



Out of love toward our Lord and all people, the members of Immanuel Lutheran Church offer the following guidelines for August during the current Covid19 pandemic:

Worship - The pews have been marked with service times to help maintain social distancing. For those attending the first service on Sunday, please sit in a pew marked 9:00. For those attending the second service, please select a pew marked 10:00. This will assure that the same pew will not be used twice on the same day. The 9:00 service will require members to wear a mask while they are in the building. For the 10:00 service and Monday evening service the congregation is encouraged to wear face masks.

Communion - When we celebrate the Lord's Supper, please follow the direction of the pastor. Pastor Seelman will wear a mask and distribute the bread and wine. They will both be handled by the participant only, with a distance of six feet between each communicant. Pastor will give instructions each time.

Entry and dismissal - You may use either entrance, however, we ask that you maintain social distancing as much as possible. Before each service, please pick up a bulletin on the table in front of the bulletin board. If you have an offering, you may place it in the offering plate at the same time. Please enter the sanctuary and find a place to be seated according to the instructions above. Second service attendees are asked to stay to the back of the fellowship hall or go to the narthex until all first service worshipers have exited the sanctuary. Please allow space for members who are leaving. If you wish to fellowship, please exit the building to do so.

Social distancing - To maintain safe distancing, in accordance with CDC recommendations, all attendees are responsible to be careful. Out of love and respect for all, please make every effort to allow 6 feet between individuals whenever possible.

Sanitation - All commonly touched areas will continue to be properly sanitized. Door handles, bathroom surfaces, tops of the pews etcetera, will be a priority. Unless there is an objection, we will continue to sing during the service. However, alternatives are being considered. Hand sanitizer will be available as you enter or leave the building.

Improvement - During this time, we want those who are worshipping to feel safe. If any member has a request or comment, please do so in person at the monthly sanitation and safety meeting. The next meeting will be held on August 18, at 10:30. You may also approach any council member, however, it may cause a delay, as the council only meets monthly and the meeting may be scheduled after the sanitation meeting.

Finally, these are recommendations that have been compiled at the current time. There will be modifications as matters progress in the coming weeks and months. Consideration was made with several factors in mind - CDC guidelines for houses of worship, common practice within the WELS, and Paul's encouragement to all children of God, that we treat each other with kindness, compassion and humility at all times.

Respectfully,
Ann Gosdeck, Dave Leatherman, Barb Luft, Beverly Neumann, Joan Radtke, Pat Stieg, Arlene Stowe and Judy Zarter

