



## Reopening Plan for *St. Luke Lutheran Church*

As we look forward to getting back together we wanted to get you all the information in one place, so we've developed a three phase ministry plan.

Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3
<i>Small groups may meet in the church Online Worship continues</i>	<i>In-person Worship resumes In-person Adult Faith Formation resumes</i>	<i>All activities resume</i>

Knowing that everyone has different comfort levels, we are making the best decisions we can, to offer in-person ministry. A good verse to keep in mind during all of the unknowns is Ephesians 4:2-3 "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. <sup>3</sup>Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."

Having said that, here are some of the details:

*Phase 1:* The church building has opened up again for small group and committee use as of July 6, 2020. Details were shared in your email. Contact Christine in the office for more information or to let her know your group will be coming!

As far as *Phase 2 & 3* go, we do not have any dates set yet. We will continue to monitor the situation and keep you informed.

Ministry Phases	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3
<b>Small Groups</b> <i>(Committees, Bible Studies, etc.)</i>	On-site & Online	On-site	On-site
<b>Office Hours</b>	By Appointment	Limited	Fully Open
<b>Worship Services</b>	Online	In-Person & Online	In-Person & Online
<b>Faith Formation Classes</b> <i>For Children &amp; Youth</i>	Online	Online	In-Person
<b>Faith Formation Classes</b> <i>For Adults</i>	Online	In-Person & Online	In-Person
<b>Large Group Events</b>	Cancelled	Case-by-case	Allowed
<i>*As a reminder, people in a high-risk category or simply not ready to return are encouraged to stay home and join us online!</i>			



## **When we do have a date for Phase 2, this is what you can expect.**

Worship Services will look a little different, but will still worship the same God. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever! (*Hebrews 13:8*)

Services will take place on Sundays at 9AM & 11 AM and Wednesdays at 11AM. Please arrive no more than 20 minutes ahead of time. When you arrive, enter through the *open front doors* of the church. Ushers will be available to direct you to the location of the service for that time and day (depending on numbers). The ushers will direct you to a seat, maintaining a safe distance. Seating will be starting from the front and moving towards the back so please understand that you might not be able to sit in your normal area.

Masks must be worn for the duration of your time inside the building for those two years of age and over (if you don't have one, one will be provided for you). They reduce the transmission of particles and keep those around you safe.

Everything will be done to provide a hands-free environment. No hymnals or bulletins will be needed as the service will be a simplified order (*TV monitors with songs and prayers are being looked into at this time*). In the meantime, the order of service will be emailed out ahead of time and you can access it on your phone during service, or print a copy for yourself and bring it with you. Offering plates will be placed so that you can drop your offering in as you enter or leave. Communion will be distributed by Pastor Frye.

We ask that you refrain from singing, however feel free to hum along with the music.

Both sets of bathrooms will be available for use, one person or family unit at a time. Please follow the recommendations posted in each bathroom.

## **Once we set a date for Phase 2, what do you need to do?**

So that we can be prepared, please call or email by Thursday each week to register your attendance for that week. This will help us know if we will need more services and make sure that each service is not overcrowded. *Numbers of seats are limited so please understand if you are asked to switch to another service time.* We will also use this list in the event we need to contact you regarding possible exposure to COVID-19.

CDC Guidelines, wisdom and prayer have been used in the creation of these Phases and we pray that we will be able to see you all in-person again soon!

## Framework for Reopening

	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3
<b>Guidelines of WHEN to Reopen</b>	Coincides with Pennsylvania's Yellow phase	A clear downward trajectory, in Franklin County, in the number of reported symptoms, confirmed cases, and/or positive tests for COVID-19 for 4 consecutive weeks	A clear downward trajectory, in Franklin County, in the number of reported symptoms, confirmed cases, and/or positive tests for COVID-19 for 4 more consecutive weeks
<b>Number of People Permitted</b>	Small Groups – gatherings of less than 20 people.	Gatherings of less than 50 people	Gatherings over 50. *If downward trajectory as listed above, then <i>St. Luke COVID-19 Task Force</i> will reconvene to reevaluate the situation and how to move forward.
<b>Safety Precautions in Place</b>	6-foot social distancing	6-foot social distancing	
	Masks required.	Masks required.	
	Hand sanitizer available.	Hand sanitizer available.	Hand sanitizer available.
	Sanitizing surfaces required.	Sanitizing surfaces required.	Sanitizing surfaces required.
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Phases are subject to change as needed. You will be notified if changes are made.

Attendance at services is done at your own risk.

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