

A message to our Church Family from Larry and Joanne:

Hello Everyone,

We hope this email finds everyone well. We are starting week number 2 of not being able to see our family and friends. Thankfully we are still able to stay in touch through the miracle of the Cell Phone!

And speaking of the cell phone Larry and I had a most interesting call on Friday evening from my son-in-law Todd. During the course of the conversation he suddenly said the situation we're in right now is "nothing" compared to the pandemic that occurred in 1957!!! What pandemic was this man talking about? We were There! I was in my Senior year of high school.....no one came on the TV and told us we had to stay home, we could not go to school, etc. I looked at Larry and said "What is he talking about/?" I was stunned. So I went about looking it up. Sure enough. It was called the Asia Flu and it turns out it was mostly a Coastal event. Yes lots of people died, however we were not aware of any of this. The News Media did not hammer us 24 hours a day 7 days a week. Please do not misunderstand what I'm saying. This pandemic is very serious and has many ramifications and we should follow the advice of those who know better. I guess my point is that he and my daughter may be in "denial". Perhaps they just don't want to think that we are going through such a trying time. And who can blame them. In our lifetime we have never experienced anything remotely like this. Hopefully for them and for all of us this will soon be a bad memory and we can get back to enjoying this wonderful life that God has graciously given us.

In closing I would just like to say, that perhaps temporary "denial" is not a bad thing after all. Maybe it helps get us through hard times. But then we open our eyes and see this is the real thing, and we go about doing what we must to get through. Carol and Todd will be fine, she's now working from home and enjoying every minute she does not have that long commute and they are both adhering to the Guidelines Governor Wolf has laid out.

I would like to leave you with a little prayer I found in our Lenten Devotional:

Divine Deliverer, thank you for taking the load off my shoulders and carrying it in your heart.