

**OLD APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN CHURCH OF NEWARK, DELAWARE**

**Announcement for Returning to Church**

The board has reviewed the Delaware and CDC guidelines, and has developed the following plan for the Christians to attend in-person church.

**LIMITED ATTENDANCE**

**Attendance is limited 50% of our stated fire occupancy.** Subject to this limit, we may attend as described below. All those not attending may receive the phone patch.

For each service, **three kitchen turns** may attend in the **Sanctuary** and **one kitchen turn** in the **Dining Building**. Those in the dining building are asked to enter through door by dishwasher. Our upcoming schedule for attendance by kitchen turn numbers (1-6) will be as follows:

Missionary meetings weekend (11 a.m. and 6 p.m. daily):

<b>Week:</b>	<b>4/30 am</b>	<b>4/30 pm</b>	<b>5/1 am</b>	<b>5/1 pm</b>	<b>5/2 am</b>	<b>5/2 pm</b>
<b>Sanctuary</b>	2	3	5	1	4	5
<b>Sanctuary</b>	4	1	6	2	6	3
<b>Sanctuary</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>Dining</b>	6	5	4	3	2	1

Sundays thereafter:

<b>Week:</b>	<b>5/9</b>	<b>5/16</b>	<b>5/23</b>	<b>5/30</b>	<b>6/6</b>	<b>6/13</b>
<b>Sanctuary</b>	6	5	4	3	2	1
<b>Sanctuary</b>	2	3	5	1	4	5
<b>Sanctuary</b>	4	1	6	2	6	3
<b>Dining</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6

Subject to our attendance limits, the following are invited to attend in-person services each Sunday:

- Single youth above confirmation age,
- Older ones not in a kitchen turn, and
- Immediate families of those asked to help at the service (such as preachers, hymn leaders, sound committee, ushers)

**Sunday School** will meet at Church on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. The last Sunday School of the spring will be May 26.

**REMINDER TO FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES**

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- All adults and children kindergarten age and up must wear face coverings at all times while in the church, covering nose and mouth.
- Maintain 6' distance between households before, during, and after the service.
- Children must remain with their parents at all times.
- Refrain from handshaking and embracing.
- Singing will be limited only to the hymn leaders per guidelines.
- If you have been ill, stay home until you have been symptom free for 3 days.
- **If you may have been exposed to COVID-19**, stay home until 14 days after your last exposure.
- **If you have been diagnosed with COVID-19**, please contact the Chairman, Jeff Pettitt.

**The following persons or households should not attend:**

- If you have been ill, stay home until you have been symptom free for 3 days.
- If you may have been exposed to COVID-19, stay home until 14 days after your last exposure.
- Vulnerable individuals and those in their household should consider staying home. This includes those over age 65 and those with underlying health conditions such as asthma, diabetes, severe obesity, heart condition or immunocompromised.
- If you are not comfortable with attending church, feel free to stay home and receive the phone patch.

**Additional safety practices:**

- The church will be opened approximately 20 minutes before and after the service.
- Please follow the guidance of the ushers.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be set up, please use.
- Signs encouraging good hygiene practices are posted.
- Areas of the church that are not needed, including the kitchen, will be closed off.
- Drinking fountains will be closed.

**Sunday School, Baptisms, Weddings, Receptions, Funerals**, the church may also now be utilized.

- Same guidelines as above for church services apply to funerals and Sunday School.
- Weddings and receptions are limited to 150 people, subject to compliance with the plan approved by the State of Delaware Department of Health.

**Communion**

- Communion instructions will be announced at Church.

Please refer to the following government websites for additional guidance for good hygiene and physical distancing practices: [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov), <https://coronavirus.delaware.gov/>

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Additional changes are sent to regular members through text messages. Contact Chairman Jeff Pettitt or the spokesman listed on the website with questions.