

## Re-opening Peace Lutheran Church

The long-awaited time has come – PLC will be conducting public worship services again beginning **May 10<sup>th</sup>**! I think I can hear the shouts of celebration 😊. As the Governor’s plan for re-opening Kansas in step-wise increments outlines, we will gradually return to our regular schedule. Caution, safety and flexibility will be our objectives during this time. Please pray that all goes well and Covid-19 does no further harm. Please read the following carefully.

### **The President and the Board of Elders have decided to proceed with re-opening Peace Lutheran Church to public worship on-site with the following significant restrictions.**

- 1) Always safety is our foremost concern. If you are sick, stay home. Worship services will continue to be live-streamed. When you come to church, comply with the best practices currently recommended (cover all coughs; wash hands thoroughly; practice safe social distancing – six feet or more; etc.).
- 2) Entry for worship will be ONLY through the Fellowship Hall. Maintain social distancing while there.
- 3) Ushers will guide you to staging spots (marked on the floor) for entering the sanctuary.
- 4) At the sanctuary door, an usher will lead you to your seat. Seating will be restricted to every other pew only. You may request a location. The usher help you find suitable seating.
- 5) Offerings will be left in baskets at the entry to the sanctuary as you arrive. We will not pass the plate down the aisle.
- 6) Communion will be “continuous style” – single file, six foot spacing from the center aisle and return using the side aisle. We will provide further instructions at the service.
- 7) Dismissal will be conducted at the direction of the usher, one group at a time. You may exit through the door of your choice. If you wish to remain and speak with someone, meet them in the Fellowship Hall and maintain good social distancing.
- 8) Wearing masks and/or gloves is optional at your discretion.
- 9) Pastor will also observe social distancing throughout the service.
- 10) Before and after all worship services, the building will be thoroughly disinfected including doorknobs and other commonly touched surfaces. Hand sanitizer is also available on site.
- 11) There will be no Sunday School or Bible Class between services to facilitate disinfecting.
- 12) The 8am service will be live-streamed on Facebook as we have done these past few weeks.

This is a first step at returning to “normal”. We long for the day when such measures are no longer necessary. In the meantime, stay safe and pray for the Lord’s blessings.

Peace to you,

Pastor Wipperman