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We are called by God's grace to enlighten all people in Jesus Christ.

St. Luke Lutheran Church Sunday School Covid-19 Policy

We care about the health, safety, and comfort of everyone who enters our building. We will be following recommendations given by the Department of Health, the Center for Disease Control, and government officials. If we need to make any changes, we will communicate them to you promptly. If you have any questions, please give the church office a call, or contact Jacquie Albert, Sunday School Director.

If you are in a high-risk category or feel safer not attending Sunday School in person, feel free to worship online and view our weekly children's message and song on our website stluke-buffalo.org or YouTube Channel. If you are sick, have had a fever of 100°F or higher in the past 14 days, or have been around someone exposed to COVID-19, we ask that you please stay home and plan to join us at a later date.

- To maintain social distancing and decrease movement, parents will bring children directly to the basement upon entering the church building.
- Because it is not possible to maintain distance if families are passing each other on stairs leading to and from the basement, the Union Rd staircase will be an up staircase and Maryvale Dr staircases will be a down staircase (from ground floor to basement) before and after the worship service.
- **Everyone is required to wear a mask the entire time they are in the building.** This includes children. We will have masks available for those who do not have one.
- Children will have their temperature taken and will be signed in as they enter the basement. Please review and sign the disclaimer/attendance sheet and make sure that your child's temperature is below 100°F before leaving the basement to attend worship upstairs.
- Please arrive between (10:45 and 11:00) to check in to Sunday School and come directly to the basement to pick up your children after service.
- Hand sanitizer will be available for your use.
- Each child in our Pre-K/kindergarten class will have their own yoga mat, and each child or set of siblings in grades 1-5 will have their own table, to use for class activities. All mats and tables will be spaced 6 feet apart, and children must remain in their space throughout the class (unless using the restroom or instructed otherwise by a teacher).
- Children will remain in the basement throughout the worship service, which is around 30-40 minutes long.
- To reduce shared surfaces, each child will have their own labeled baggie of craft supplies (with items such as crayons, pencils, glue sticks, and scissors) to keep at church and be used during class. Tables, chairs, mats, lap desks, and other potentially shared surfaces will be sanitized prior to Sunday morning.
- Restrooms will be open for use and will be sanitized often.
- There will be no snacks during Sunday School as long as masks are required.

What Sunday School will look like

Days and Time

- Sunday School will meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month
- Sunday School starts at 11:00 AM (it will last about 45 minutes)
- For 3 year-olds (who are potty trained) - 5th grade. (There will be 2 classes Pre-K and Kindergarten and 1st -5th grade)
- Children will not start in the worship service but go directly to the basement where they will be signed in.
- Children will be brought up to the Sanctuary after the worship service.

Sign In/Temperature Check

- All Sunday School children are required to have a temperature check and any temperature over 100° F will require the child to be sent home.
- Staggered arrival to eliminate back up; Kids arrive 10:45-11:00 AM
- Parents/Guardians must sign their children in each week and sign that they will follow our Covid-19 policies.

Furniture

- Grade 1-5 class will be at tables, one table per family, with the tables 6 feet apart.
- Pre-K & Kindergarten class will be on yoga mats with a lap desk, 6 ft apart.
- Coat rack will not be used and children will keep their coats on the back of their chair.
- Pre K and Kindergarten - coats on the end of their mats

Supplies

- Each child will have an individual bag of supplies, which will be separated by families.

Bathroom

- Red light/green light on each bathroom stall to identify used/sanitized.
- Bathroom will be sanitized often.

Dismissal

- Children will be brought up to the sanctuary to their parents.

Returning to Sunday School after being exposed or having Covid-19 (from Erie County Department of Health)

- Individuals who have been told of a positive COVID-19 test result must isolate for 10 days past the onset of symptoms or 10 days past the date of their positive test sample collection (if they have no symptoms).
- Close contacts and household members of an individual with a positive test result must quarantine for 10 days past the last date of exposure.
- You may return to Sunday School if you have had no fever for 48 hours and have finished the isolation/quarantine period.