



St. Timothy's Lutheran Church

Inspired by God's love, St. Timothy's Lutheran Church welcomes everyone on a faith journey of renewal, growth and service.



FAQ

COVID-19 Preparedness & Safety Plan For worship services and other celebrations (e.g. baptisms, weddings, and funerals)

Q) Why do we need to have services reopen at St. Timothy's?

A) First, we have faith in our members that they will make good decisions for themselves and their families regarding attending Sunday worship. We will honor, both, the people who would like to have an in-person worship experience (complying with proper protocol) and we will continue to have our on-line worship experience for those that are not comfortable with the in-person worship experience. Thus, the Church will continue to fulfill the charge Jesus made to his followers to spread the good news.

Q) What has the Synod recommended or stated regarding opening the church to services?

A) The Synod has recommended avoiding physical services. However, they have also stated that they do not have the authority to prohibit congregations from opening their church for in person services. If a congregation does move forward with opening their church for services, they recommend that such congregations follow CDC recommendations.

Q) Who or Where did the COVID-19 Preparedness and Safety Plan come from?

A) A partnership between the congregation of St. Timothy's and iCASA Iglesia Casa De Dios compiled, the attached, COVID-19 Preparedness & Safety Plan for worship services. These individuals were either healthcare professionals or worked in the healthcare field. Their compiled work drew heavily upon the CDC recommendations and the plans of other churches' safety plans.

Q) What consideration has been given towards the St. Timothy's staff?

A) The staff was consulted and asked if they would be willing to conduct services as well as any concerns they may have. Their willingness to move forward with, voluntarily, conducting and holding service has been a cornerstone in moving forward.

Q) Why was a survey sent out to the congregation on opening services?

A) The survey was recommended by the group that compiled the COVID-19 Preparedness & Safety Plan for our opening. The reason for the survey was to gauge how many individuals would be attending early services so adequate supplies and staff would be available.

Q) Are their protocols and procedures in place? What happens if a situation arises that is not foreseen?

A) As details in the COVID-19 Preparedness & Safety Plan provide guidance on how services will be conducted regarding safety and cleanliness considerations. Regarding situations that may not have been foreseen or best practices to be followed, we trust in our volunteers in conjunction with our attendees to work in good faith and courtesy with each other to address those unforeseen situations.

Q) Will a mock / trial-run service be held?

A) Mock service will be held on August 2, 2020, where volunteer ushers will gather to walk through the added safety, cleaning, and disinfecting practices that will be in place.

Q) How can I volunteer, to support the on-site services, if I want to?

A) Contact the office and provide your information along with how you'd like to participate. You will be contacted with a follow up.

Q) When will the first live service take place?

A) The date of first live service - August 9, 2020 will be the first live service held at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church.