

5/26/2020: Bethany Lutheran Church Worshiping Schedule Update

Beginning on May 28th, we will have Thursday evening services at 6:00 PM and Sunday morning services at 10:00 AM.

For the safety and care of all, throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Bethany is offering a worship service in accordance with the CDC's recommendations and the guidelines of the State of Wisconsin. We will worship 60 members at a time. This is 25% of our sanctuary's capacity. This allows us to continue to gather safely during this pandemic while faithfully worshiping our Lord and Savior. The continued restrictions listed below are motivated by our genuine love and concern for our neighbor (particularly those who are most at risk from the virus). The Worship Service schedule along with service information and instructions are as follows:

Reviewing past summer's numbers, we should be able to maintain social distancing without the need to sign up for a certain service.

We will be seating people in every other pew, with one household per pew. The spacer pews will be marked so you know which ones to leave empty.

If your immune system is compromised, our recommendation is to be cautious and do what you feel comfortable doing. If you wish to stay home, that is ok, Pastor will gladly make a home visit if you would like him to visit. Otherwise, we will continue posting videos of the online services for you to attend from home.

If you feel comfortable wearing a mask, then wear a mask. A mask is not mandatory. We leave the decision up to the individual. Masks will be available in the narthex to those who did not bring their own and wish to wear one.

If you have a cold, cough, fever, or are prone to sneezing, please refrain from attending church.

Please do not shake hands, hug, or kiss — but know that we still love each other!

All pews' visitor/attendance/communion cards, pew Bibles, and hymnals will be removed from the pew racks. The complete service will be printed in the service bulletin.

Clorox wipes and hand sanitizer are available in the narthex for your personal use.

Offering plates will be placed in the narthex. You may place your offering prior to entering the sanctuary. I would like to recommend using "Joyful Response" automatic giving. Please call the office to get a form.

There will be no Divine Service (a service with Holy Communion) the month of June. I will commune family or households privately at church, if requested. Check with the church office for available times and days.

After the service, the Pastor will not greet folks at the door. As you exit the church, please spread out and move through the narthex, feeling free to converse outside. Try to prevent clusters of people of ten or more.

We will be sanitizing all the pews and surfaces after each service.

As we learn more, we will adapt.