

## **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 50 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) All Coat Racks will be closed until further notice to keep congestion down.
- 4) Hand sanitizer is available in each pew to be used as needed.
- 5) All soiled tissues, etc. are to be disposed of in a trash can.
- 6) Social distance of 6 feet between persons should be maintained at all times. For family groupings, please increase social distance to 8-10 feet.
- 7) Appropriately spaced seating in the sanctuary is encouraged. Alternating pews will be closed off.
- 8) Congregation is discouraged from exiting sanctuary during services unless necessary.
- 9) Ushers will guide dismissal of attendees starting with north seating area and starting with the back of church.
- 10) Pastor will remain at the front of the sanctuary during the service and will not exit through the sanctuary.
- 11) Communion will be received with individual containers of wafer and wine. Please pick up a communion container from the table upon entering the sanctuary.
- 12) Assistant Minister duties will be performed from the lectern and seated in a pew near the lectern during services.
- 13) Group singing and responsive readings will be held to the minimum and/or eliminated.
- 14) Offering plates will be placed at the back of the sanctuary for members to place their offering.
- 15) At the end of services, please continue to maintain social distance when exiting building.
- 16) 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.
- 17) There will be no "Passing of Peace", hugging, etc. during services, meetings, etc.
- 18) All hymnals, Bibles, pew pads, children's activity packets, etc. will be removed from sanctuary
- 19) Facilities will be sanitized after service and cleaned weekly.