

Reeve Church family and friends,

We are writing to inform you of our plans to resume in-person gatherings at the church property on Sunday, June 7. Our goal is to create a worship environment that is comfortable for as many people as is reasonably possible. Recognizing that individuals have varying comfort levels, we are planning for the following.

Initially we will have outdoor services (weather permitting) for in-person gathering at 9:30am. We will also continue to offer sermons on our online platforms (Reeve Church Facebook

page <https://www.facebook.com/ReeveChurch> and Reeve Church YouTube

Channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoickzWvWw4GBkNBFsKEuRg>) as well.

If weather forces us to move inside, we can safely accommodate approximately 45-50 people in our worship center, while maintaining social distancing. We are also working on plans to potentially offer a live stream video of the service into other areas of our building as well.

If you chose to participate in-person please bring a lawn chair, and other items needed to participate outside (umbrellas for sun protection, blankets if it is cool, water, etc.). We will also arrange our area so that the row of parking spaces closest to the North grass area are available for people to remain in their vehicles and participate if they chose to do so. Additionally please be aware that we cannot assume that individuals, even people we have known for a long time, will have the same feelings about close personal contact so please respect everyone's personal space.

In order to keep things as simple as possible, we will only include prayers and a sermon the first week or two. This is to allow us to resume slowly and figure out the technological aspects of doing these sorts of gatherings. It is our hope that, as we adjust and learn we will be able to offer a more fully rounded worship experience incorporating more elements of worship. We will not be initially offering Children's Church or Kid's Ridge. It is our hope to be able to resume these activities in due time.

Per guidance from Barron County, we will abide by the following recommendations:

- Limit gatherings to enable physical distancing of 6 feet between household groups.
- Continue options for virtual services for members.
- Operate under physical distancing protocols.
- Encourage the use of facemasks/coverings.
- Discourage shaking hands or other physical contact.
- Require members and Clergy that are feeling ill to stay home.
- Disinfect frequently used items, equipment, and surfaces before and after each service including doorknobs, pews, railings, hymnals, Bibles.
- Do not reuse programs between services.

Youth Group will be meeting in person (practicing the above recommendations) as coordinated by Pastor Rob and the Youth Ministry team.

As always, please be patient as we work out various details and make necessary adjustments. Keeping in mind that our goal is to be able to safely engage in in-person corporate worship and be thankful to God for the opportunity to do so.

Thank you for your patience, support and prayers,

REFC Elders

Update 8/2/2020

Many of you have questions about how our worship services will proceed given the recent developments of Governor Evers' mask mandate and Barron County's return to recommending safer at home. We will continue to meet outdoors when possible. When outdoors the Elders would encourage you to socially distance or wear a facemask. When the weather does not allow us to meet outdoors, we will move the service inside. When the services move indoors, the Elders would like to encourage you to use a mask. Please respect and not judge those who chose to wear masks or those who do not. Also, remember there are those for whom wearing a mask is not practical due to medical, emotional and/or developmental reasons. The age of your children will also be an issue parents need to consider. For some worshipping in person is a concern. Know that the sermon will continue to be available on line. No matter what your perspective on the issues surrounding the virus, please purposely act in love and grace towards one another because Christ first poured out his love and grace on us.

The Reeve Church Elders