

## **COVID-19 Guidelines** **Good Shepherd Lutheran**

### Should I Come?

- Yes. We have been worshipping safely for months and we pray the Lord will continue to bless our time together in His House.

BUT....

- If you are feeling ill, have a fever, cough, shortness of breath, have respiratory symptoms, or have had close contact with someone who has COVID-19 please stay home and worship with us on-line. You can access worship online at [www.goodshepherdblum.org](http://www.goodshepherdblum.org)
- Individuals who are at high risk for severe illness should consider their own risk of in-person attendance

### How do I keep myself and others safe?

- Practice social distancing – alternating pews have been roped off to spread you apart from fellow parishioners. You may sit together in family/spouse groups.
- Mask use is optional – you may bring your own or masks will be available at church if you need one
- Wash your hands! Handwashing is encouraged before and after the service. In addition, wash after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. Soap and water are readily available in the restrooms and hand sanitizer is available in the narthex. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- No handshakes or hugs
- We will use a hymnal and bulletin cover that you will pick up on the way into worship (no usher handout). Please then return your hymnal to the rack on the way out and keep your bulletin cover.
- Holy Communion will continue to be run the way we have been doing it.
- Keep social distance when visiting, at Bible Class etc.

### Behind the scenes

- Worship areas have been sanitized including pews, doors, etc.
- Pastor will wear a mask and gloves when serving communion
- Communion tables will be wiped down between each set of participants
- Pews will be wiped down between services

### Just in case

- If you develop a COVID infection after worshipping in-person, please notify Pastor (for the purpose of prayers as well as reporting)

### References:

- E-mail from Pastor Lueck 5/20/20
- Center for Disease Control – Interim Guidance for Communities of Faith (accessed 5/26/20)  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/index.html>