

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/) 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.

Questions? Contact us at stpeterpdcl@hotmail.com or (608) 326-6411.