

How Pancakes & Prayer Works with Safety Protocols:

A meal of pancakes, scrambled, eggs, bacon/sausage, and fruit juice (or similar offerings) will be prepared in the church kitchen for participants to be served at 7:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Youth should be dropped off at the church's center door (near the Narthex) where they will enter wearing a mask, sign-in, sanitize their hands, and answer standard COVID protocol questions*.

Attendees will be seated around a set of tables arranged in a manner permitting them to be spread out 6 feet apart from each other. Tables will be sanitized prior to arrival of the youth. Masks will be worn at all times except while participants are consuming food. Windows will be open when weather permits and air filter units will be used during the gathering.

Youth will be masked as they are individually invited to come to the kitchen's counter to get plate of food and beverage, served by an adult wearing gloves.

Following fellowship and prayer, the youth will be driven to school. Parents will determine their preferences for transportation and are invited to either 1) pick up and drive their youth to school at 7:35 or 2) to grant permission for their youth to be driven by carpool for the 5-minute drive to school in private vehicles, socially distanced by at least 3 feet, with no more than 3 youth per sedan, or 5 youth in a van with three tiers of seating. Masks will be worn at all times by everyone in the car and windows will be open whenever possible.

Pancakes and Prayer is offered each Monday that school is in session. We will monitor the status of in-person learning in the Lansing School District and will not hold Pancakes & Prayer in the event of school closures due to COVID-19 concerns.

Parental Support and Permissions:

We want to ensure that everyone who attends Pancakes & Prayers is comfortable with attending in-person, so ask that you confirm with your youth that this would be a comfortable setting for them to gather and that they are committed to following the masking and distancing protocols to help all gathered feel comfortable. We recognize that some youth may prefer not to remove their masks for the purposes of eating and want to encourage them to attend for the fellowship and prayer if they are more comfortable, and willing, after having breakfast at home.

Please fill out the attached permission form and send it with your youth the first time they attend pancakes and prayer. If you would like your youth to be transported to school after Pancakes & Prayer by carpool, please check the box indicating your permission.

If you are willing to help with carpooling youth to school after Pancakes & Prayer at 7:35, please let me know and I will make sure you are contacted to be added to the driver's list and given all the information you will need to provide that support to our youth and their families. If you love to cook breakfast and are able to come to church early to prepare for the meal, please let me know that too. 😊