

Guidelines for Worship Procedures for Immanuel Lutheran Church of Crosby

Dear Members and Friends of Immanuel,

Our facility reopened for worship on Sunday, June 28, 2020. Please keep in mind that this is a very different and new “normal” for a time. Also, this is a trial opening, as we are not sure how many will be attending services. If there is a need to provide additional services, we will do so. We ask for your patience. We want to make sure we have as safe an environment as possible for all who attend. It is our goal to be safe and smart and caring and compassionate.

For the care and safety of all our members we have the following plans and procedures in place:

- We are following State Regulations regarding re-opening. We are currently allowed to have 50% capacity at each service.

We hold 2 services on Sunday mornings:

9:00am and 10:30am. Both services **require all attendees to wear a mask** as mandated by the state.

(we have masks available)

- Ushers/Greeters will assist you into the Sanctuary to be seated using social distancing and a staggered seating arrangement. Some pews are marked off to allow for safe distancing.

- Families are allowed to sit together.
- Per state guidelines, there is no group singing (humming is okay!)
- There are no bulletins, we are using PowerPoint projector and screen to display the service and any announcements.
- The sanctuary has been cleared of all hymnals, Bibles and pens.
- The nursery and children's busy bags are not available
- Restrooms are open, please be sure to wash your hands after use.
- Hand sanitizer is available at various locations throughout the facility.
- High touch surfaces are sanitized after each service.
- Communion servers wear gloves and masks.
- There is no fellowship time following worship. (No donuts 😊) • Members need to exit the church immediately after the service.
- Please use the two main glass doors (east and west) to enter/leave the church. The alley door will remain locked.
- The church is open for small groups (limit of 10) to meet, while maintaining social distancing.
- We ask members to please refrain from congregating in hallways or fellowship hall and please refrain from shaking hands and hugging.

IMPORTANT: If you are not comfortable or able to attend church services at this point, there is a video recording of the 9am service which is available on our website (www.immanuelcrosby.org) by Monday noon. A podcast (audio only) of the Scripture and message will be available on our website the Sunday morning of the worship service. For those who choose to remain safely at home, we will continue to keep you in our thoughts and prayers until we can all be together again. Please contact the church office if you have a prayer request or have a need for pastoral care

Our facility was commercially cleaned and disinfected on Thursday June 18.

We had a UV/peroxide air purification system installed to our heating/cooling air exchanges by June 28 which will help eliminate air-borne bacteria, mold and viruses.

Office hours are 8am-4:30pm Monday-Thursday.

In closing, please remember these basic precautions:

- Wash your hands often.
- Try not to touch your face.
- Practice social distancing.
- If you have a pre-existing health condition, please consider staying home.
- If you are not feeling well, please stay home.

Thank you in advance for following these guidelines and procedures. If you have further questions or concerns, please bring them to our attention.

We look forward to seeing you in person once again! Thank you for your faithfulness and support of the mission of Christ at Immanuel during this historic time. Stay well! And God bless you!

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