

Dear Calvary Family,

As we look to meeting in-person for worship services, there are some things we need to very clearly communicate to each of you for your health and protection and the health and protection of those you are worshipping with. Your church board and Pastor Eric have spent time considering how we can meet the guidelines set forth by the state and apply them to our particular situation. **PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE LETTER BEFORE COMING TO WORSHIP.**

1. Should I go to worship today?

- **Just because we are starting in-person worship does not mean you have to go.** If you are sick, believe you may have come into contact with someone who is sick, if you are extremely vulnerable health wise, or are really uncomfortable about this situation/venue – stay home.
- **Services will be video recorded** and posted to our website within a few days. Additionally, we are working on a way to send DVD copies of these recordings to those who are not internet users.
- **You will be expected to do a health self-screening before you come to worship.** Ask yourself if you have any of the following symptoms that you cannot attribute to another health condition?
 - Fever (100.4 F or higher), or feeling feverish
 - Chills
 - A new cough
 - Shortness of breath
 - A new sore throat
 - New muscle aches
 - New headache
 - New loss of smell or tasteIf you answered yes to any of these, DO NOT come to worship today
- If your household has Covid 19, or if you are at very high risk for exposure to Covid 19, please stay home out of respect for the safety of others.

2. Before coming to church:

- **Wash/sanitize your hands.** We plan to have sanitizer at church, but recommend you do that beforehand.
- **Restrooms** will be available at church, but do what you can to minimize their use.

3. What to expect / how to interact at church:

- **Social distancing.** You know the deal - keep a distance of 6 feet from other households.
- Please move through the entry way when coming or going so as to not make that a packed out space.
- Chairs will be widely spaced front to back. **Please leave 2 empty chairs between you and the next household.** If you really want more space, just take a chair and put it where you want in the rear of the sanctuary.
- **Please be sure to cough or sneeze into your elbow.**
- **Masks.** While not required, we are highly recommending them. And since there is some concern about the amount of exhaling while singing, **you will be required to wear a mask while singing. Bring your own clean mask with you.** If your children are old enough to tolerate wearing a mask it would be wise to have them wearing one as well.
- **Please stay out of the A-frame.** We are reserving that for staff and possibly for families to take children who are being disruptive during the sermon time (two separate areas for single families will be created...socially distanced). If everyone wanders thru there on Sundays, it will compromise our sanitation protocols.
- As it was the last time we met, we will continue with a few changes to minimize contact:
 - No family of God song/greeting
 - No handshake from ushers or greeters
 - No passing of offering plates.
 - No coffee or donut fellowship
- Current state guidelines for houses of worship limit attendance to 25% of capacity. Our sanctuary at capacity will hold 300 people. **Therefore we are within guidelines up to 75 people in attendance.**

4. What about our kids?

- Until further notice we will not have nursery or super church.
- Parents –
 - **Children will also be expected to maintain social distance from children/people from other households. Please assist us in this effort!**
 - Consider bringing quiet activities for your children to engage in during the sermon time. (There are bags for kids here with coloring books and crayons already.)

- **If your child is getting loud during the sermon time** we ask that you would please use one of three single-family areas we will set aside for taking your child to.
 - We would prefer that you use the “Cry Room / Library” at the back of the sanctuary as your first choice since we are hoping to not have to clean the A-Frame building after each morning service. However, if the Cry Room is occupied (no more than one family should use this space) then there will be two additional “distanced” areas you can use for your child in the A-Frame. Families are not to co-mingle in the A-Frame.
 - Taking your child outside is also an option (still no co-mingling) but please be mindful that outside noise may carry into our sanctuary through windows that are likely to be open.
 - THANK YOU for your cooperation in these things.

Hopefully this clarifies where we are going as we plan to meet together. We wanted everyone to know what to expect at the sanctuary as they decide if they are ready to attend, and also what is expected of them as they are in attendance.

We are excited to resume worshipping our good God together!

Jeff Rheingans – Church Chairman

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