



Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church & School

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Dear members of Emanuel,

The Elders along with President Jeff Kohls and Pastor Mathison met last night to discuss reopening church on Sunday, May 31st. We are happy to announce that we all agreed that it is time to gather again in His name.

We will be resuming church services starting this Sunday the 31st at 9:00 a.m., and offering our 7:00 p.m. midweek Wednesday service starting on June 3rd. All services will be held in the sanctuary.

We will be opening with the following guidelines that we would like everyone to understand and follow:

- We will open at 1/3 seating capacity. We have taped off the pews, and will have ushers and others there to help you with finding a place to sit.
- We strongly urge everyone to wear a mask. We want to protect everyone, but especially our senior citizens.
- Please stay home if you are ill or showing symptoms of COVID-19, influenza, etc.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at the main entrance and at the entrance into the sanctuary.
- Entrance doors will be propped open to allow for fresh air.
- We will be singing hymns.
- Communion will be served in continuous line by the Elders to reduce risk to Pastor Mathison. We will have instruction on Sunday before distribution. After Sunday, we will go back to our regular communion schedule of the second and fourth Sunday.
- Offerings will be collected in a basket as you leave the sanctuary.
- We ask that all members exit the church once service is over, and maintain social distancing as you make your way to your vehicle.
- We will have a group of people disinfect the sanctuary following the service.

Finally, if you fall into the high risk category, or if you do not feel comfortable attending service at this time, we will still be using Facebook Live, and will also be posting our recorded services to the churches website for you to view.

We ask that everyone take personal responsibility for following the guidelines along with those of the CDC, so that we can continue to gather, glorify and grow. If you have any questions or concerns, please call one of the Elders and we will answer to the best of our abilities.

Joint Statement from the LCMS, WELS, ELS: <https://s3.amazonaws.com/becketnewsite/Response-to-Gov.-Walz-05.20.2020.pdf>

Guidelines for reopening church link: www.frc.org/churchguidelines

In His service,

The Board of Elders