

Covid-19 Preparedness Plan

1. People have a choice, they can come to our safe, clean, physically-distanced service or they can watch it all online. We will keep our numbers below the 50% of capacity that is currently required.
2. Masks or face-coverings are required indoors, unless you meet one of the exceptions, such as 5 and under or have a health, disability or mental issue that would make it unwise or unsafe for you to wear a face-covering. For example, the Minn. Dept. of Health advises that if you have a heart condition or breathing issues, it would not be wise for you to wear a mask. Each person must then choose if it might be better to then watch the service online.
3. We will have a contact-less experience, thus no hand-shaking.
4. Offering plates will be set in the back, but not passed around.
5. Communion supplies will be set in the back, using the all-in-one cup, so nothing needs to be passed around.
6. Chairs will be spaced out in groups for households, thus we will maintain safe distances.
7. Door handles and doorknobs and other places will be sanitized.
8. Hand sanitizer stations are available throughout the church.
9. Common sense guidelines will be encouraged, such as hand-washing, physical distancing, stay home if feel sick or coughing.
10. Livestreaming of our service will continue.
11. We will seek to have good ventilation and fresh air.
12. We will treat everyone as if they are in a high risk group.
13. We will require any one who has any active symptoms of Covid 19 to stay at home and get tested. If they develop these symptoms while here, they will need to immediately leave for home.
14. The adult Bible class will meet in the fellowship hall where we can maintain proper physical distancing.
15. The church leaders and helpers need to be taught, reminded of the above practices and follow them. Even if you don't think they are all necessary, other people will feel they are and won't come if not followed, plus they are now required in this state.
16. We will modify these guidelines as health officials give us guidance. Remember, this won't last forever.
17. We will continue to trust and praise the Lord throughout this very unique situation!
18. We will keep all this in perspective, that there are far bigger, far more important issues at play than things like face masks, such as: where will a person spend eternity? 1 Cor. 9:22 says: "*To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some.*"
Remember, this is a small sacrifice for a potential big gain.

Other guiding Scriptural principles, and there would be many, would include: Rom. 13:1, Phil. 4:8 and especially the great love chapter of 1 Cor. 13. Thanks for your cooperation in these very challenging times.