

HEALTH and SAFETY PROTOCOLS – OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

October 2021

The “Big Ideas” are – social distance if you feel you need to do so (there is a social distanced section in our sanctuary), masks are “STRONGLY ADVISED” within our facility (for all gatherings, worship or otherwise), hand washing/sanitizing. The Board has decided to continue to follow the McCall City Council’s rules. We will have communion up front once again. After Pastor Rich has consecrates the communion elements, an usher will direct people to file by the communion table in small groups, with lots of social distancing in place, to receive their communion supplies and then return to their seats, continuing in a clockwise direction. Thank you for your grace, kindness, and partnership in following our protocols during these extraordinary times!

Our Savior, we will implement the following protocols:

1. Mask RECOMMENDATION - Mask recommendations will continue at our facility for all gatherings (including worship services/experiences). We can ALSO ENCOURAGE EVERYONE - let's do this - accept one another no matter if a person continues to wear a mask OR not. We are all doing our best to navigate these trying times - as we have done throughout the past months, let's practice the words of the Apostle Paul (1 Corinthians 13) that we've been studying in worship for over a month - "love is patient and kind."
2. Get Vaccinated if you haven't been so - as the CDC recommends, for those who have not been vaccinated, please prayerfully consider doing so...we say that in love and without any condemnation in our hearts. Each person has to evaluate the vaccination decision given their own conscience and in consideration of their own health conditions.
3. Ventilation in the facility - We continue to run our ventilation system weekly during worship. When weather merits, we will also be opening doors to provide additional ventilation.
4. Social Distancing - we will STILL maintain a seating area (to the right when you enter) in the sanctuary that will provide social distancing for those whose conscience and heart guide them to do so. I'm making that accommodation because I want us ALL to love each other enough and to extend kindness, grace, and understanding to those who still do have some concern about the pandemic's veracity. There are two distinct sections: a social distanced section and a non-social distanced section. We encourage you to sit where you feel most comfortable!
5. Hand-washing and sanitizing - will continue to be strongly encouraged upon entering the facility.
6. Food and Beverage service - we have been consulting with local health districts on new boundaries and policies regarding the serving of food and refreshments. We will keep you informed on when we reinstitute that aspect of our fellowship/relational ministry. As of now, NO CHANGE will be made in regards to our fellowship time.
7. Ongoing evaluation – The Board of Ministires will continue to review our policies and protocol decisions in light of ANY changes communicated to us by our city and health care community leaders.

"So, let's all continue to pray! Let's all continue to be "kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other just as God in Christ has forgiven you (Ephesians 4:32)."