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Voice of St Luke



Well actually we've never closed on Sunday and have had worship in some form since this plague of 2020 began.

However, on Saturday September 19th we will have our first indoor service at St Luke since the Season of Lent.

Starting that weekend we will begin regular service Saturdays at 6 PM and Sundays at 9 AM with restrictions.

This is what Gov. Holcomb's office recommends, *"When providing services in person, places of worship are encouraged to follow the minimum*

health protocols described in this document as well as guidance from the White House and CDC."

As we've all heard many times these protocols focus on three points;

- 1. Social Distance**
- 2. Wear a Mask**
- 3. Wash your Hands**

What must we do to adapt?

Social Distancing recommendations is to be 6 foot apart from someone not in your household. We can do this by limiting seating to every third pew and one household per pew. Large family groups that visit together can occupy consecutive pews with every third pew thereafter.

Giving this some thought I think we can safely accomplish this if more folks will make use of the Saturday service. If we can balance services to a max of 25-30 I believe this is doable.

This week we will be starting Sunday school. So going forward I would ask you to give preference for the Sunday service to families

with Sunday School kids. If you're an empty nester give Saturday a try.

Wear a Mask

Guidelines say to wear a mask while indoors. You can sing in a mask. Precautions for inside worship should be no different than going to Sanders or Kroger's.

Wash Your Hands

Also known as sanitizing. We have purchased equipment and have set up teams that will allow us to quickly and confidently sanitize the church before each service.

Also, just some boiler plating that comes to mind:

1. If you or anyone at home or at your work is sick, **stay home**.
2. ALL SERVICES WILL CONTINUE TO BE LIVESTREAMED AND SAVED ON THE ST LUKE WINAMAC FACEBOOK PAGE.
3. There will be bulletins available. Take it home with you after service.
4. There will be a sanitizing station with hand cleaner and disposable masks available.
5. I will offer communion at each service. We will continue to present communion in sealed cup

and envelope.

6. I will be making some changes in way you receive communion but that's still a work in progress.

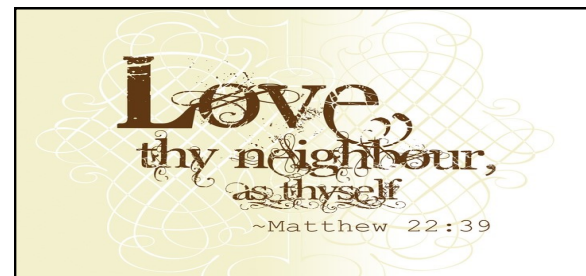
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Indiana's recommendation for in person church is available at <https://backontrack.in.gov/files/BackOnTrack-IN PlacesOfWorship.pdf>



Confirmation

In September we will begin in person Catechism for grades 6-8. Please contact Pastor Tom if you wish to enroll your child.



Dear Sunday School Families, As we begin another school year, without a doubt, this is far different than any other year! You are already well acquainted with the events of the past few months.

I would love to be able to "snap my fingers" and fix it all, of course, I can't do that. Yet, let me take a moment to assure you that we here at St. Luke will be praying for you as you start the year!

While things can be quite discouraging right now, I would encourage you to take some time each day, even if it's a few moments in the morning to read some scripture and pray about the day. While things even seem different in the church right now, please know that the

people who make up the church care for you and pray for you!

There is a wonderful scripture in the Bible I wanted to share with you, and even though you probably have heard it before, I pray it ministers to you, especially right now: 2 Timothy 1:7 (NIV) *7 for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.* One of the most excellent attitudes to have in life is one of confidence. I believe this confidence is ultimately rooted in a relationship with Jesus Christ. Keep your eyes on Jesus.

As you look around and even catch the news once in a while, the temptation will be to believe there is no hope, yet, Jesus is hope! Stand firm in Jesus. This world needs people like you who stand for righteousness and truth! With all of this in mind, we will start Sunday School on September 13, 2020 at 10:00 am. In Christ, Kathy Zellers St. Luke Sunday School

If you have any ?s

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