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As COVID-19 restrictions ease in the State of Alaska, members of Star of the North Lutheran Church are excited to get back to worshipping in community. We will take the following measures, following recommendations from the State of Alaska (specifically Social, Religious, and Other Gatherings Attachment N ADVISORY DOCUMENT PHASE III-IV effective May 22, 2020):

1. Maintaining physical distancing guidelines.
 - a. Hymnals and bulletins will not be distributed by greeters.
 - b. Members are encouraged to move to the sanctuary upon arrival.
 - c. Socialization inside the building is discouraged.
 - d. Six-foot distancing must be maintained between non-household members.
2. New worship guidelines.
 - a. Offering will be collected in the narthex.
 - b. Communion will be distributed via the side rail and the rail beside the pulpit, by household.
 - i. The celebrant will diligently sanitize hands. There will be no assistant.
 - ii. The chalice will be sanitized between households.
 - iii. The communion rail will be sanitized between tables.
 - c. All windows and doors will be opened.
3. Generalities
 - a. Masks are encouraged to be worn, when possible.
 - b. Please refrain from attending if you are experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19.
 - c. Follow the guidance of state and local officials in regards to your level of interaction.
 - d. Sanitizer and hand-washing supplies will be available inside the building. Take care to keep your hands clean.
 - e. Families with children need to keep them close at hand, being mindful of our high-risk members.
 - f. Online services will continue until June 28th while many members continue self-isolation.
 - g. Sunday School and Bible Study will not be held in person yet.

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