

Struggles and Concerns

A quote from Martin Luther: "I shall ask God mercifully to protect us. Then I shall fumigate, help purify the air, administer medicine and take it. I shall avoid places and persons where my presence is not needed in order not to become contaminated and thus perchance inflict and pollute others and so cause their death as a result of my negligence. If God should wish to take me, he will surely find me and I have done what he has expected of me and so I am not responsible for either my own death or the death of others. If my neighbor needs me, however, I shall not avoid place or person but will go freely as stated above..." *Martin Luther, 1527 " May One Flee From a Deadly Plague"*

We are concerned and struggle with our safety and the safety of our neighbors; the best thing we can do is follow the advice of the experts, and stay in our homes while keeping connected with our community on line, by phone and by mail. I don't know about you—but I LOVE getting mail. I continue to send Sunday school flyers to the children. I'm thinking of other ways I can provide some additional at-home activities for them—maybe a drive by and drop off approach.

Trying to record a sermon was challenging enough, but it has also taken hours and hours of trial and mostly error to send it to the Camp Family. Wouldn't it be wonderful to hear a song or two?

I received a suggestion to open the church a couple times a week—for people who felt the need to drop by for a quiet, private time of prayer. We are thinking about it—but it is too soon to make a decision: safety first!

Working outside in the sunshine is a boost for the spirit. I also think that—if you have a space—planting a garden is a good idea. (The deer will appreciate your efforts.)

When you worship at home—because we are in a state of emergency—set aside a little bread and juice for your remembrance of the gift of Jesus Christ. Liturgy IS the work of the PEOPLE.

Good news from the Camp family; they are sending out a worship service Sunday morning at 9:30. We can come together in a new way, still one in Christ.

May God bless us on this journey. 1 Peter 3:8 "Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called—that you might inherit a blessing."

Pastor Nancy