

# PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Where everybody is somebody, and Jesus is LORD!*

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Guidelines Revision  
(August 1, 2020)

*Please look over the following guidelines prepared by the Board of Elders so you know what to expect when returning to church. If you have questions about these policies, please do not hesitate to contact your elder for clarification.*

*We realize that we will not be able to eliminate all risk, so please use your own discretion as you consider returning. For members wanting to delay returning to worship in a public setting, Pastor Jon will be providing weekly opportunities for private communion on Thursdays from 9am – 5pm in 30-minute increments or by appointment. Please call the church office at 715-358-8338 to schedule your visit.*

*We all have a role to play in keeping our church family and community safe. So, we ask if you are not feeling well or have been exposed to the virus, please make use of our online worship services until you are feeling better.*

## Policies for the Reopening for Public Worship Services

- If you or anyone in your home are not feeling well, or showing symptoms of Covid-19, please stay home.
- Wash your hands often. Frequent and thorough handwashing is one of the best ways to prevent the spread of Covid-19
- Beginning August 1, 2020 the state of Wisconsin is mandating the use of facemasks in enclosed public spaces including churches. People with medical conditions that would prohibit the use of facemasks or children under the age of 5 are excluded from the mandate. Disposable masks are available as you enter the building. Use the following link to read the full state mandate: [https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/WIGOV/2020/07/30/file\\_attachments/1507337/EMO01-FaceCoverings.pdf](https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/WIGOV/2020/07/30/file_attachments/1507337/EMO01-FaceCoverings.pdf)
- Hand sanitizer will be available at the entrance of the church.
- Please follow the recommended 6-foot social distancing guidelines with people not living in your household.
- We estimate seating in the sanctuary of approximately 40 people, an additional 10 people in the narthex. Overflow seating will be in the fellowship hall where we will be livestreaming the worship service on the large screen television from the sanctuary.
- If you have visiting family or friends this summer that will be joining you for worship, please call the church in advance so we can ensure adequate seating.
- As you arrive at the church, ushers will begin seating every other row from the front the church and will keep at least three chairs between family groups.
- You may bring coats, purses, etc. into the church with you and place them on the empty chairs next to you.
- You may pick up a bulletin on a separate table as you enter the church.
- There is a place for your contribution on a separate table. (Beginning June 7, members will have the opportunity to give electronically through a secure online service on the church website. Click “Give now” in the menu options.)
- When communion is distributed, you will be ushered forward to the communion in a manner that nonfamily groups can maintain social distancing.
- When receiving communion, bread wafers will be dropped into your open hand. For the time being, communion assistants will not be placing wafers in the mouths of communicants.
- For the time being, we will not be sharing the common cup.
- After the service, ushers will begin dismissing from the back of the church.
- If you use a hymnal during the service, please place it on top of your chair seat when leaving so it can be properly sanitized.
- For the time being, the nursery will be closed, and we will not provide busy bags for children.
- Please do not gather in the narthex for fellowship. You may gather in the fellowship hall or the parking lot while maintaining proper social distancing. For the time being, refreshments will not be provided following the service.
- We will continue to make video recordings of our worship services available to members online through the church website at [www.peacearborvitae.org](http://www.peacearborvitae.org).

