parking lots) *after* worship. **NOTE:** Bring your own lawn chair. Even though it will be outside, we will still observe physical distancing.

By God's grace, we will continue to renew hope in the name of Christ.

Pastor Mark