

## **SPECIFIC ST. LUKE'S PROTOCOLS**

### **1. IN HOUSE WORSHIP SERVICES**

In the book of Matthew, Jesus said the 1<sup>st</sup> commandment is the Greatest Commandment. "You shall love the Lord your God with all of your heart and with all of your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: `You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

- ❖ We care about your health and you need to care about others so please follow these recommendations.
- ❖ We urge all members who may be at higher risk for severe illness to remain at home and be a participant in our on-line services. People over 65 and people of any age with underlying medical conditions are at higher risk. Adults of any age are at an increased risk for illness complications if you have:
  - Cancer
  - Chronic kidney disease
  - COPD
  - Heart conditions
  - Type 2 diabetes mellitus
  - You smoke
  - COVID-19 is a new disease and limited data and information exists for the following:
    - Asthma
    - Hypertension
    - Liver disease
    - Pregnancy
    - Type 1 diabetes mellitus
- ❖ Please allow plenty of time to be checked in and ushered to your seat. Be patient while we adjust to returning to in-house worship.

- ❖ Entry into the church will be through the front entrance only, one household unit at a time while observing proper 6 foot spacing between household units. All other doors will be used as exit doors only.
- ❖ Floors have been marked to help maintain proper six feet distances between household units.
- ❖ Bring your mask with you and wear it at all times while you are in the building. If you have difficulty breathing while wearing a mask, we encourage you to stay home.
- ❖ Bibles, hymnals and other printed materials have been removed from the sanctuary.
- ❖ Hangers have been removed and you are asked to keep your coats with you.
- ❖ Please limit touching surfaces, equipment or other items while in the building.
- ❖ The water fountain by the church office will be operational for bottle filling only.
- ❖ We urge you to use the hand sanitizer as you enter and leave the church.
- ❖ You will be asked to sign the Event Sign-In Sheet after viewing the Health Screening Checklist for any COVID-19 symptoms. You will be handed a sanitized pen to record your name and telephone numbers. After use, place your pen in the used pen basket.
- ❖ Pews and chairs have been taped or marked to maintain proper distancing so that we are in compliance with the mandated state order. An usher will show you to your seat.
- ❖ Please note that you will not be able to choose where you sit. Seating will be filled from front to back of the church.
- ❖ Masks are to be worn throughout the service. Singing by the congregation is not recommended. However, prayers and responses may be spoken.
- ❖ When Communion is offered, the service will end with the reading of the Communion litany. Elements will be distributed to you as you leave the Sanctuary for use at home.

- ❖ After the close of the service, please remain seated. Ushers will direct you to the exit doors starting from the front row to the back of the Church.
- ❖ Please maintain proper physical distancing while leaving the Church. Exit using door A by the kitchen, door B facing the east parking lot.
- ❖ Please consider using electronic giving for your offering. Just check Simply Giving on our website or call the church office. If you prefer to give in person, place your offering in the designated receptacle as you leave the sanctuary.
- ❖ Food-Coffee fellowship. Unfortunately for now, there will be no refreshments available after the worship service. While we will miss the socialization, we must discourage any visiting or meeting with other members/visitors who are not part of your family while in the building. Physical contact such as hugs or handshakes must be avoided.
- ❖ If during time away from church a member or guest becomes ill with COVID19 symptoms, they should immediately contact their medical provider and the church office. This will help us determine if and where increased cleaning/sanitation procedures are needed. It will also help us determine if the church family should be alerted to a possible problem.
- ❖ Confidentiality will be maintained.