

Delta Presbyterian – Faith Lutheran Church COVID-19 Mitigation Plan

This mitigation plan, approved by the Session and Council on May 24, 2020 follows mandates and guidelines established by the State of Alaska, Presbytery of the Yukon, and the Alaska Synod. It is intended to allow in-church worship while mitigating the risk of COVID-19 transmission for our safety. We realize that individuals have varying perspectives on the appropriate response to the ongoing situation. It is our duty and responsibility to show our Christian love for one another by making these important, temporary changes in our worship habits. We hope to implement this plan by Pentecost, 05/31/2020.

Communication: This plan will be communicated to all interested parties by email, upon entering church for worship services, and by posting it on the website and outside the church entrance. All will be expected to abide by the following guidelines:

COVID-19: Any person with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or any flu-like symptoms may not enter the premises.

Occupancy and Distancing: Six-foot distancing will be observed by all non-household members. To maintain appropriate distancing, seating will only be in areas designated by placement of the bulletins. The sanctuary will accommodate 18 worshipers.

Face Coverings: Face coverings must be worn by everyone entering and exiting the church, during singing, and by those responsible for recording offerings.

Entrance and Exiting: Signage clearly indicates entry and exits doors. When entering the building, all must immediately move to a designated seat. None may congregate at the door.

Sanitizing: Hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes are recommended for all entering the church and are available at the entrance to the sanctuary. All materials will be removed from the pews. Pews occupied for service, rails, door handles, switches and restrooms will be sanitized by the cleaning team following each occupancy. Sealed trash receptacles will be implemented.

Tracking: The Administrative Assistant will keep a record of attendees for each service.

Singing, Communal Prayers and Readings: To mitigate droplet projection (aerosol), singing, communal prayers and readings will be done while seated, wearing a face covering. Worship leaders may stand, unmasked, a minimum of 15' from congregants.

Food and Faith fellowship: Until further notice, the downstairs will be off limits except for restroom use and AA meetings.

Sharing of the Peace: We will “Share the Peace” without touching or leaving seating areas.

Tithes and Offerings: Tithes and offerings will be placed directly in the collection plate (located at the rear of the sanctuary) by each individual. Counters will record these while wearing face coverings and gloves or using hand sanitizer.

Bulletins: Bulletins will be placed at the designated seats on Fridays. Hymnals and *Now the Feast* materials will not be used. Used bulletins will be taken home or put in trash receptacles.

Communion: Prepacked communion cups will be placed at designated seats on Fridays. Used wrapping and cups will be deposited in trash receptacles by the congregant.

ZOOM Services will continue for all who wish to join worship services from home.