

## What to Expect when you Return to the Zion Campus

The planning and procedures developed for the return to in-person worship services follow the State guidelines for Green Phase, 'ELCA Guidance for Returning to In-person Worship' as well as 'CDC Guidance for Community and Faith-Based Organizations'. Our congregation consists of many individuals classified as part of the "at risk" population. The procedures were developed with consideration for the most vulnerable among us. Our procedures will evolve based on our experiences and as these guidance documents are revised.

First and foremost, we ask that if you are not feeling well or if you are in self quarantine due to possible exposure to COVID-19 that you continue to worship online.

*For the safety of all persons attending worship, face coverings over the mouth and nose will always be required in the building and while attending outdoor services. This is mandatory; Zion will have disposable masks available if needed. Unfortunately, at this time, if you cannot or will not wear a face covering, you will need to continue to worship online.*

One of the most difficult aspects of the guidance documents is a prohibition on singing. Research has shown the act of singing spreads germs more than talking or even coughing. There will be no congregational singing at any of the services.

The nursery will not be open, nor will there be coffee or social time following the services.

The rest rooms will be open (the drinking fountains will be unavailable). Common touch points in the restrooms are disinfected after each service. Hand sanitizer is available in the hallway outside the restroom. To promote social distancing, we ask that use of the rest rooms be limited to one person at a time.

We will be using pre-wrapped elements for communion. Please see weekly email (Thursday) for services holding communion in the upcoming week.

A collection container will be used for offerings. It will be placed at the exit. Offerings may be placed in this container when leaving the service.

**Outdoor services**, everyone is asked to bring a chair or blanket to sit on. Family groups are to separate from other family groups by at least six feet. There may be a single vocalist who will be separated from the congregation by twenty-five feet.

**Indoor services**, the seats in the sanctuary have been replaced by the blue plastic chairs for the ease of disinfecting. The chairs and common touch points are disinfected following each service. The chairs are arranged with six-foot separation between rows. Music will be instrumental, with no vocalist, and the use of audio and video recordings from our musicians will continue; hymnals will not be used.

Ushers will seat attendees. Six feet, which equates to three empty chairs, will be maintained between family groups. At the conclusion of the service, ushers will dismiss the congregation by row to maintain social distancing.