

# Council Vote

## Elk River Lutheran Church - ELCA

President Sarah Chur called for a vote by email June 23, 2021.

**Sarah Chur made a motion, seconded by Kari Christianson that we adopt the ERLC Reopening Guidance from June 15 Council Meeting as presented. Approved as of June 24, motion carries.**

### **ERLC Reopening Guidance from June 15 Council Meeting**

**Sign-in Process:** Effective immediately, the required sign-in and temperature checks upon entry of the building will end. Updated signage will encourage people to stay home when sick, note that masking is not required for fully vaccinated people but encouraged for those unvaccinated, and out of courtesy for our neighbors, please respect those who wish to practice social distancing.

**Sunday Worship:** Limited indoor worship will begin on July 4. To start, rows of chairs will be spaced out providing people with the option of social distancing (although social distancing will not be required), there will be congregational singing, communion will be with prepackaged individual cups, and an offering plate will be placed at the back of the sanctuary following worship.

**Coffee Hour:** Beginning July 4, the Hospitality Team may begin serving coffee and water either outside or in the Community Room. We will wait on serving food, but the Team may want to explore options for individually wrapped goodies.

**Funeral Services:** As soon as the sanctuary space is ready in person, funeral and memorial services may resume at the church.

**Funeral Lunches:** The council encourages the Hospitality Team to explore whether or not they have volunteers available to begin serving funeral lunches again and if there are “box lunch” style options for these gatherings (the concern being the health and safety of our traditional self-serve buffet style).

**Member Building Use:** There will no longer be a limit of 10 people for meetings at the church, so any gathering should be scheduled as normal with the church office. Coffee and water may be served at these gatherings, but we ask that any food served be prepackaged (i.e. box lunches or individually wrapped items).

**Non-Member Building Use:** Outside groups will once again be welcome to use space at Elk River Lutheran without group size limits. Meeting locations may need to be changed and should be worked out with the church office. Coffee and water may be served at these gatherings, but we ask that any food served be prepackaged (i.e. box lunches or individually wrapped items).

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue Hales, secretary