How to Properly Lock the Church Front Door

Video

Our church front door uses a commercial-style lock, which works differently from a typical household lock.

How This Lock Works

In most home locks, turning the key pushes the latch straight out into the door frame. Our church lock does not push sideways. Instead, the latch flips upward from below. When the latch flips fully upward into a horizontal position, the door is properly locked.

Important: Turning the Key Is Not Enough

Sometimes, even if:
You turn the key all the way and can remove the key, the latch may not fully flip into the horizontal position.

If this happens:

- The latch can slowly slip back down.
- The door may become unlocked by itself.

Before You Leave

1. Turn the key fully.
2. Visually check the latch.
3. Confirm that it is fully flipped up into a horizontal position.
4. Gently push/pull the door to ensure it is secure.
   If the latch is not fully horizontal, the door is not safely locked. Lock it agin.

Let’s take the extra few seconds to double-check. It protects the building, the equipment, and everyone who serves here.
Doors are simple. This one just likes attention.
Thank you, brothers and sisters, for your loving and patient service.

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