

Lake Edge Lutheran Church - Building Use Policy

(to be in use until further notice)

While we wish we could be together now, and while we are getting closer, we are still “a ways away” from being able to gather in person.

We will continue to monitor this policy in light of the changing pandemic restrictions. We hope that those restrictions will allow us to meet our goal of “in person” gathering inside our church by Rally Sunday (the second Sunday in September) at the **very latest**. We will celebrate then!

Until then...

- The church building is currently closed to the general public.
- Meetings and worship services are currently being held virtually or outside, and not in the church building itself.

- Church members may enter the building if they have business that can be concluded within 3 hours. This could include:
 - To take care of some part of the building;
 - To prepare for or clean up after outdoor worship;
 - To record lessons for the service themselves (not asking staff to record);
 - To record special music (if involving Patrick or Jay, please contact them to request their expertise directly, and please stay at least 10 feet away from each other if singing... facing different directions);
 - To use the upstairs restrooms before and after outdoor services (please no more than one person at a time in the bathroom itself).

- When entering the building:
 - No more than 10 people should gather inside at one time, and they should remain six feet apart at all times - while entering, once inside, and while leaving;
 - Everyone wears a mask;
 - The places within the building that members can access are the sanctuary areas, the mail box area within the church offices, the fellowship and narthex areas (for quick staging of distribution of Easter Lilies, for example), the library, the downstairs fellowship hall, and the adult education room;
 - Please do not engage in conversation with staff if they are present - conversations should be held over the phone prior to or after the in-person visit;
 - Note that bathrooms are off-limits unless absolutely necessary. If necessary, let staff know in writing somehow that the bathroom was used (unless it was used in conjunction with an outdoor service, in which case no notice is necessary). Only one person should be in the bathroom at one time.

- Participating in the Sacraments of weddings, baptisms, and funerals:
 - In accordance with Madison health mandates, weddings, baptisms and funerals can be held inside the building, pending Church Council approval on a case by case basis. LELC's Pastor will preside over these sacraments, unless officiants from other churches are requested.