



Return to Worship

Hello everyone!

The congregational council has been meeting weekly and bi-weekly through the pandemic. We have been collecting information and discussing appropriate ways that we can gather together. We have agreed that is important to take a **conservative approach** as we return to worship. We are going to use phases that will start with the safest activities and move toward normal as we see how the COVID-19 situation unfolds.

We will be returning to in-person worship on Sunday, June 14th at 10:15 in the New Life Center.

You can expect that:

- Worship will be in the New Life Center for the time being.
- We will practice social distancing – chairs are spaced 6 ft. apart.
- Worship will be a Service of the Word, without singing liturgy or hymns by the congregation.
- Printed bulletins will be placed on each chair prior to worship.
- The offering plate will be stationed on a table for drop-off before or after service.
- Communion, sharing of the peace and post-service pastor greeting will not occur at this time.
- We will have a lector, music and children's sermon.
- A video of the service will be shared on our webpage, our Facebook page and YouTube. This will occur as soon as practical after the service.
- A host will help guide you through the changes in the service, coordinating seating and dismissal, and providing a mask if you happen to forget yours at home.

As we look at safe behaviors, St. Luke's has adopted the following:

- Take care of yourself -- As our society continues to open restaurants, gyms and other places, it is up to each person to determine if it is safe for him or her to attend or visit.
- Practice social distancing – chairs are spaced 6 ft. apart; speakers and soloists will be at a greater distance. Take care to stay 6 ft. apart before and after service. Families can move chairs closer together as needed.
- Wash your hands – the restrooms will be open and hand sanitizer will be available
- Avoid touching your face
- Cough and sneeze into a tissue or your elbow
- If you are sick, stay at home
- **We ask that you please wear a mask or face covering. It is for the safety of those around you.**

If you are willing to help by serving as a host/hostess, lector, children's sermon, soloist, etc., please contact Robin in the church office at (419) 227-1961. The normal coordinators will also be reaching out.

We consider this a safe starting point to get back together. We intend to continue to follow the ODH guidelines.

Please feel free to contact me, a council member or Robin with questions.

In Christ,
Phil Trueblood