



Hope Lutheran Church and School

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Greetings to you and peace in the Lord Jesus Christ.

As we are looking forward to reopening our church for worship services, there are a few things that I need to communicate with you.

First, when do we reopen? We are set to reopen for Sunday worship services on June 7, 2020. It is our intent to reopen our church with appropriate modifications in operation to safeguard the health and safety of our members and friends who join us in worship. We are allowed to hold in-person worship services, as long as we follow certain safety precautions by adhering to local, state, and national recommendations and directives, with appropriate application to our unique setting.

To prepare for your arrival, out of an abundance of caution, Hope will...

1. Disinfect the sanctuary and its surrounding areas before and after each service.
2. Set up worship areas with social distancing seating.
3. Post reminders about limiting contact and social distancing.
4. Set up sanitizing stations.
5. Set up a check-in system with touchless forehead thermometers.
6. Be prepared to offer masks to members and visitors who forget to wear theirs.
7. Keep our worship services on livestream.

Second, things you need to do to prepare yourself before joining us in worship.

1. Stay home if you are sick.
2. Stay home if you feel unprepared to join us in onsite worship.
3. Come 15 minutes earlier before each service.
4. Wear a face mask when you come.
5. Follow safety guidelines.
6. Be extra kind and patient.
7. Come with a hunger and thirst for God's Word and truth.
8. Come to worship God and rejoice as a family in Christ.

With understanding, there are people who are taking physical distancing very seriously, and others who feel anger and frustration at being told what to do by our government. These feelings can either tear us apart or bring us together. It will be our choice to make: Will our new normal be one based on fear and frustration or on an abundance of hope and love? Finding the balance between the freedom of the individual and the care and interest of others is the key.



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As brothers and sisters in Christ, coming together to worship God, please begin this time by intentionally practicing love within our fellowships. Show forbearance for those who are fearful and anxious. Resist rushing to conclusion. We will not all get what we think is right, but what a beautiful witness, when God's people choose to prioritize loving one another over personal comfort and practice. Please be understanding that doing things like wearing face masks, washing hands carefully, avoid touching and hugging, and even sitting 6 feet apart will show compassion and love, and allow us to support one another as a family in Christ. Thank you for your careful attention and proper response.

Should you have questions and /or concerns pertaining to the content of this letter, you are invited to contact me at the number listed above.

Looking forward to seeing each one of you in God's house of worship.

May God bless you and your household with His peace and joy. As we shelter at home, remember that our true home is in Jesus Christ, our Lord, and in Him, we are safe forever.

Romans 15:13 says, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Amen!

Praying for you and serving together,

Pastor Woo

➤ Safety Guidelines and Actions of Hope attached.



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Safety Guidelines based on CDC and local health officials and Actions of Hope Lutheran Church

1. Promote healthy hygiene practices
 - a. Maintain good hand hygiene, washing hands with soap carefully. If no water and soap available, then disinfect your hands with hand sanitizer.
 - b. Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue.
 - c. Discourage worshippers from shaking hands, hugging or other greetings that break social distancing practices.

2. Cloth face coverings.
 - a. Wear a face mask if over the age of two.
 - b. Cloth face coverings are meant to protect other people in case the wearer is unknowingly infected but does not have symptoms.
 - c. Therefore, worshippers are strongly recommended to wear face masks.

3. Promote social distancing.
 - a. Churches can reopen at 25% of building capacity or a maximum of 100 people, whichever is lower.
 - b. Set up worship areas with social distancing seating, staying 6 feet apart.
 - c. Family members who live within the same household are allowed to sit next to one another.
 - d. Family with children should remain with their families for the entirety of the service.

4. Intensify cleaning and disinfection.
 - a. Disinfect the church and its surrounding areas before and after each service.
 - b. The church will be thoroughly cleaned 3 times a week, especially before and after Sunday worship services.

Please note: No children's Sunday School onsite until further notice, but there is online Children's Sunday School that begins at 10:15 am. If you have questions, please contact the church office.