



Developing Leaders, Equipping Families, Fostering Relationships

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Road to Regathering Plan

Phase 1 - Begins Sunday, May 31

- Continue Online Worship-only ministry model. The whole Worship Team now allowed to come to the church to perform music for the service.

Phase 2 - *At least two weeks from the start date of Phase 1, when permissible by local, federal and state rules, in compliance with CDC recommendations for faith-based institutions and there is "No significant trend" in rising cases in Milwaukee County <https://www.arcgis.com/apps/opdashboard/index.html#/018eedbe075046779b8062b5fe1055bf> (per the key indicator tab see guidelines for cases)*

- Max 50 people in the sanctuary, seated by ushers, following physical social distancing guidelines. Overflow entry through side door into Fellowship Hall (additional 30 people possible)
- Vulnerable persons room made available (up to 30 people capacity) in Youth room - masks mandatory / temperature testing, seated by ushers, following physical contact / distancing guidelines
- People can continue to stay home watching online live stream (Lord's Supper administered personally by pastors)
- Northwest to set up physical guides, such as tape on floors & walkways, signs on walls, etc. to ensure that staff and attenders remain at least 6 feet apart in lines and at other times
- Lord's Supper and offering procedures that reduce hand-to-hand contact. (Pre-packed Lord's Supper items made available on tables in the lobby as attenders enter church and baskets/containers in the back of the rooms for offering)
- Welcome Team at doors but doors to be propped open (weather-permitting to increase circulation of outdoor air as much as possible)
- Northwest to remove Bibles, Hymnals from seat pockets. Lyrics and Bible text available on projector screens and on live stream. Discontinuing handing out bulletins or paper/physical handouts.
- Encourage people to bring their own masks and hand sanitizer as they feel led, however Northwest will have hand sanitizer stations located near church doors and limited supply of extra masks available.
- Continue Wednesday evening Zoom Prayer time/Bible Study meetings.
- No nursery care or children's church
- No children's or youth Sunday School classes held
- No Sunday morning adult Bible Study classes

- No Sunday morning or weekday small groups held
- Disinfecting protocols including disinfecting after the service and deep cleaning during the week.

Phase 3 – *At least two weeks from the start date of phase 2, when permissible by local, federal and state rules, in compliance with CDC recommendations for faith-based institutions and where the average Milwaukee county positive case/test ratio decreases over the prior seven day period or holds at less than 10% <https://www.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/018eedbe075046779b8062b5fe1055bf> (using the 7 Day Average of Percentage of Tests Resulted as Positive by Day under the testing tab)*

- Remove the 50 person capacity limit from main sanctuary and relax the social distancing requirements
- Vulnerable persons room still available (up to 30 people capacity) in Youth room - masks mandatory / temperature testing, seated by ushers, following physical contact / distancing guidelines
- People can continue to stay home watching online live stream (Lord's Supper administered personally by pastors)
- No nursery care or children's church
- No children's or youth Sunday School classes held
- No Sunday morning adult Bible Study classes
- No Sunday morning or weekday small groups held
- Welcome Team at doors but doors propped open (weather-permitting to increase circulation of outdoor air as much as possible)
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- Continue Lord Supper and Offering procedures that reduce hand-to-hand contact.
- Continue Wednesday evening Zoom prayer time/Bible study calls
- Disinfecting protocols including disinfecting after the service and deep cleaning during the week.

Phase 4 – *At least two weeks from the start date of phase 3, when permissible by local, federal and state rules, in compliance with CDC recommendations for faith-based institutions and where the average Milwaukee county positive case/test ratio continues to decrease over the prior seven day period or hold at less than 10% <https://www.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/018eedbe075046779b8062b5fe1055bf> (using the 7 Day Average of Percentage of Tests Resulted as Positive by Day under the testing tab)*

- End having separate Vulnerable peoples room - Vulnerable populations continuing to have the option of staying home to watch online live stream (Lord's Supper administered personally by pastors)

- Children's and Youth Sunday School can begin
- Sunday morning adult Bible Study classes can begin
- Sunday morning and weekday small groups can begin
- Nursery care and children's church can begin
- Encourage hand washing (hand sanitizer stations available)
- Continue Wednesday evening Zoom prayer time/Bible study calls
- Disinfecting protocols including disinfecting after the service and deep cleaning during the week.

These plans are based on the available information as of the last week in May 2020. They may be altered at any time based on new information and requirements.

Resources

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/faith-based.html>

<https://factsandtrends.net/2020/04/22/what-your-church-must-know-before-reopening-your-building/?ecid=PDM211181&bid=883989042>

<https://factsandtrends.net/2020/04/20/6-needs-to-anticipate-when-your-church-begins-to-gather-again/?ecid=PDM210820&bid=871184427>

<https://kenbraddy.com/2020/04/18/20-questions-your-church-should-answer-before-people-return/>

<https://kenbraddy.com/2020/04/22/reopening-the-church-4-phases-for-an-orderly-return/>

<https://gabaptist.org/reopening-your-church-building/>