

Nordland Lutheran Church  
Indoor Small Group Protocols  
As per Congregation Council: March 11, 2021

*Nordland Lutheran Church has protocols in place as a way of loving our neighbors.*

Effective March 11, 2021:

1. Each group must have a designated group leader. The group leader must schedule their small group meeting and desired space to be used with the church office ahead of time. There will be no guarantee of availability until it is confirmed with the office. Scheduling will help ensure adequate time between various small groups, and inform the church which groups are meeting when.
2. Group leader must take attendance (*write down names and phone numbers*) of all participants who show up for their small group, and then provide the list to the church office after the meeting. In the event of a potential virus outbreak, this will help with contact tracing and communicating with those in attendance. These records will be destroyed 4 weeks after each meeting.
3. Group sizes must not exceed 15 people.
4. All group members must wear masks at all times inside the church building (*unless all group members have been fully vaccinated*), and wash hands and/or use hand sanitizer before and after meeting.
5. Group members / households must remain at least 6 feet apart at all times (*unless all group members have been fully vaccinated*).
6. The small group meeting duration must not exceed 1 hour in time (*unless all group members have been fully vaccinated than this can be extended*).
7. When using restrooms, there must be no more than one person in a restroom at a time. Adults may accompany minors or assist another adult when needed.
8. Food must not be provided by any group member or the church for the group. Any food or beverage, outside of coffee, must be brought in by individual households for their own personal use only. No shared food. While masks are required for your entire meeting, they may be temporarily removed while eating and drinking only.
9. The church will provide the groups with cleaning supplies (i.e. sanitizing wipes, supplies, etc.) to clean up after themselves, clean handrails, door knobs, faucets, toilets, surfaces and spaces that were used by the group. Cleaning must happen as the group leaves the building.
10. These protocols will be posted on the doors at church and in the designated small group spaces to ensure all have access to reading them.