

Neighbors meeting Neighbors!



Today's Message:

How do You Feel Heading into Christmas this Year? (Need a little "Pick-Me-Up"?)

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Building - Caring - Sharing!

Thank you for being here at this sacred time!

You are welcome at this incredibly sacred time for online worship! Hear the Good News of Jesus in this time of incredible need and confusion.

Building new relationships with your neighbors, and caring for your neighbors far and near. Feel the love and compassion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Key Verse:

Psalm 18:1-3 (NRSV)

I love you, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my rock in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, so I shall be saved from my enemies.

EVENTS THIS COMING WEEK

Today	10:30 a.m.	Online Worship Coffee Time! (Zoom) Virtual Fellowship! (Zoom)
Monday	11:00 a.m.	Prayer Time – in Spirit
Tuesday (See below		Food Pantry-delivery day Advent Study - (Zoom)
Weds	9:00 a.m.	Food Pantry-distribution day
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Online Fellowship-Zoom (new time!)
Sunday:	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	Online Worship Coffee Time! (Zoom) Drive-Thru Holy Communion @Pastor's Christmas Eve Bonfire service??? TBD! Virtual Fellowship! (Zoom)

No other activities at the church building this week.

The Word

Genesis 12:1-3 (NRSV)

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Luke 1:26-33

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

John 14:16-18

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you.

Hebrews 13:5-9

For he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Revelation 11:15

Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign forever and ever."

PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

Paul & Marie, Dave & Barb, Ruth, Kelly, family of John Cripe, Siren Shelter families, those afflicted with the Coronavirus, and especially those on the front lines of health care, the unrest in our country and underlying causes, the hungry and homeless. Our church and its mission, our neighbors, leaders around the globe, Iran, North Korea, Russia, and most especially, those who do not know Jesus!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Food Pantry Again this month we will maintain our "social distancing" approach to the Food Pantry. We would dearly love more help and camaraderie, but we need to keep the number of people limited. Contact Sandy Bukoski for details or questions.

<u>Advent Bible Study</u> Our Advent Bible study has begun! It is an online study using Zoom. The study is: "Who Needs Christmas?" It is not too late to get involved – Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Drive-Thru Holy Communion- Next Sunday! We are going to try something new! Next Sunday we will offer Holy Communion in a "Drive-Thru" fashion! To avoid parking lot confusion (and mishaps) we will be doing this at Pastor Jerry's using his circle drive. Pull in, keep to the right, stay in your cars. I will be on the driver's side of your car. Please bring your own cup. I will administer the elements in this way: I will be wearing a mask and food-grade gloves. The bread will be in small pieces and handed to you on a small paper plate for everyone in the car. I will pour the "wine" into your cup(s). I will close with a brief blessing. **In-Person Worship** All in-person worship is suspended for the time being. We will be monitoring the Covid situation on a weekly basis. Meanwhile, please stay in contact via Zoom or telephone as much as possible. These are difficult times!

Fellowship Opportunities!: The Covid-19 virus is showing no signs of going away so we need to make every effort to stay in touch with each other. We will be offering more opportunities for virtual fellowship:

- Sundays right after online worship Coffee on Zoom!
- Sunday evening at 8:00 pm Fellowship on Zoom!
- Friday mornings at 9:00 am Fellowship on Zoom! (new time)

Feedback – please! As in all things – please give us your feedback! Nothing is cast in stone; we are all trying to adapt to these changing times! When we do our worship video the silence on my side of the camera is deafening! I need your comments!

Offering Bucket Please continue to support the church and her ministries during this time of "social distancing" Our ministries and efforts are continuing.

The options are:

- mail in your check (1475 S. Ionia Rd, Vermontville, 49096)
- set up online bill pay in your bank's website
- Use the PayPal donation button on our website: kalamochurch.org!

<u>Christmas Eve!</u> We need to "fish or cut bait" on our Christmas Eve (Dec 20) Candle Light – Bonfire service! Stay tuned for details in the coming week!

Notes from today

Please use this sheet to make any reminder notes from the worship service this morning for reflection during your personal devotion time.

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