

Salem National Evangelical Lutheran Church to Re-open May 31st

- The service time will be at 10:45 am as usual.
- Communion will be offered beginning June 14th.
- If you feel sick, please do not attend the service, instead stay home and recover.
- If you have been exposed to Covid-19 (as in you know you were in contact with a known infected person), please do not attend services for the fourteen-day quarantine period.
- If you do not yet feel safe attending our church service, we honor this and encourage you to remain at home.
- Salem will continue to provide a recorded service on the website and the Facebook page.
- We are continuing to practice social distancing.
- Every other pew will be closed along with the two pews closest to the altar (in this way pastor can preach without a mask).
- Pastor will preach from before the altar rail and not the pulpit (to increase the distance between the pews and the pastor).
- We will mark the pews to indicate appropriate distances between people who are not sharing the same home.
- Masks are required and the church will provide them if you do not have one.
- There will be only one entry door (the west entrance) and an usher will open and close the door in order to provide touchless entry.
- Paper bulletins will be used to eliminate the need for using the hymnals.
- The offering plate will be in the back of the church and members can place their offerings directly in the plate after the service (eliminate passing the plate).
- Communion will be distributed using a continuous line instead of coming to the altar rail and there will be no common cup. Individual cups will be spaced in the trays such that a cup can be removed without touching other cups in the tray.
- The children's message is canceled for the foreseeable future (depending on our discovering a way to present the message while allowing social distancing).
- The sanctuary and church will be sanitized every week.