

Hello First Lutheran,

Our Covid Task Force met last night to decide how to move forward with so many of our congregation, friends and family testing positive for COVID. We came up with the following guidelines to help us stay safe during this time as we meet to worship.

Below 1% positivity rate in Buchanan County no masking

Below 5% masking recommended

Above 6% masking required

Above 20% no congregational singing or choir. Congregation to social distance. Praise team only singing making sure to social distance and wear KN95 masks. Those providing a special musical offering during worship will social distance and wear a KN95 mask. We will also use pre-recorded music from the past. No fellowship after worship until further notice.

We will provide KN95 masks for those who are singing and for those in congregation who need a high-grade mask. These masks are more expensive so we cannot provide them as readily as the others, but we strive to keep everyone safe and will do our best.

Current positivity rate is 34%. St. Joseph Health Department every Thursday on their Facebook page give the positivity rate for Buchanan County. We will put on our public and private Facebook pages a post on Thursday as well telling people the positivity rate and what to expect that Sunday.

The Covid Team is going to meet again to evaluate on Feb. 22 at 7pm.

Thank you so much to the COVID Task Force and our Church Council for following God's commandment to love and serve God and our neighbor. Well done good and faithful servants.

Pastor Sami