

HOPE LUTHERN CHURCH
RESUMING IN PERSON MINISTRY PLAN
April 2021

1. In-person worship each week will be determined and communicated by Wednesday afternoon based on HOPE Lutheran's established in-person guidelines (matrix) which utilizes Pierce and St. Croix County Covid 19 risk levels to determine maximum attendance allowed.
2. Meeting indoors rather than outdoors due to weather will be determined and communicated on Saturdays if necessary
3. The Service will also be live streamed on YouTube
4. Parishioners are encouraged to stay home if you are exhibiting ANY of the following symptoms: Fever, cough, chills, shortness of breath, sore throat, runny nose, fatigue, muscle aches, loss of taste/smell, nausea, abdominal pain, diarrhea or have come into contact with someone who was diagnosed with Covid-19 in the last 14 days.
 - a. If you have a **positive** or pending Covid-19 test result.
 - b. If you are at high risk or do not feel personally comfortable joining in-person.
5. Wearing masks is required BOTH INDOORS AND OUTDOORS for all attendees over 5 years old regardless of vaccination status. Masks should completely cover the nose and mouth and fit snugly against the sides of the face without gaps.
6. We will practice 6-foot social distancing by family unit for both indoor and outdoor gatherings.
7. Please do not shake hands or congregate before or afterward, especially when indoors to allow for safe traffic flow.
8. YOU WILL NEED TO BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR FOR ANY OUTDOOR WORSHIP (A limited number of chairs will be available at church, but this will help mitigate the time we need to spend sanitizing).
9. You will need to pre-register for Sunday Service in order to limit occupancy, prepare seating arrangements and communion elements.
10. Links for "Sign Up Genius" will be provided in TWAH and on the website by Wednesday of each week for the next 2 worship services.
11. There will be no communal singing. Protocols are in place for when singing will resume safely. We will have 1 vocalist sharing in song with us, who will be additionally distanced from the group. The congregation is encouraged to speak the words or hum softly. All music will be provided in the bulletin.
12. Holy Communion - Upon entering you will pick up individually wrapped bread and wine/juice for your family. Kindly place these next to you in worship until the Offertory where we will "set the table" together. We will commune all at once and you will be encouraged to say the words to those near you. More detailed instructions will be given in worship.
13. Offering - You are strongly encouraged to utilize online and automated giving options via the church website and the Give+ app. Instructions for utilizing these platforms can be found in the weekly bulletin.
14. For those unable to give electronically, you are encouraged to place your offering in the designated box upon entry so we can bless them (or upon exit if you forget)!

15. You will be greeted at the entrance and directed to the hand sanitizing station and to the table to pick up the bulletin and communion supplies. And utilize the offering box if needed.
16. In an effort to help with traffic flow we ask that you avoid congregating before and after worship and simply follow the directions of the ushers.
17. Ushers will direct you to a seating area based the number in your family/unit to allow social distancing
18. Once seated feel free to greet those around you!
19. You will be dismissed back to front by the ushers at the conclusion of worship in an orderly fashion to minimize traffic congestion.
20. Trash/recycling receptacles will be provided for your bulletins and communion cups.
21. Please make sure to take your own trash from your seating area as you exit.
22. Bathrooms will be accessible if needed, but we do encourage you to minimize this need when possible. Please be respectful of distance markers which have been placed indoors.
23. Children In Worship
 - a. There will be no children's busy bags available during this time. We will provide children's bulletins, but please remember to bring your own writing utensils, toys, and snacks.
 - b. Limit number of children from different families in the Little Disciples room. The Eidskog room is available for children as an alternative.
 - c. Masks are strongly encouraged for children 2+, required for 5+ (exemptions for those with conditions that prevent mask wearing).
 - d. Pastor Annie will still deliver a children's message, kids who are able to wear a mask are invited forward (while maintaining 6 feet distance).
 - e. We understand kids need to wiggle. Please be mindful of social distancing of others.
 - f. Feel free to make good use of our green space when outdoors.
24. Fellowship - We will not gather for coffee hour and no refreshments will be served at this time. Protocols are in place for when forms of fellowship can resume. Feel free to bring your own coffee/water to worship with you.
25. We are so grateful for your flexibility, participation, and generosity! We could not do this without all of you! Thank you for all the ways you continue to BE the church in these days! The Worship Ministry will be looking for worship volunteers and we welcome all who are able and willing to serve in this way!
26. We will make you aware of important information moving forward! Feel free to share your ideas, questions, or concerns with Pastor Annie or any member of the HOPE Council directly.

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