



Bethlehem Lutheran Church and Bethlehem Children's Center

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Gathered to
worship,
Equipped by
the Holy Spirit,
Strengthened
through com-
munity,
Sent in peace

We're Reopening on Sunday, September 6!

We have great news! On **Sunday, September 6 at 10:00am**, Bethlehem Lutheran Church will begin holding worship services in person again! Our team has been working to ensure that everything is in place for you and your family to have a safe, positive and worshipful experience.

While we are very excited about this news, we must also exercise caution. We encourage everyone who is considered part of a vulnerable population or who is not yet comfortable attending in person to continue worshipping from home. Worship services will continue to be offered on YouTube and Facebook. Check out the [Resources Page](#) of the BLC website for reopening guidelines and news.

What can you expect?

We want to reopen in a safe and organized way. As we ease back into worship, **we will hold services outside on the Memorial Patio and the music will be led by the Praise Band.** Chairs will be pre-set to ensure a minimum of six feet distance. Our check-in procedure will ensure that we comply with mandated guidelines. Upon arrival, please stop at the check in table where a volunteer will take your temperature and sign you in. After check-in, make your way to the patio area and fill any available seat. Ushers will be on hand to assist with seating (moving chairs, spacing, etc.).

Your RSVP (including total number of people attending with you) will help us to be prepared. Please email the church office blc@sonic.net or call 707-539-5252 by Saturday at 9am. Thank you!

NOTE: If air quality ever becomes an issue (due to fire season), a Sunday service may be cancelled. We will notify you as early as possible via email, our website and answering machine in the church office.

These are some of the guidelines we will be following:

- Masks are required
- Social distancing (6ft minimum) to be abided by at all times
- Omission of physical Sharing of Peace
- No communion
- Singing and responsive readings limited to humming and quiet response
- Offering will be collected at designated areas (no passed plate)
- No coffee cart or refreshments (feel free to bring your own coffee or morning beverage)

Following the service, you are invited to enjoy "Parking Lot Fellowship," safely greeting one another and spending a few minutes in fellowship (at a safe distance).

We are confident that if we are willing to make these adjustments, we will be able to worship together as a community while ensuring the health and safety of all present. Our ability to abide by these guidelines will ensure that we can continue to meet in person.

It will be so wonderful to finally gather and worship with you again. We look forward to seeing you on **Sunday, September 6 at 10:00am.**

In Christ,

Bill Wessner, Pastor

Cal Eriksen, President

Carolyn Cole-Schweizer, Reopening Committee Chair