

GOOD NEWS PILGRIMS!

WE ARE RETURNING TO WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY!

Mark your calendars for October 18th at 9:00 a.m. After much planning, we are preparing to open our church doors once again for worship. The COVID-19 pandemic has caused us to seek advice from a variety of resources to help us keep everyone as safe as possible as we take this step.

There are obvious changes you will see on days that you come to Pilgrim to worship. You will also see a lot of little changes in the way we do things at Pilgrim. All these measures are meant to reduce the risk of you getting COVID-19 or you spreading an early infection to others.

Here are some of the changes:

- Cloth face mask use is required except for children under 2 years of age or a person who has trouble breathing.
- We must keep at least 6 feet away from other families as we enter Pilgrim, as we worship, and when we leave.
- We will use a questionnaire to screen for possible illness (see next page)
- We will refrain from singing hymns for the time being
- Be honest with yourself about your risk tolerance. If you feel ill or have an underlying condition making getting COVID-19 more dangerous, we encourage you to stay home and watch the video service online.
- We ask that social interactions before and after church be kept to a minimum.

A lot of people who get COVID-19 don't have any symptoms or have such mild symptoms that they might think they have a cold or their allergies are acting up. These people can be highly contagious at the same time. That's why we ask that if you are sick or have been sick in the two weeks prior to the worship service you plan to attend, please stay at home and call your health care provider.

Cloth facemasks are not perfect barriers to the COVID virus but they sure can help prevent the virus from getting into your nose or mouth. And if you have an infection yourself, wearing a facemask can decrease the spread of your infection to others. So when you leave for church bring your mask and put it on before you get out of your car. If you forget your mask, no worry, we have an extra supply at Pilgrim.

It's very important for you or your immediate family to keep at least 6 feet away from other people. In an effort to provide the social distance that health care experts, the synod, and our insurance carrier recommend, we have a new seating plan and, at least at first, we ask that you make reservations to attend by calling Fred at the church office by noon on Thursday's for Sunday worship. This will allow us to assign seats for your family. For the service on October 18th please call the church office by noon on Thursday, October 15th.

Please read the COVID-19 questionnaire. It asks about the symptoms that COVID-19 can cause. If you answer yes to any of the questions, **please** call your health care provider. We recommend that everyone go over the questionnaire early Sunday before worship. Do not come to church if you have symptoms of COVID-19 or any other contagious ailment. Our COVID-19 questionnaire will be sent out or emailed to everyone, printed in bulletins, available on our website at www.pilgrimofwausau.org/, and posted to our Facebook page. Put a copy in your Bible so that you can read it anytime.

If you have questions about our policies or about COVID-19 please call Jeff Kessel at 715-675-4271 or send him an email at jfkmdmph@charter.net.

We hope to see you at church on October 18th.

COVID-19 SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRE

- 1) Do you have a temperature greater than 100.4 degrees F (37.8 C)?
- 2) Do you have chills?
- 3) Do you have any of the symptoms on this list?
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Headache
 - Body muscle aches or soreness
 - Fatigue
 - Nausea
 - Vomiting
 - Diarrhea
 - Loss of smell or taste
- 4) If you answer yes to any of these, are they related to a medical condition that you already have?
- 5) Have you had close, unprotected contact (within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more without a face mask) with a person who you know is positive for COVID-19 within the past 14 days?
- 6) Have you had a positive COVID-19 test for active virus in the past 14 days?
- 7) Have you been tested for COVID-19 and not yet received the results in the last 14 days?
- 8) Within the past 14 days, has a public health or medical professional told you to self-monitor, isolate, or quarantine because of concerns about COVID-19?