

Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo
Minutes of June 9, 2020, Task Force Meeting

In attendance: Mary Braun, Pastor James Muske, Ron Haugland, Cheryl Malotky, Sherry Whipple, George Smith, Shirley Gosselin, Joanne Stueven, Darlene Christensen, Dennis Hennessy, Lee Forrester.

Discussion regarding the reopening of the church meeting the State & Synod guidelines:

- It was unanimously agreed that we will suggest to the Church Council that we do not open the church to worship services until the end of July 2020. We will re-visit the situation around the middle of July with updates and recommendations to the Council.
- Using the State guidelines of 50% we estimated the capacity of the church sanctuary is approximately 100 people. Therefore, attendance would need to be set at 50 people or less.
- Parking Lot services, approximately once a month, are being planned for June & July.
- Looking into borrowing or purchasing a FM transmitter for the parking lot services so parishioners can listen to the service thru their car radios. Cost approximately \$200.
- Posted at the church entrance is a **Health Screening Checklist**. If employees or visitors answer “Yes” to any of the questions they should not enter the building.
- Masks will be required in this facility. It is posted at the front door and there will be cloth masks available for those who do not have them. It is requested that if they take a mask that they keep the mask and re-use them after they disinfect them.
- Social distancing will be enforced – staff and visitors must be at least 6 feet apart. A plan will be developed regarding how to enforce that policy in the sanctuary once we do reopen.
- Cleaning and disinfecting of the church continues on a daily basis.
- For Staff and Visitors, we have posted signs requiring “Regular Hand Washing”. Hand sanitizer bottles are readily available at all entrances and throughout the building.
- Before we reopen, we will have the water tested due to very minimal use during the past three months.
- Building Ventilation protocols: Our heating and cooling system does recirculate outside air which eliminates indoor air recirculation. There was a discussion on the running of ceiling fans.
- Certain areas of the building will be closed off to employee & visitor traffic to reduce the chance of contamination.
- We request parishioners contact a member of the Task Force with any comments, concerns, or ideas concerning the reopening of the church.

The meeting closed with a prayer from Pastor James.

The next Task Force meeting will be mid-July.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Braun, church secretary