

June Newsletter

Greetings from the Lake and River Parish!

First thing we want to do is Congratulate all the 2020 graduates, both high school and college. I know because of COVID-19 you are not getting the graduations you had planned. Just wanted you to know we are celebrating with you.

We want to do something different this month. We know COVID-19 has changed our way of life in so many ways. So lets talk about the positive things that have happened due to Covid-19.

The news showed that the smog in big cities all over the world has cleared so much, due to less traffic. Hard working families who are forced to stay home are re-connecting with their families. Instead of running around to sport practices and dance lessons they are cooking meals together, having game nights and movie nights and really spending quality time together, People are learning more ways to worship: Reading the bible more and watching online services. One friend is watching services from a former pastor we had in our church. I also am watching services from a former pastor where I use to live. Friends who would meet weekly for coffee and chats are meeting via text messages.

Another thing is, people are being kinder. They are helping the elderly by shopping for them or picking up their prescriptions; putting out their garbage cans and bring them in or mowing their grass. These little things mean a lot for people who can't get out. A couple of our summer people are receiving meals cooked for them by their families They post it on Facebook. Our children are realizing nice things they can do for us. Simple little things that means so much.

Children are drawing with chalk in the streets and sidewalks, thanking health care workers, and essential workers. This has helped children to learn they can do random acts of kindness aa simple as drawing pictures on sidewalks thanking people.

So some good things can come out of bad things. When things get bad we come together.



Some of the ladies who usually go for coffee on Fridays to Ann's and Church of Joy had their first social distancing coffee together Friday May 22 in front of the church and Cup of Joy.

May 9 Pastor Nancy birthday We sent cards, and Cathleen Connell and her mom Sharon cooked her a special lunch, and Perry Golden got us all together and we had a parade past her house with a police escort. So we hope she knows how special she is to us all.



From Pastor Nancy:

Many of you have questions about our reopening of our sanctuaries. We will worship together outdoors on Sunday, June 7 at the Cape Vincent Village Green at 9:30. We will be following social distancing and sanitation protocols. Ushers will be directing folks to seating areas and masks will be provided for those who have forgotten them.

I look forward to looking into eyes while preaching.

Our buildings will remain closed for the rest of the month with a possibility of inside worship for my last Sunday as your pastor on June 28th. Information about upcoming developments will be by email and through online worship service announcements. Your lay leaders will have the details about opening as soon as we are confident that we can do worship inside safely and with excellence.

Until then, please visit the website: [church website](#) for online worship and information.

Thanks to all who have been so kind and patient with me during this time of transition. Your cards, emails, messages and words of encouragement mean so much. I will miss you all very much.

In God's Peace,

Pastor Nancy