

## Wisconsin Lutheran Chapel Reopen Plan For Sunday Worship

Dear Chapel Family,

We have missed you! We are rejoicing that God has made it possible for us to worship together in person. COVID-19 remains a health concern, so we offer the following safety measures to ensure the health of all worshippers. We are resuming in-person worship on Sunday, June 28. We will hold one service at 10:00 a.m. All the following plans are subject to immediate change if health circumstances dictate.

Many in our Chapel family may be more comfortable continuing to worship at home. We understand. We support the decision that each person or family makes. The service will be live streamed for those choosing to worship at home. It will be shown at 10 a.m. and posted to our Vimeo page early in the week.

Prior to worship, all common surfaces will be disinfected. This includes door handles, elevator buttons, handrails, etc. In addition,

- Hand sanitizer will be available.
- Masks, though not required, will be provided. Since we have masks in limited quantities, worshippers are encouraged to bring their own.
- Snacks and coffee will not be served.

### **I. Entering and exiting Chapel Building for worship**

1. An usher will be stationed at the main entrance and in the garage.
2. Main entrance door, entrance to lower stairway from garage and door from that stairwell to Activities Room should be propped open while congregants are entering or leaving.
3. Use of elevator will be avoided unless absolutely necessary, in which case ridership is limited to a single person, a couple or a family. An usher will monitor the elevator.
4. Worshippers are asked to practice proper social distancing (6 feet) in those areas where people will be travelling throughout the building.

## **II. Accessible areas in building during worship**

1. Initially, the Sanctuary and Fellowship area on the second floor will be the only accessible areas for worship.
2. Other than for walk through of the Activities Room and from the Main entrance up the stairway to the Sanctuary, all other areas on the first floor of the facility are off limits during Sunday worship.
3. Restrooms on the first floor are off limits. Worshipers should use the restrooms on the second floor when attending worship. If possible, use the restroom before coming to Chapel to limit restroom usage at church. Restrooms will be cleaned and disinfected prior to the worship service and after the service has ended and worshippers have exited.

## **III. Use of the Sanctuary and Fellowship Area for worship**

1. As of today, the maximum allowed occupancy of the Sanctuary will be 120 people and the Fellowship area 50. This follows the 50% occupancy guidelines recommended by the Department of Health. If necessary, an additional 22 worshipers could be seated in the Activity Room.
2. The occupancy will be increased to 75% and finally 100% as Public Health restrictions are lifted.
3. The seats on the ends of each row will remain unoccupied.
4. Families or couples may sit adjacent to one another.
5. Ushers will seat worshipers to assure proper social distancing. If worshipers are seated in the Fellowship area, chairs will be set up in rows to allow for proper social distancing.
6. All necessary worship material and announcements will appear on the screens (no bulletins).
7. Musical groups, musicians and vocalists will set up in such a fashion as to allow for proper social distancing (6 to 10 feet). Initially, music will be prerecorded for worship.
8. At the close of worship, ushers will release the worshipers to assure proper social distancing.
9. Worshipers may leave their offerings as they leave in offering baskets available in the narthex.

10. If worshipers remain for conversation after the service, they will be asked to practice appropriate social distancing.
11. Proper air movement will be maintained in all worship areas.

#### **IV. Distribution of Lord's Supper**

1. The host will be available in individually wrapped packages. Initially, the wine will be grape juice in individually wrapped cups. For future services, we will develop a method to dispense wine in individual cups.
2. Wearing masks and gloves, ushers will distribute the elements to each worshiper. The worshiper will hold the host and cup until all are served. All worshipers will consume the host and drink the cup simultaneously as Pastor speaks the words of institution. Each communicant can dispose of the packaging as they exit the sanctuary.

#### **V. PPE usage**

1. Mask wearing by worshipers is optional. The Chapel will have masks for people to use. You may also bring your own.
2. All ushers and attendants will wear masks.
3. Ushers assisting with distribution of Lord's Supper will wear masks and gloves.