Immanuel Church Council May 29, 2020 COVID-19 reopening plan

The church council met on Friday, May 29 to discuss reopening for worship. We followed the state of Minnesota's Industry Guidelines for safely reopening.

Rodney Schmeling is the designated plan administrator. Our full capacity is 250. So our 25% capacity is 62 persons.

When we restart our services we'll start up with two services to keep our numbers below 62: Sunday morning at 10 a.m. and Monday night at 7 p.m. After worship (or weekly), volunteers will clean the church according to the checklist.

We'll follow a shortened worship service with a spoken psalm rather than sung.

Screen only, no hymnals or bulletins.

Hymnals and pew cushions will be removed and stacked in an unused row.

Anyone who feels ill or has other symptoms of COVID-19 (self assessment available at https://landing.google.com/screener/covid19) is asked to stay at home. Anyone who belongs to a high risk group or who feels uncomfortable gathering face to face should also stay home. The worship service will still be televised on cable and the internet.

Worshippers are encouraged to wear masks and maintain distance from those who are not in the same household.

When you enter the church, please do not congregate in the entryway. Proceed directly to the front-most available rows. Exit the church immediately after the service, beginning with the back rows. An usher will direct you.

Documented sanitation schedule and checklist.

- Cleaning will take place after every church service.
- Surfaces will be washed with 2 oz. Re-Juv-Nal disinfectant (from Hillyard) mixed with 1 gallon of water.
- Benches: backs, seats, and arm rests
- Handrails
- Door handles and commonly touched surfaces

Bathrooms will have signs posted outside: Maximum occupancy is 2. Waiting area will be in the entryway.

First Sunday service will be June 7. We'll have a discussion about communion on June 10 at the regular Council meeting.

Updates to this plan will be posted at www.immanuelhutch.com/church/services

The Council appointed Steve Hellwig to fill Matt Dahl's vacant position on the finance committee.