



***To all our valued Congregants of Calvary Church of Walker,***

Your comfort and safety is a priority.

In light of reopening church services/office during the current COVID-19 pandemic, we wanted to give you an update on the changes we are making at our Church Facilities.

We are closely monitoring the government and EFCA/NCD recommendations; as well as gathering information from other faith communities and health resources. Accordingly, as Leaders at Calvary Church, we have made adjustments in how we will operate as we begin the process of re-opening our facilities, to our best knowledge and practice.

***Here are some things you will want to know before you physically come to our facilities:***

1. If you are unwell, have recently returned from overseas travel, or have knowingly come into contact with someone ill with Covid-19 (or any other infectious disease), please stay home, even if you are not presently exhibiting symptoms.
2. You will need to register on-line each week. Registration is on a first come – first serve basis. This will help us know how many people to plan for and will also act as a contact list in the event we are notified that some has contracted Covid-19 and had attended church. You can register at [www.calvarychurchwalker.org](http://www.calvarychurchwalker.org)
3. We are taking extra care to ensure we are sanitizing and cleaning surface areas used in our facilities- before and after uses.
4. We have sanitation-stations with hand sanitizer – please use these, as much and as often as you need. (After having touched your face, or any other potentially germ laden surface...)
5. We are still committed to opportunities to Fellowship, however, you will notice we will not be offering foods or beverages at this time. This is for the safety of our staff, volunteers and you, to reduce germ transfer. You may bring your own self-contained Bottled water or snack. We ask that you take any refuse back home with you for disposal, or dispose of it properly at our facility.
6. You may also notice that we have removed the Pew Bibles, Bulletins, Newsletters, and other literature- again, this is to reduce germ transfer. Please feel free to bring in your own Bible or use your hand-held device. To receive updates usually in our Bulletin/Newsletter, contact the Church Office to request being on the email or mailing list. You may also log into our website at any time: [www.calvarychurchwalker.org](http://www.calvarychurchwalker.org)
7. We welcome your generous Tithes & Offerings. Giving Options: Offering Boxes placed at the back of the sanctuary; ask our Church Office Staff about setting up automatic giving through your bank [calvary@eot.com](mailto:calvary@eot.com) ; give online at [www.calvarychurchwalker.org](http://www.calvarychurchwalker.org)
8. We have made seating changes: to space our seating to accommodate family groups and physical distancing- please respect the most effective use of these spaces. We have seating areas set-apart in various group sizes.
9. Please Keep Physical Distancing throughout your time at our facilities.
10. Use Non-Contact greeting (no handshakes/hugs...)- Smile, Wave, Sign-language ideas:

excited: <https://www.handspeak.com/word/search/index.php?id=702>

Celebrate: <https://www.handspeak.com/word/search/index.php?id=341>

Applause: <https://www.signingsavvy.com/sign/APPLAUSE/7950/1>

I Love You: <https://www.signingsavvy.com/sign/i+love+you>

Have a Good Day: <https://www.signingsavvy.com/sign/have+a+good+day>

Good Morning: <https://www.signingsavvy.com/sign/good+morning>

Bless You: <https://www.signingsavvy.com/sign/BLESS+YOU>

**11.** Respect the personal choices of those wearing or not wearing masks. (Surgical masks are for those who are ill; N95 masks are to protect those who are High Risk) If you choose to wear a mask, you will need to come wearing the mask of your choice; wear your mask correctly.

**12.** We can all do our best, but remember, there will never be a 100% protection when you engage in any social interaction at our facilities- We ask you to be self-aware, considerate of others, and take personal responsibility for your health, and the health of those around you. Calvary Staff, Volunteers & Leadership will be doing the same.

**13.** Our Staff & Volunteer Team are following government recommendations, and if any of them show symptoms of illness- they will engage in self-isolation until cleared/deemed healthy...

**14.** Those families, who have youth & children: If you come to our facilities we ask that your family members remain together for the time you are at our facility.

At this time, we ask that children & youth do not meet together in any formal or informal way at our facilities. Keep physical distancing. Bring your own toys/books to/from your home, for your children to use. (Kids Bags will not be available.)

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Playground will be Closed. The Nursery is Closed (exceptions: diaper changing; mom's who need the area to nurse their child.)

**15.** We ask you to NOT touch surfaces at the church- (door-knobs, counters, kiosk...) or at the least, minimize any touch-points. Be sure you are using good handwashing, using hand sanitizers, do not touch your face, minimize any physical touch, cough/sneeze into your elbow...

**16.** When using a bathroom- allow only two-persons into the restroom at a time; use good handwashing before leaving the bathroom; avoid touching door-knobs...

**17.** Avoid congesting/congregating in narrow spaces/areas- keep physical distance aware as you come in, leave, go through a hallway...

**18.** Worship & Singing- Since Covid-19 is spread primarily by droplet form- at this time, we are taking these precautions for a) our worship set will be pre-recorded b) we discourage singing along robustly, but encourage you to participate with raised hands, clapping...

**19.** If you'd like to meet with any Staff or Leaders- or you would like to meet at our facility in a small group capacity- call the Church Office to check feasibility and to set-up a meeting time

Your patience, respect, cooperation, kindness, generosity, self-control, self-awareness, communication, prayer, support....and more- are all very much appreciated.

This is a fluid situation, and we will make amendments to these recommendations as necessary to serve our Whole Church to our best. Thank you! If you have any questions, concerns, input- Call our Church Office, and you will be directed to a person in Leadership, to address your need.