

*St. Peter*  
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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# In-Person Worship and Gatherings at St. Peter

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**Thank you to everyone at St. Peter for your love of neighbor and goodwill as we've navigated this time of Covid-19.**

**Our first priority is to love our neighbors, and the Church Council is committed to seeking to care for the health and spiritual needs of our church family and community.** We will continue to offer worship via the radio at 104.3 FM and through our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/stpeterpdcl](http://www.facebook.com/stpeterpdcl)) on Sunday mornings for all members, and especially for those who are not yet comfortable or able to come to in-person worship. We will continue to revise our plans based on the advice of public health officials and in light of research on risk factors for COVID-19 transmission. As we have said throughout the pandemic, we ask those who are feeling ill to worship with us from home.

### **For Indoor In-Person Worship:**

- The mask requirement is still lifted. Masks will be welcome and encouraged during congregational singing, but not required. *For the time being, worship leaders are still required to wear masks when singing.*
- There will now be open seating on the piano side of the Sanctuary. We will still maintain physically-distanced seating and a section where masks will be required on the west side of the Sanctuary (screen side).
- We will expand our congregational singing, while still having some special music. Worship will include soloists and ensembles that are masked.
- All those in worship will be invited to come forward during Communion. Those communing will receive the elements from the pastors and worship assistants; they will then take their communion kit back to their seats. Those not receiving Communion will also be invited to come forward to receive a blessing.
- Congregation members are welcome to linger with one another after worship indoors for visiting and conversation.
- Coffee and refreshments can be offered indoors and outdoors.

### **For Outdoor In-Person Worship at the River:**

- Masks are optional for everyone.
- We will have congregational singing.

### **For Sunday School and Confirmation Ministries:**

- Masks are now optional for all participants in Sunday School and Confirmation ministries.
- Masks will continue to be welcome for all children, youth, and adults.
- We will continue to support mask-wearing for youth that arrive with masks. We will continue to have masks available for children and youth that would like them.

### **For Other Small Group Gatherings Indoors at St. Peter:**

- Masks are optional.
- *Masks will continue to be welcome at all gatherings.*
- Groups are encouraged to maintain physical distancing.
- Groups are responsible for disinfecting the tables and chairs that they use.
- Coffee and refreshments can be offered indoors and outdoors.

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