



Reopening Plan UPDATE

The Reopen Team met May 19 to address changes in the Covid Response plan and take into account the new guidelines of the CDC. As with many business and organizations in our Rhinelander community we are proceeding with the process of reopening and expanding activities in our building. The main impact will be in our communal worship life. We want to share the changes we are making so that you can make an informed decision about attending in-person worship services or other gatherings at Trinity Lutheran.

- Beginning immediately, Mask use within the facility will be OPTIONAL - We recommend those not vaccinated to wear a mask however we will NOT ask worshipers if they are vaccinated.
- Room capacity limits had been in place to help us manage spacing needs. Now that those needs have changed with many people having the chance to be vaccinated we will no longer limit the room capacity.
- Bibles will be placed back in pews. We have learned that the transmission of the virus is mainly airborne and so the Bibles will be a very low pathway. You can choose if you want to use one.
- We will resume weekly in-person worship services starting Sunday June 6, 2021.
- Once we resume weekly worship we will also resume celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion at the Sunday worship services. For now, we will use the pre-packaged communion kits. We have used these kits at the drive in services and at Easter. Worshippers will be able to pick up a communion kit when they come to the service and we will communion together in our seats. As the summer progresses we will continue to explore the best practice for distributing communion in this new environment and make adjustments.

- We ask people to seat and exit themselves for worship services.
- We will resume congregational singing.
- Offering plates will remain by the entrances, no plate passing.
- Building doors—The doors may be unlocked during normal business hours or if a group is meeting.

Water fountains will be turned back on for use. BOP will be working to purchase/install paper cup dispensers to place next to each water fountain to allow people to get water with reduced contact

- The kitchen will be reopened for use beginning with small groups (such as quilters) and funerals/weddings if needed. Coffee fellowship may resume in the Fall, provided we continue to move in a good direction with COVID.
- We will be continuing with our current cleaning protocols for each room and meeting space which includes using the meeting room dry-erase checklist sheet and cleaning up after we use the area. Our custodian, Eva Mahner, requested people still use the sheets as it helps clue her in on what rooms have been used and may need additional cleaning services.
- The larger air handlers in the rear of the worship space will be turned on and set to run continuously during service times to enhance air filtration via the UV lights that were installed that neutralize the airborne germs as they pass through our air handling system. You will hear these fans running constantly throughout our facility.

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