

Old Apostolic Lutheran Church of Yacolt

Returning to Church Plan

Updated 9/8/20

The Board of Trustees has put together a return to church plan which includes capacity limitations in accordance with the Phase 2 Religious Organization Covid-19 Requirements. To comply with these requirements, only small groups will be able to attend each Sunday. Attendance will be on a rotational basis following confirmation Sunday. Attendance for weddings and funerals not held as part of the Sunday service will be limited to a maximum of 30 persons after August 10th.

Members of the same household are encouraged to enter the sanctuary or dining area at the same time so they can be seated together. Ushers will direct each household where to sit, filling the sanctuary first and then the dining area. After the service the ushers will also direct the exiting so please remain seated until your bench is released. The Christians are encouraged to spread out arrival times to avoid congestion in the lobbies. The church will be opened 30 minutes before and after the service.

Use the main south lobby for entering and exiting the sanctuary. Use the north lobby for entering and exiting the dining area. The ushers will provide directions. For those seated in the sanctuary, please use the south restrooms if possible. For those seated in the dining area, please use the north women's restroom and kitchen restroom for the men if possible.

Attendance will be divided into 3 groups based upon last names and will follow the schedule below. This schedule may be adjusted from time to time.

Groups:

GROUP 1	Last names beginning with: A, I, J, N, O, P, Q, S, T, U, V, W
GROUP 2	Last names beginning with: B, K, M, R, X, Y, Z
GROUP 3	Last names beginning with: C, D, E, F, G, H, L

Attendance Schedule:

SERVICE:	LAST NAME:
Sunday – September, 13 th	Group 1
Sunday – September, 20 th	Group 2
Friday – September, 25 th Fall Meetings	AM: Group 3 PM: Group 1
Saturday – September, 26 th Fall Meetings	AM: Group 2 PM: Group 3
Sunday – September, 27 th Fall Meetings	AM: Group 1 PM: Group 2
Sunday – October, 4 th	Group 3

Note: Those who are part of the organizational staff (preachers, song leaders, sound techs, ushers) for each Sunday are encouraged to include their families when attending.

Phase 2 Religious Organization Covid-19 rules:

- Perform a health check of yourself and minor children before attending church. Those with signs of illness should stay home until they are symptom free for 3-days.
- Those at higher risk or otherwise uncomfortable attending church are encouraged to stay home and receive the phone patch.
- Please follow physical distancing and COVID-19 health and safety-practices.
- Face coverings are required to be worn at all times while on the church premises by those 5 years old and up. It is encouraged that those younger wear face coverings if possible. Children under two should not wear face coverings.
- Maintain 6' distance between households before, during, and after the service, both inside and outside the building. The sanctuary and dining area will be set up for this and ushers will provide guidance.
- Parents and others are asked to attend to small children that can't understand physical distancing. Please talk to your children about physical distancing.
- Children should remain with their parents.
- Refrain from handshaking and embracing.
- Face coverings shall not be removed when singing.
- COVID-19 health and safety signs are posted encouraging good hygiene, physical distancing, etc.
- Hand sanitizer stations are available and use is encouraged.

Copies of the COVID-19 Exposure Control, Mitigation and Recovery Plan for OALC Yacolt are posted on the bulletin boards in the church lobbies. Contact one of the board members if you desire a copy or have questions about this plan.

Please frequently check for updates to this plan, as especially the attendance schedule could change at any time! Updates will be posted on the OALC website and may also be attached with the weekly phone patch PIN instructions.
