

UPDATED RE-OPENING NOTICE

(Amended as of January 6, 2022)

First Lutheran Church, Windsor, Ontario

In-Person Worship Remains Open

In its latest set guidelines (effective January 5), the Ontario government limits us to occupying no more than 50% of the seating capacity of our church. We continue "social distancing," where individuals or family groups are seated at least 6 feet apart.

Sunday Schedule Changes / Classes Suspended

Until further notice – hopefully for a brief time only – we are suspending in-person Christian education classes for adults and children, which were meeting Sundays, 9:45-10:40 a.m. We had an encouraging response to these classes in the fall, but with the concerns for increasing case counts (and hospitalizations) in Ontario, and also with the temporary closure of in-person teaching at schools, we're suspending these classes temporarily.

8:45 a.m. German-Language Service (*in the church proper*)

11:00 a.m. English-Language Service (*in the church proper*)

No Need to Pre-Register Attendance

Worshippers need not pre-register their attendance before arriving on Sunday. (If we unexpectedly exceed the number we can accommodate with social distancing, we have space in our ventilated Lounge, equipped with a large screen carrying the entire service from the main church ... members sitting there are given priority to receive Holy Communion when it is being offered.)

Singing Resumes / Some Covid Protocols Continue

When you come to Sunday services, enter by the main door on Victoria Avenue. Ushers direct you to a seat. Individuals and family groups are seated at the required "social distance" from each other. Worshippers are asked to wear masks while in the building.

Last August the congregation resumed signing hymns; singing of the liturgy is being reintroduced also.

Worshippers are expected to remain masked at all times while singing. Holy Communion is administered to individuals and family groups ushered forward at a distance from each other. Following their reception of Communion, worshippers leave the main church by the side door.

Other Activities Moving Online

ESL classes are moving online for the time being. Our Young Adults group will suspend in-person meetings for now, and meetings of our various boards will also move to online for the present.

Our YouTube Channel

At the top of this page, if you click on "Our YouTube Channel," you'll find our collection of Sunday and special services, over 131 videos exceeding 43,500 views. If you are unable to attend worship, please make a point of watching these weekly online preaching services. And invite loved ones and friends to do the same!

--Rev. Robert Bugbee, Pastor
On behalf of the Board of Elders