

The following is a list of best practices in regards to risk management and mitigation toward our resuming of in-person worship here at United Lutheran Church in L'Anse, MI.

1. PLEASE, ONLY use the Mesnard St. (Barrier-free) entrance to enter and exit the church.
2. Social distancing and wearing a face covering is recommended. For those that do not have a mask, one can be provided for you to use. If you choose not to wear a mask, please sit towards the back of the church and maintain proper distance from others.
3. Please use the hand sanitizer (on the table in the entrance) when you come into the church and again before you leave. There are also hand sanitizers in each open pew. Please use only pews not roped off to sit in. Family members of the same household may sit in the same pew.
4. We will not pass the offering plate. There will be a basket on the piano for people to put their offering in.
5. We will use alternate options for sharing the peace such as showing the peace sign with two fingers, bowing to one another, elbow bump, or just saying peace.
6. After each service there will be proper sanitization of the common touch areas in the church.
7. Baptisms will be done but with limited amount of people at the font.
8. No Singing from the congregation nor doing the responsive reading of the psalm.
9. Hymnals have been removed from the pews.
10. We will use bulletins but PLEASE take them home or throw them away. We will not reuse them.
11. Pastor John will remain toward the front and will preach from the pulpit.
12. For communion Pastor John will use hand sanitizer before distributing the communion host but will not touch those who will receive communion or a blessing. Please maintain social distancing while coming forward to receive communion and hold your hands out (cupped) so the wafer can be dropped into your hands. We will use the Communion trays with individual cups in which the cups will be spaced every other hole. A garbage can will be placed on the side to dispose of your communion cup.
13. After the dismissal, we are asking everyone to stay seated and dismiss from the front of the church to the back, keeping a six-foot distance while exiting.
14. There will be no fellowship/coffee hour after services.
15. If you are feeling sick or not comfortable in coming to church, please stay home.
16. There will be a copy of the Pastor's sermon for those who would like a copy. If you would like a copy, please request one from the church office.
17. The pastor will continue to do a weekly online reflection.
18. United Lutheran Church is only open for Sunday and Monday worship exclusively at this time. There will be no other meetings or activities until further notice.

We are all in this together as a community. We are trying to do the best we can in order to meet with and care for each other during this unique time.

**All of these items are subject to change at any time.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the church office or Renee Eliason.