

# Physical Distancing Guidelines

for Outdoor Worship at  
Gethsemane UMC on 7/26



# Self-Screening

We expect everyone who plans to join us for any worship to check for the following symptoms:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of Breath
- Sore Throat
- Headache
- Muscle Pain
- Chills
- Repeated Shaking with Chills
- Loss of Taste or Smell

If you believe you may have any of the above symptoms, please do not come to our service, but instead join us online.

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In this event, we strongly encourage you to contact your healthcare provided to discuss your symptoms.



# Reservations

Please call or email our office administrator Francine in order to reserve a worship slot.

We plan on holding several, small services of 10 people or less. The services will last about 30 minutes.

- 9:00 am
- 9:45 am
- 10:30 am
- 11:15 am
- 12:00 pm

The sooner you reserve a slot better!

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Sidenote: Francine is on vacation until 7/6, so feel free to leave her a message!



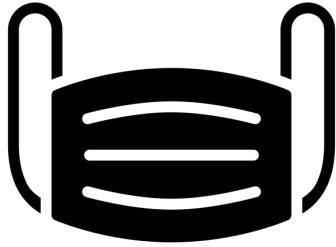
# Arriving to Church

Parking will remain the same, if there is room park with a space in between each vehicle.

Only the side door will be open at the church. If the restroom is needed, please use a mask and disinfect any surfaces touched. All other doors will be locked or closed.

We will be worshipping by the picnic pavilion. A gloved and masked greeter will offer you a bulletin, elements for communion, and everything you need to join us for worship.

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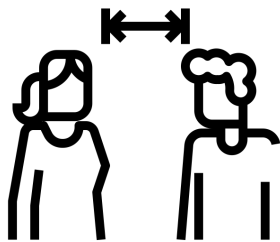
# Masks

All working staff and worship volunteers will be wearing a mask indoors.

Masks are not required by the city of Lino Lakes, although if you enter our building we would ask you to put on a mask to help prevent the spread of aerosols. If you forgot or do not have a mask, we will have some on hand to give to you!

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No one will be turned away for not wearing a mask, and we will continue to be a church that welcomes all.



# Physical Distancing

We encourage everyone to practice good physical distancing of 6 ft. during your entire time at church.

Family units are encouraged to sit together. A family unit refers to an individual, couple, or family who have already been exposed to one another.

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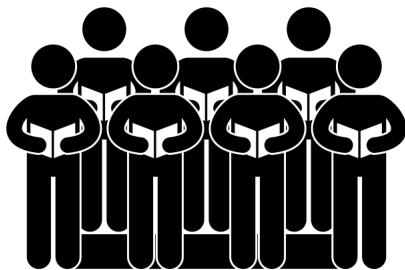


# Communion

When you arrive, you will receive a prepackaged set of communion elements.

You will hold onto these elements for the duration of the service leading up to the time of Communion. Then you will be invited to participate as we open our packages and partake in communion as one body.

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# Singing

Since we are outdoors, singing is an option for us!

We just ask that maybe you don't shout at the top of your lungs. Studies show that air movement plays an enormous part in spreading COVID-19, but being outdoors helps dissipate any aerosols that we may spread by speaking and singing.

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If you aren't comfortable singing, you are also invited to hum along with the hymns or just sit and enjoy the music.



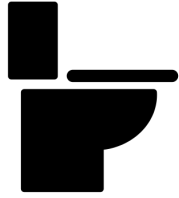


# Attendance and Offering

We will be taking attendance through the reservation process.

We will place a sanitized offering plate by the picnic pavilion that people can place an offering before or after worship, if they are so moved. There will be an envelope enclosed in the bulletin you receive on arriving.

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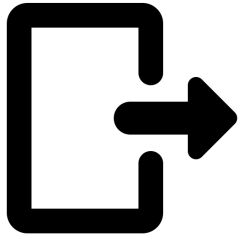


# Restrooms

The side door will be open to allow people to use the restrooms.

Should you need to use one of our cleaned and sanitized restrooms, feel free to do so, but please do not venture into any other area of our building. This should be the only rooms used on Sundays. There will be disinfectant wipes and hand sanitizer available upon entering and exiting the building.

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# Leaving

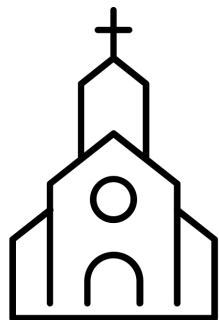
Take everything with you.

We ask that you take everything with you that you brought or received during the worship service to dispose of or recycle when you get home. There will be a small trash bin to collect the communion packaging.

We also ask that when you leave worship to maintain 6 ft. from everyone as you leave. Please try to avoid the Minnesota goodbye as you get into your vehicles!

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The goal is to reduce surface contact as much as possible!



# In Closing

Our ability to gather for worship  
relies on us.

In order to gather together outdoors and someday indoors, we need to follow these guidelines. By worshipping safely we can live into John Wesley's tenants of do no harm, do good, and stay in love with God.

I hope you'll join me in praying and following the Spirit's wisdom as we continue to navigate this crazy time we live in, so that we can continue making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

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