



Reformation Lutheran Church
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Dear Siblings in Christ,

We wanted to let you know that the Church Council has made a decision regarding Christmas Eve services this year. At this time, we plan to offer 3 in-person services as well as stream two services online. This of course is subject to change depending on the pandemic. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, our sanctuary capacity is limited to 50 people per service therefore **a reservation will be required in order to attend** one of the three services. To make a reservation, please call the church office at (609) 652-8431. The service times are as follows:
2:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship with candles
4:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship with candles – This service will be streamed online
9:30 PM Christmas Eve Worship with candles – This service will be streamed online

The following guidelines will be in place for in-person Christmas Eve services:

1. The only entrance we will use is the one from the parking lot in the back.
2. Masks and physical distancing will be in place throughout the worship services. Every other pew will be blocked off in order to maintain the physical distancing requirement so you may not be able to sit where you usually did before, we ask that you respect the established boundaries for the benefit of all attending worship. Family units may sit together without physically distancing themselves from one another, all others must maintain 6 feet between you and the other person in your pew.
3. A touchless hand sanitizer will be placed just inside the door in the narthex for you to use as you enter for worship.

4. After entering the building and using the hand sanitizer, a greeter will hand you a bulletin and a candle, you will then pick up a single use communion pod for you. We will not be coming forward to receive communion, everyone will stay seated and take communion at the same time after the words of institution.
5. There will be no sharing of the peace or fellowship after the services, please exit the sanctuary promptly so it can be disinfected for the next service.
6. We will not be passing an offering plate during the service; offerings may be placed in the plate located in the back of the sanctuary before or after service.
7. Our music director, Brian Conover, will be the only person playing and singing during the service. We have placed a sheet of plexiglass between him and the congregation for added protection. We ask you to refrain from singing in order to reduce droplet and aerosol transmissions.
8. The sanctuary and restrooms will be disinfected with a fogger between the all three services.

We also wanted to let you know that we plan on celebrating Sancta Lucia at the 10:00 AM service on Sunday December 13.

If you have any questions, please reach out to a member of the church council or myself.

Be ... a blessing,
Pastor Heidi Link