

First Evangelical Lutheran Church - Safe Practice Policy

To foster safety of our members, our Pastor, our visitors, and our staff.

Services and gatherings are limited to 40 people in sanctuary

Please do not enter facility if you have any of the following symptoms

- Fever of 100 degrees or higher
- Cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing
- Chills, body aches, sore throat
- Recent loss of taste or smell
- Compromised immune system
- Have been in contact with anyone testing positive for Covid-19 within 14 days

Policies:

- 1) Masks must be worn at all times (children under the age of two and those with a medical reason for not wearing masks are exempt). Disposable masks will be available for those who need them.
- 2) Entry for church service is limited to glass doors by the parking lot.
- 3) Hand sanitizer is available in each pew to be used as needed.
- 4) All soiled tissues, etc. are to be disposed of in a trash can.
- 5) Social distance of 6 feet between persons should be maintained at all times. For family groupings, please increase social distance to 8-10 feet.
- 6) Appropriately spaced seating in the sanctuary is encouraged. Alternating pews will be closed off.
- 7) Congregation is discouraged from exiting sanctuary during services unless necessary.
- 8) Ushers will guide dismissal of attendees starting with north seating area and starting with the back of church.
- 9) Pastor will remain at the front of the sanctuary during the service and will not exit through the sanctuary.
- 10) Communion will be received with individual containers of wafer and wine. Please pick up a communion container from the table upon entering the sanctuary.
- 11) Assistant Minister duties will be performed from the lectern and seated in a pew near the lectern during services.
- 12) Group singing and responsive readings will be held to the minimum and/or eliminated.
- 13) Offering plates will be placed at the back of the sanctuary for members to place their offering.
- 14) At the end of services, please continue to maintain social distance when exiting building.
- 15) Social gathering with groups of 2 or more within the facilities is discouraged. Please gather socially outside the building before or after service. Continue to wear a mask and maintain social distancing.
- 16) There will be no "Passing of Peace", hugging, etc. during services, meetings, etc.
- 17) All hymnals, Bibles, pew pads, children's activity packets, etc. will be removed from sanctuary
- 18) Facilities will be sanitized after service and cleaned weekly.