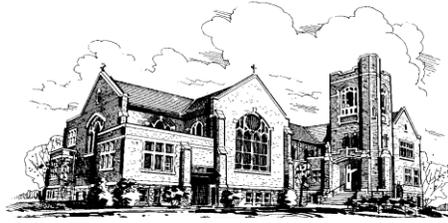


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Dear Church,

“You have made known to me the path of life.” (Psalm 16) This is a quote I think of often and have on a large print in my office. The art print is of a green forest with a curving path going through it. There is something that has always been reflective and inspiring not knowing where the path leads but knowing God walks with us in life.

The thing about the path during COVID is that everything we thought we knew about where we are going is now unknown. Our new normal includes face masks and social distancing. Recommendations for staying at home continue to stretch out and we wonder when we will be able to be together again. Though we miss being community and being social, it is so very important we stay separated until we receive word from the Minnesota Department of Health that it is safe to again gather.

One thing is certain, we will again gather, and until then Christ walks with us. Christ walks with us in our homes, apartments, driveways, yards, sidewalks, grocery stores and pharmacies. Christ has not abandoned us. Christ is present right now. We are church outside the church walls just as much as when we gather within our building. I know you miss church. I do to. It is just going to be a bit longer but together, in Christ presence, we endure.

Peace to you always,  
Pastor Dana

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### **Serve Team**

Thank you to our Serve Team for checking our church building daily and keeping up with needed maintenance and security. The church remains closed for now.

### **Give Team**

Thank you for continuing to mail your offerings in. We appreciate your consistent giving. Thank you also for your generosity with our Easter Appeal!

### **Invite & Encourage Team**

Our Invite and Encourage Teams are currently calling to check in on members who are not connected to the church by social media. Thank you for reaching out!

### **Worship Team**

Take time to pray utilizing a great Prayer Yoga video created by Jessica Richmond. The video is located on our church website. Though we cannot be together in the church building, we can gather using technology. A simple prayer gathering is hosted each Saturday at 5 pm and Sunday at 9:30 am via Zoom. If you would like to receive an e-mail to be included, please e-mail the church. Pastor Dana posts a weekend homily on Facebook and our church website each weekend. Also look for mid-week messages posted on Wednesdays. Do you miss hearing music in church? Enjoy the sounds of Lynne playing the piano on our website and Facebook page.

### **Study Team**

Each week short scripture readings and craft ideas are posted by our Sunday School Director, Emily Thoms, on our church website and Facebook page. Each video is just a few minutes. Take a look. Dane Petersen continues to host a weekly Bible Study that is now done through e-mails. Would you like to participate? Please e-mail the church office to be included.

### **Quilters**

Thank you Quilters for your generous donation of \$3000 from their Annual Craft sale to the general fund of the congregation. Your financial gift is very appreciated!

The quilters are now making face masks. If you and your family would like to have a face mask please e-mail the church office and one of our amazing quilters will get in touch with you.

### **Offerings**

Though the church office is closed, we do receive the mail. Your stamped offering envelope can be dropped in the mail. Thank you for your giving.

### **Church Phone**

Though the church office is closed, the answering machine is checked on a regular basis. We will get back to you if you leave a message. Thank you.

*Please stay home, stay safe, and stay healthy!*