

Faith Lutheran Church – Special Church Council Meeting
Minutes
Tuesday, May 26, 2020

In attendance via Zoom : Bob Kreie, Carl Horton, Kathy Silvernale, Connie Stromseth, Andrew Weckwerth, Maria Weikle, Penny Stuber, Gail Telecky, Niki Pokornowski, Katie Brecht, Dan Moe, John Olsen, Pastor Scott, Pastor Dave, Pastor Paulus, Marsha Schmit, Laura Weikle, Will Holt, Kristen Matthews, Wendy Magruder, Sara Wegner and Jeff Amundson.

Call to order by President Bob Kreie @ 6:34 p.m.

Opening prayer by Pastor Dave.

The topic for this special meeting is to discuss the resumption of in-person church services during the Covid pandemic and different ways to be able to do so according to CDC, city, and state guidelines.

Once the governor eased restrictions on churches, the City of Hutchinson gave the all clear to start worship services at Library Square on June 7, 2020.

- ❖ Some discussion, statements, and ideas from Council members in attendance:
- ❖ If a parishioner feels vulnerable or uncomfortable they should remain at home following the radio/T.V. services.
- ❖ Follow Guidelines from the State of Minnesota
- ❖ Keep staff safe as well as all parishioners
- ❖ Stay home if you are ill
- ❖ Have guidelines set and posted
- ❖ Staff to write and post a Preparedness Plan
- ❖ Post information about wearing masks and how it protects or doesn't protect
- ❖ Ideas/thoughts from Staff:
 - ❖ The state allows 25% capacity for indoor worship (ca.100 people in our sanctuary).
 - ❖ There are 38 pews on the main floor and three in the balcony.
 - ❖ 250 people is the maximum allowed for outdoor worship
 - ❖ 10:10 a.m. service can begin at Library Square on June 7 per City of Hutch
 - ❖ This Sunday have a possible drive-in service in your car and/or grassy area at the church.
 - ❖ Use the Faith Center and/or Foundation if too many attend the 8:00 a.m. service
 - ❖ If 10:10 a.m. outdoor service gets rained out, then 25% in sanctuary and also use the Faith Center, Youth Space, and Foundation Space.

Communion and Worship:

- 8:00 a.m. service with Communion in Sanctuary keep as is using pouring chalices, etc.
- Outdoor Services use disposable larger cups for communion, use wafers, have four different stations, come up with family units, and space people out six feet apart.
- How often do we commune?
- What are the risks to staff and parishioners walking down the center aisle in the sanctuary?
- We will not use offering plates, attendance books, and no hand shaking.

A motion was made: For Sunday, May 31, have only radio and TV for the 8:00 a.m. service and the 10:10 a.m. service in the Faith Lutheran parking lot.

For Sunday, June 7, 2020, the 8:00 a.m service will meet in the sanctuary and the 10:10 a.m. outdoor service will meet at Library Square. Holy Communion will be administered at both. The motion passed with 10 in favor and 2 opposed.

Closing prayer by Pastor Scott

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.