

Have an idea that you would like to share with us? Please pass it along to Aldebaran@cnh-lcms.org... We will keep the list updated with any new information and COVID-19 related news.

- **Print a list** of every elderly member and call them personally to check in and to see if there are any errands you can run for them, groceries or medications to pick up.
- **One-on-one worship over the phone** for members without internet. Daily devotional video posts.
- **Set-up a prayer station** outside the church. Be available for those in the community looking for hope or help in these uncertain times.
- **Send regular emails** to everyone in your church database. There is no such thing as over-communication in a time of crisis. Encourage prayer requests to be sent to the church via email or text.
- **Video is your friend.** Anyone with a smart phone has enough tools at their disposal to make a quality video. Your familiar face and demeanor will be a genuine comfort for others.
- **Maintain as much normalcy as possible.** Worship may be online for now, but you can do things to make it feel like a familiar part of a person's routine.
- Have church staff make **a concerted effort to post video and written encouragements,** reflections and devotions online.
- **Use online video interaction, like Zoom, for more than just service.** Try using it for social gatherings as a way to connect smaller groups; a girls' night, coffee "meet-ups", staff meetings or counseling.
- If the building is no longer an option for ministries, **encourage volunteer leaders to explore creative ways to provide support** to our local community without face-to-face interactions.
- **Avoid sharing full names and specific maladies** of those for whom you are praying during an on-line service. This exposes them and their privacy, opening them to potential fraud or theft.

Share this information with your members...

- **Make suitable workstations** for kids for their online education and for parents, working at home.
- **Build family time into your daily schedule** like an evening game hour together, physical or electronic games or exercise.
- Encourage members to remember those less fortunate while buying essential supplies at the store. **Build a "family survival kit" for others** with needed items that can be donated to a local pantry.

Last thing, don't forget to stay informed. Check the news in your area, visit the Center for Disease Control's (CDC) [website](#) or the World Health Organization's [website](#). Read and watch the news, so you know what is going on.