

COVID-19 Guidelines

Concordia Lutheran Church
Macungie, PA

Updated - January, 2021

We are planning to resume worship in-person at Concordia on January 17, 2021.

With the rows of chairs spaced at 7 feet apart, and planning on one family per row (2-4 people), our capacity limit is 30 people in the sanctuary. Please register on the Sign-up Genius website.

Upon entering the campus, please park and enter the church through the main doors under the portico and into the narthex. We will enter the sanctuary from the rear doors and, at the end of the service, exit through the front doors near the sacristy and down the side hallway.

We strongly encourage everyone to wear a mask or cloth covering. This is for your safety as well as everyone else. If you do not have a mask one will be provided for you.

Bulletins for the service will be placed on a table at the rear of the sanctuary. The rows of chairs have been set up so that we can maintain social distancing. Please sit in family groups. If sitting in a row with someone who is not in your family, please leave 3 empty seats between you. You may also sit on the sofas in the Narthex.

At this time there will NOT be a Fellowship after the services. In-between the services, the narthex, sanctuary, and restrooms will be disinfected. We will wipe down the doors and chairs.

For those who are not ready to return to the sanctuary at this time, the services will be streamed LIVE on the Concordia, Macungie Facebook page. After the service, they can be watched on demand. Everyone at Concordia Lutheran understands if members prefer to stream the services rather than attend.

This plan been developed for your protection and for the protection of every member of the Concordia family and all her guests. Please be considerate and loving. May God help us, keep us, and protect us as we worship our Lord and Savior at His birth. Please feel free to contact your Pastor Vinovskis, or one of the Elders, if you have questions or concerns.

As you prepare to come back to worship, here are a few points to help ensure a safe and successful reopening of the church.

- Please stay home if you are sick, experiencing symptoms of any kind, are immunocompromised, or are at greater risk of contagion for any reason.
- Please plan your attendance carefully and bring your own protection such as hand sanitizers, gloves, and masks. We are encouraging the wearing of masks.
- Sit in the designated areas only. Specific rows of chairs will be available for each service. Please do not move the furniture.
- Please use the main Front Doors to enter and the Hallway doors near the restrooms to exit. We will be propping these doors open to eliminate touch points.
- We are still providing one service per week via live-streaming. To access go to:
www.facebook.com/concordiamacungie

We greatly look forward to being able to worship together again. See you at church!

Additional Guidelines

This carefully managed reopening comes with stringent new health, safety and hygiene procedures in place.

Exposure to COVID-19 is an inherent risk in any public location where people are present; we cannot guarantee you will not be exposed during your attendance. Older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions might be at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. We invite anyone in these higher risk categories to continue to enjoy the worship service streamed online. We are working hard to ensure that the experience is similar wherever you choose to worship.

In accordance with CDC guidelines we have enhanced sanitation procedures and implemented additional measures for distance spacing and screening.

Face covering

For the safety of others, everyone is encouraged to wear a face covering during their visit. If you do not feel comfortable wearing a face covering, we invite you to continue the worship experience online rather than at an enclosed public venue.

Temperature check

Temperature checks are a good way to tell if you are ill or at risk of spreading illness to those with whom you come in contact. If you register a temperature of 100.4 degrees or greater please stay home and worship with us online.

Wash hands often

Wash your hands with soap and water often for at least 20 seconds when making use of the lavatory facilities.

Use hand sanitizer when entering and exiting.

At select locations including entrances, guests will be able to use hand sanitizer.

Social distancing

Practice social distancing and keep at least 6 feet (2 meters) between your party and others. Seat groupings are designed to assist with social distancing.

Avoid contact with people who are sick

Please note the CDC advises that older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions might be at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. Guests should evaluate their risk in determining whether to attend. People who show no symptoms can spread COVID-19 if they are infected, any interaction with the general public poses an elevated risk of being exposed to COVID-19, and we cannot guarantee that you will not be exposed during your attendance.

We appreciate your cooperation during this unprecedented time. [Visit the CDC website](#) for the latest guidelines.