

The Kansas Governor's order effective May 4 can be read at this link.

<https://governor.kansas.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/EO-20-29-Implementing-Phase-One-of-Ad-Astra-Plan.pdf>

In summary this order says public groups larger than 10 are allowed if social distancing guidelines are followed by family groups.

Future anticipated phases for Kansas if all goes well will be May 18 where public groups in excess of 30 are allowed if social distancing guidelines are followed by family groups. Then June 1 groups in excess of 90 if social distancing guidelines are followed by family groups.

Riley County is pretty much following the state guidelines.

The governor was specifically asked about worship services and she stated they are allowed with no attendance limits if social distancing guidelines are followed by family groups.

Here is a link to the KSNT interview with the governor specifically answering church attendance.

<https://www.ksnt.com/capitol-bureau/gov-kelly-explains-lifting-stay-at-home-order/>

### **Current Plan for St Luke's**

May 9 weekend to be a recorded live worship at 8:30 am Sunday like we have been doing the last several weeks. It was felt we needed some extra days to prepare and inform the congregation of changes.

May 16 Saturday 6:00 PM worship

May 17 Sunday 8:30 am Worship

May 19 7:00 pm Elder meeting to review the weekend and determine future plans.

### **Social Distancing Guidelines for the current time.**

Those attending worship should do so with a clear conscious for personal and family reasons. Those not attending at this time for personal and for family reasons should also do so with a clear conscious as well.

To help individuals and families decide on worshipping at St. Luke's or at home the social distancing plan for now is outlined below.

- Services will continue to be recorded and available on YouTube. Many thanks to those volunteers making that happen.
- Face masks or gloves are optional and will be an individual and family choice to bring or wear.
- Church entry doors will be propped open or a doorman there so multiple people do not have to touch the doors.
- Church windows will be opened if weather permits.
- Family groups or groups who arrive in the same vehicle to church should enter and self-manage keeping about a 6 foot distance or more from other family groups. Casual contact is acceptable.
- The Elder on duty or their designate will pass out the bulletins with gloves and face protection since they will be close to most individuals while passing out bulletins.
- Every other pew will be blocked off. (The pews are 3 feet apart. This will leave approximately 18 available pews.) Two families could occupy a single pew if the total number of the two families does not exceed 5. The two groups in the pew should sit at opposite ends toward the edge of the pew.) Families 5 and larger should occupy a single pew. Overflow if needed will be a few in the narthex a few in loft, and then to the basement.
- For now the pew cushions, bibles, and hymnals will be removed. (Paper and fabric cannot be wiped down.) A projector and screen is planned for worship

assistance as an alternative to the hymnal or making large quantities of printed material.

- Children's message will continue, however children will stay with their family and not come forward as a group.
- Children's church during the sermon will not be done at this time.
- Readers and Pastor will not use the same microphone or books.
- We ask worshippers to exit from the back pews first and then to the front in a spaced fashion. General visiting best done outdoors.
- Communion will be postponed for now and determined with a future plan.
- Offering plates will be at the back so worshippers can drop offerings off as exiting.
- Elder or their designate will wipe down the pews after service.
- A wipe down kit will be available in the rest room for individuals to use before and after use. (Elder will help monitor as well.)
- No fellowship time or treats in the basement at this time.
- In person Sunday Bible class or Sunday school discontinued at this time.