

A Plan to Resume In-Person Public Worship at Elm Grove Ev. Lutheran Church

- If you have a compromised immune system, fever or flu-like symptoms, please stay home and worship with us online.
- Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are unavailable.
- Frequently touched surfaces (pew tops, door handles, etc.) will be cleaned and sanitized per CDC recommendations. The elder, chancel assistant and ushers will wipe down the frequently touched surface after each service. This is in addition to the regular cleaning being done on a weekly basis by our cleaning team.
- Worship services will be Sunday mornings at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. The 8:00 a.m. service is reserved for individuals 55 and older.
- Attendance at each service will be limited to 150 including pastors, musicians, elder, chancel assistant, and ushers.
- An usher should be at each entrance to open the door for attendees. At the West entrance (large parking lot), only the blue doors closest to the elevator will be used to enter the building.
- Follow the directions of the elder, chancel assistant, ushers and Pastor as you enter church. Procedures may change from week to week.
- To maintain social distancing in the nave, every other pew will be used. Social distancing of a minimum of 6 feet between people not living in the same household must be followed. Please don't sit in pews marked "closed."
- The weekly service folder, complete with announcements, will be printed out in its entirety so that the Bibles and hymnals do not need to be used. A small quantity of bibles and hymnals will be available for those who wish to use one.
- Worshippers should take their copy of the service folder home with them for recycling or paper recycling bins will be at each exit. No worship service folders should be reused.
- Communion will be offered at all summer services utilizing the continuous, walking distribution format.
 - The presiding minister will drop the host in the communicant's hand.
 - The assisting minister or elder will have the individual cups of wine.
 - A stand with an empty tray will be placed by each front pillar in which the communicants will place the empty individual cup.
- Appropriate steps are being taken to ensure all communion ware is properly cleaned and sanitized before use.
- Communion distribution participants will wash their hands with soap and water beforehand. They will also stop and sanitize their hands in front of parishioners at the beginning of the distribution.
- The collection of offerings will continue to be centralized in the back of the nave.
- The post-worship social gathering (coffee and snacks) is suspended for the near future.
- When the service ends, worshipers are encouraged to maintain proper social distancing as they leave the sanctuary.