



Our Father's Lutheran Church/ELCA

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OFLC Family & Community Partners:

Grace and peace to you during these challenging times. As I am sure you are well aware, the leadership and I are monitoring the COVID-19 situation within our local community, and discerning what is in the best interest of keeping people safe, and also meeting people's emotional and spiritual needs at such a crucial time. We have taken into account information from Wright County, the State of Minnesota, decisions by other faith communities, and the Executive Order issued by our Governor.

Weighing all these factors, **we are instituting the following changes to groups gathering within our church building, effective November 22nd and lasting through December 31st of this year.**

- All internal and external groups to OFLC will be restricted to no more than 10 persons at any time. Per the Governor's Executive Order, all groups are strongly encouraged to consider meeting virtually, regardless of size. OFLC has the ability to assist those groups with setting up virtual meetings via our existing platforms.
- Worship & Sunday School will continue to meet under current guidance for religious gatherings.
- Wednesday worship will continue to be conducted virtually.
- The Sunday school program will occur during the weekend of December 12-13, and in-person attendance will be restricted to Sunday School kids, teachers, and immediate families only. The program will be livestreamed, recorded, and posted on the OFLC website.
- Christmas Eve Service will be pre-recorded, and an outdoor opportunity to observe Christmas will be offered, with specific details to come in later communication.
- Staff will not hold regular office hours, but able to meet in person by appointment.

In addition, the following measures will be in place for all gatherings in the church building.

- Sanitation protocols must be carried out by all internal and external groups choosing to continue to meet. Specific information will be communicated through our church staff.
- Masks must be worn 100% of the time for all OFLC gatherings and events, *whether held inside or outdoors*.
- No food or drink is allowed to be consumed at any time. Water consumed from personal containers is ok.
- Those gathered are encouraged to depart promptly at the end of their meeting time (no loitering) to minimize contact time.

OFLC will utilize professional cleaning services once a week as part of their COVID-19 protocol. If there are any changes to these provisions, they will be communicated via OFLC's electronic platforms. If you have questions, please contact Melissa Ungaro (melissa@ourfatherschurch.org) or Pastor Aaron Fuller (pastoraaron@ourfatherschurch.org)

In Christ,
Rev. Aaron Fuller
Pastor