

## Sunne Evangelical Lutheran Church Covid-19 Re-Opening Guidelines

In an effort to be prepared as we go back to the new “normal” living with in person worship on Sunday, May 31, your Council, along with Pastor Paul, has put together the following guidelines:

- 1) We will continue to broadcast our services on both BEK Ch26 and Facebook Live so if you cannot make it in person, please join us online for worship through these means.
- 2) If you do not feel well or have a fever, please refrain from coming to worship until you are well. If your overall health is compromised and/or you consider yourself to be vulnerable, you may want to consider staying home until this situation settles down.
- 3) For the foreseeable future we will not have greeters at the back of the church and we ask that you minimize gathering together before services. Please pick up a bulletin and proceed to take a seat.
- 4) The offering plate will be placed at the back of the church. To avoid contact, we will not be passing it around during the service.
- 5) We have blocked off every other pew to maintain healthy distances between parishioners. Please only allow 1 family unit per pew OR one nonrelated individual at each end of a pew. As this will reduce our capacity we will consider having a second service each Sunday or an alternate service on Saturday or Wednesday.
- 6) Cleaning and Sanitizing will take place at the church between each service. We will clean the bathrooms; wipe down all pews, door handles and light switches. Hand sanitizer will be available upon entering the church and we ask that you use it prior to entering the sanctuary.
- 7) We will sing, however, we ask that members contain their spiritual exuberance and refrain from belting out the songs. This will help reduce the spread of the virus.
- 8) Sharing of the Peace will be done verbally. Please avoid handshakes or hugs.
- 9) No Communion at this time (we are working on developing a way to do this with less interaction.)
- 10) We will be using Ushers to direct people out of the pews to avoid crowding in the aisles and narthex. We also ask people to please leave without too much gathering after services.
- 11) Pastor Paul will not be interacting with members in the narthex after the services.
- 12) Tellers are encouraged to wear gloves and masks when preparing the weekly deposit.

We hope these guidelines and efforts will help in keeping you all in good health. We will continue to review the Guidelines that we receive from the Western North Dakota Synod and the State of North Dakota and communicate with you as time goes on and as the situation changes. Thank you and God Bless.

*Guidelines adopted by the Church Council on May 14, 2020. Updated May 16, 2020.*