

## Encounter Family-

It has been too long since we have had the privilege and enjoyment of meeting together as a church family in person! This has been a strange time for sure, and we wanted to make you aware that we have been continuing to do ministry individually, and using technology. But the questions remain: When will we be able to finally meet together for worship in person? What measures will we take to be safe? What's the plan for getting back to a "new normal?" We have chosen to not open immediately so we can watch the trends and recommendations keeping your safety in mind,

Therefore we are pleased to announce our planned re-open for Sunday services on **May 31, 2020** at 9 & 10:45. We will also have an online evening service at 6 PM

We understand that many of you will be ready to fully jump in on that date, but our priority remains to keep our people and our city safe while we *slowly* reopen. Because of this, we would like to make you aware of the following procedures:

- Sunday services will continue to be available on Facebook and on the EncounterEvansville.com website. The state of Indiana continues to recommend online worship services as the preferred method of attending.
- Anyone with suspicious symptoms are asked to join online at home.
- Those in a high-risk group are asked to join online at home.
- If you are simply uncomfortable meeting in person, stay plugged in online

### When you are in the building:

- Wear a face mask that covers the mouth and nose
- Seating is available outside for those who choosing not to wear a mask
- Main floor seating is available for those who wish to utilize that space
- Multiple hand washing stations will be available- clean your hands!
- Maintain a safe distance from others – six feet is still recommended
- Try hard to not hug or shake hands with others! (Easy for some, not others)
- Please exit the Worship Center between services so volunteers can clean and disinfect before the next service
- Coffee service will be on hold
- We will seat every other row in the worship center in family units

### Class schedules:

- Elementary age classes and younger (nursery, preschool) are on hold until safety can be assured.
- Middle and High School students should listen for reopening instructions
- Community Groups should talk with their leaders about when to resume meeting in person and also be available on Zoom for those who wish to attend in that manner
- Prayer groups, devotionals, Lou at 2, and children's moments will continue online, so be sure you are following us on Facebook and our webpage!

We look forward to meeting in person soon, and we will continue to watch trends and update you if any changes need to be made!

Under the Father's protection,

Encounter a Church Leadership teams