

Wayland CRC

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On Monday night after a lengthy discussion, Council unanimously decided to resume worship services in our sanctuary this Sunday, May 17 at our normal time of 9:30 am. For the time being, we will not schedule evening services until we are able to see how things go. Council will revisit evening services in June. There will be a number of restrictions to keep up safe and we ask that you follow them.

1. The exterior doors and the doors to the sanctuary will be open at the beginning and the end of the service.
2. The sanctuary will be set up to adhere to social distancing of 6 feet. The Council members will usher you in by families.
3. There will be no greeters. We ask that you refrain from shaking hands or other physical contact.
4. When the service is finished, you will be ushered out row by row, sort of like at a wedding. We ask that you exit the building so that we do not have crowds developing in the lobby. There will be no coffee or cookies after the service.
5. We will not have a normal offering. Plates will be available as you exit.
6. There will be no nursery available. Sunday School and Catechism are cancelled for the time being.
7. We request that you wear a mask. Please bring your own if possible. We will have some available at the door for those who don't have them.
8. Most importantly, if you are sick or if you have underlying conditions that make you vulnerable, we respectfully ask that you remain at home. We will live stream the service on our Facebook page for those who prefer to worship at home. If you do not have Facebook, a recording of the service will be available. Please contact the church office for a copy.

We need to hold a Congregational Meeting to elect new elders and deacons as well as vote on next year's budget. This is planned for June 9. More information will be coming on how we will conduct this meeting but we will do our best to accommodate everyone.

We have spent a lot of time in prayer and consideration and we believe this is the best path forward for our congregation. We ask that you remain in prayer for the Council and the congregation in these trying times.

In Christ,

The Council of Wayland CRC