



## **Covid Guidelines & Procedures: Small Group Gatherings**

Gathering is an essential part of our faith life. Without it, we may be left feeling disconnected from the community of faith that grounds us. As we continue to find our way through the Covid-19 Pandemic, First Lutheran Church leadership and staff are seeking to find ways to safely gather in-person in order to worship, learn, and serve together. The following are our most current policies and procedures regarding small groups:

### **BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020**

- Groups of up to 15 persons can begin to gather in the church building on October 1, 2020.
- Groups can meet from 7am to 4:30pm Monday through Thursday and Fridays from 7am to 1pm when staff is on-site to assist you.
- Based on limited capacities and existing building usage no evening gatherings are available at this time.
- All meetings will be scheduled through the office by calling 320.762.2196.
- When scheduling meetings, time will also be scheduled for proper sanitization and cleaning between meeting times.
- Please use discretion when attending in-person activities after having travelled out of the area.
- Group leader(s) need to be assigned to ensure protocols are being followed
- The following protocols will be followed:
  - Check-in Process completed on the sign in sheet
  - Distancing and masking protocol that the leaders of each group is expected to adhere to.
  - Sanitizing procedures completed by the group leaders after all attendees have left the gathering.
  - No meals, food or beverages will be allowed until further notice.

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*\*In this changing context, our congregation remains adaptable. Plans and procedures are subject to change in light of state, CDC guidelines and at the discretion of First Lutheran's leadership.*