



*Gathered to Grow. Sent to Shine.*

## Zion's Building Use Policy

As approved by Church Council on September 18, 2020

The building of Zion Lutheran Church is an important resource of our ministry and mission. As difficult as it is to limit its use during this time of pandemic, for the sake of the health of our community, the following boundaries will be in effect until further notice. These guidelines are developed with the help of medical professionals and intentionally reflect those used by University of Iowa Hospitals and Mercy Hospital in our community.

At a minimum, all in-person gatherings at Zion are to follow the guidance from local and state health officials. Individuals should not use the building if any of the following conditions are true:

- they are experiencing symptoms associated with COVID-19 (fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, recent loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea)
  - they are at high risk of contracting the virus
  - they have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 or COVID-19 like symptoms within the past 14 days
  - they have had a positive COVID-19 test for active virus in the past 10 days
  - they have been told by a public health or medical professional to self-monitor, self-isolate, or self-quarantine within the past 14 days because of concerns about COVID-19 infection
1. Masks or face shields must be worn in the building at all times and physical separation of at least 6 feet must be maintained.
  2. At this time, in-person gatherings are limited to 10 people or less in the Parish Hall (main floor) and Chapel (lower level).
  3. Gatherings in the Worship Space may be up to 25 people as long as the guidance in #1 is observed.
  4. Group meetings are limited to a maximum of 30 minutes in length.
  5. Groups are asked to remain on their floor during the time of their meeting.
  6. Group meetings will be on a staggered schedule with time scheduled between groups using the building. Please honor your scheduled start/finish times to allow for other use of the building.
  7. Keep an account of those in attendance at your meeting if needed later for contact tracing.
  8. Refrain from eating, singing, or playing wind instruments.
  9. Use provided supplies to clean touched surfaces in the room when you are done.
  10. If you wish to further connect with others before or after your meeting, please do so outside of the building.
  11. Zion's staff may be on site working in the offices and worship space.
  12. Please let Zion know immediately if a COVID diagnosis or quarantine is connected to your meeting at Zion. Call 319-338-0944.
  13. Zion will revisit this guiding document regularly and will provide updates to the guidelines in response to changes in our community. We will communicate any modifications to practices or services using the contact information we have on file.