

OLD APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN CHURCH OF HEISSON, WASHINGTON

9/11/2020

The Washington State Phase 2 and Phase 3 Religious Organization COVID -19 requirements allows for use of the church building but with limited attendance and restrictions.

Attendance is permitted in smaller groups if we closely follow physical distancing rules, good hygiene practices, use of face coverings and building restrictions. We are currently in Phase 2.

USE OF THE CHURCH BUILDING DURING PHASE 2

We can have 200 people in the sanctuary and plan to treat the dining area as a completely separate physical area which allows an additional 200 people. Members of the same household are encouraged to arrive at the same time so they can be seated together. Ushers will direct each household where to sit, filling the sanctuary first, and then directing seating into the dining area. After the service, the ushers will also direct the exiting process; so please remain seated until your bench is released.

To organize smaller numbers, it was necessary to create groups of Christians who would be invited, and thereby take turns, attending services.

This plan is based on current conditions and may change as circumstances allow.

Groups of have been arranged by the first letter of the last name.

Group A	A-Ha
Group B	He-L
Group C	M-R
Group D	S-Z

Schedule

Sunday, Sept 13 th	Group C (Last names M-R) + youth
Sunday, Sept 20 th	Group D (Last names S-Z)

FALL MISSION MEETINGS	The congregation has been arranged into three groups, with each group invited to attend one full day of meetings at the church. 11:00 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.
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Friday, Sept 25 th	Group 1 (Last names A-J)
Saturday, Sept 26 th	Group 2 (Last names K-P)
Sunday, Sept 27 th	Group 3 (Last names R-Z)

Afternoon gatherings are planned at the Church building Friday and Saturday. Folks from all three groups are invited to attend. A young folks gathering is planned on Saturday, after the evening service. No food or communion will be served.

Note: Those who are part of the organizational staff (preachers, ushers, song leaders, sound team) for each service may have their families attend with them.

The telephone patch will continue to be available. Weekly information will continue to be sent out which will identify the invited groups along with the telephone patch information.

Those at higher risk or otherwise uncomfortable attending church are encouraged to stay home and receive the telephone patch.

To remain in compliance with the Washington State Religious Organization COVID-19 specific safety practices we need to follow these recommendations:

Before attending any service at the church building:

- Perform a health check of yourself and children. Those with any signs of illness should stay home until they are symptom-free for 3 days
- If you have been exposed to COVID -19 the guidelines are to stay home until 14 days have passed since the last exposure

Mitigation of spread due to illness or exposure at the church building:

- Signs are posted with reminders on social distancing, proper hygiene, and wearing face coverings
- Hand sanitizer stations are available in the lobby areas to use upon arrival
- Facial tissues and trashcans are available
- Please refrain from handshaking and embracing
- Face covering are required for anyone 5 years of age and older. Children age 3 and above are encouraged to wear if possible. Face coverings must be worn at all times and shall not be removed during singing
- Maintain 6 feet of distance between households before, during, and after the service.
- Children should remain with their parents
- Parents and others are asked to attend to small children that can't understand physical distancing.
- Please talk to your children about physical distancing

Food and Beverages:

- No coffee, water or cookies will be served
- Drinking fountains are not useable

Limited use of church building:

- The nursery area is closed
- Ushers will direct church entry and exiting
- A maximum of two people can use the restroom at the same time; ushers will help monitor this
- The church building will be opened 20 minutes before and close approximately 20 minutes after the service
- Outside the building, physical distancing must be maintained. We want to avoid any appearance of a large mingling crowd either entering or exiting the building

Church cleaning:

- Church cleaning and disinfecting will take place after events and according to the current cleaning schedule with EPA approved products

If anyone becomes ill with COVID-19 and has been in the church building, please notify Chairman Dan Charlson.

A copy of the COVID-19 Exposure Control, Mitigation and Recovery Plan for OALC Heisson is posted in the church lobby.