

## **AUGUST 16, 2021 AMENDMENT TO: COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS PLAN FOR ST LUKES EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

Since the Covid-19 protocol mandates from the State of Minnesota (Governor May 28, 2021) and the Episcopal Church in Minnesota (June 6, 2021) have been replaced with recommendations left entirely in the hands of each congregation; the covid-19 protocols approved by St Lukes Vestry (August 17, 2020) will be updated in the following ways, paying particular attention to CDC and local public health guidance, until further notice:

1. Upon entering for church activities, all will **be** asked to act in accordance with CDC and local public health guidelines, Current actions (as of 8-16-21) include: wearing of face masks, signing in with date so you can be notified of an outbreak, using available hand sanitizer as needed.
2. Social distancing remains important for the unvaccinated. To limit close interactions, the offering plate will remain at the check in table, and the peace will not be passed physically.
3. Sanicare TBX spray will be available throughout the building for volunteers to use on surfaces receiving lots of touches. ABC cleans every other week using Sanicare TBX. Superior Mechanical checks/cleans our HVAC filters twice/year.
4. Outdoor events and services will continue, as they are more inclusive for members who are unable to be vaccinated (especially small children).
5. Indoor religious services may now have singing of hymns and unrestricted seating, noting that unvaccinated are urged to socially distance....others may as well. Communion will continue to be administered in the nave with communion wine in individual cups until our rector deems it wise to resume normal communion. One side at a time will advance in single file in middle aisle, not crowding, and return to seats by side aisle.
6. Coffee hour will be on hold until further notice.
7. Outside groups and renters will be required to have a covid-19 preparedness plan. The Rochester Duplicate Bridge Club requires proof of covid-19 vaccination in order to participate and keeps track of who comes, and will now require face masks until further notice.
8. We continue to ask any who become sick on the premises or after being on the premises, to leave immediately, be tested for covid-19, and report to the church office 507-288-2469 so the Olmsted County Public Health may be alerted, as well as those who may have had contact within our building.