

Dear Bethel,

Bethel's Executive Team met this morning and discussed the recent developments in our area and community regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. In light of recent high positive test rates and hospitalizations and strong recommendations by community leaders and health professionals we decided to implement a mask requirement for people attending Bethel's worship services beginning this Sunday. We feel this is the responsible and loving thing to do for our community and those attending our services at this time.

Beginning this Sunday and until further notice, we ask that all persons age five and older wear a mask at all times when they are in the Sheldon high school and auditorium. We will have masks available at the high school if you don't have one with you. Exceptions to the mask requirement include those with medical conditions preventing them from being able to wear a mask and those who are leading from the stage. We also ask that you pay careful attention and comply with the seating guidelines posted outside the auditorium. Your cooperation and compliance with these requirements will be greatly appreciated.

For those of you who do not feel comfortable wearing a mask or being in crowds we will continue to post recordings of our worship services online. The video will typically be available through our website shortly before noon on Sunday.

We know these are challenging times for all of us. Let's continue to work together in showing God's love to one another and our community by doing our part in addressing this health concern.

In Christ's love,

Bethel's Executive Team