

Faith Lutheran Church Coronavirus Contingency Planning

Currently:

- Wash hands often for at least 20 seconds.
- Do not cough directly into hands, use a tissue or the inside of your elbow.
- Try not to touch your face as much as possible.
- Refrain from shaking hands or other physical contact when passing the peace, simply say the words “peace be with you’ and/or use a physical gesture such as hand over the heart, the universal peace sign, or a slight bow. Pastor will refrain from shaking hands at the door.
- New communion protocols: The common cup will not be offered. The pastor and the communion assistant(s) will sanitize their hands before serving communion. The small cups will be distributed in the trays with empty slots in between to prevent cross-contamination when picking up your cup.
- Ushers will not hand out bulletins, but will greet you and indicate where you may pick one up.
- The collection plate will not be passed. It will be located near the communion trays to drop your offering in when coming up for communion. If you have not already done so, you can also sign up to give electronically through our website: www.faithlutheranblakeslee.org .
- A disinfecting cleaner and paper towels will be available in the kitchen. Any group using tables in the coffee area of fellowship hall must wipe down tables before leaving.
- Stay home when sick to protect others. If experiencing any flu-like symptoms, call the church office to let us know. **IF YOU ARE DIAGNOSED AS PRESUMED POSITIVE OR TESTED AS POSITIVE CALL US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND IDENTIFY WHEN YOU WERE LAST IN THE BUILDING.**

Contingency 1: Confirmed Case Within 30 Miles of Blakeslee/Pocono Lake area

- Cease all nursing home visits except in the case of hospice/end-of-life issues.
- Cease all hospital visits except for Pastor’s discretion.
- Home visits will be limited and based on Pastor’s discretion

Contingency 2: Confirmed Case within Blakeslee/Pocono Lake area or Outbreak within 30 miles.

- Cancel all non-worship church activities except leadership meetings as necessary.

Contingency 3: Confirmed Case within this church or outbreak within Blakeslee/Pocono Lake area

- Cancel in person worship and move to live stream. We are currently determining how that will be available to access.
- Church staff work remotely as much as possible.