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## Special e-Update ~ COVID-19 virus

*We are people...Rooted in the Word,  
inspired by the cross, Making God Visible  
by welcoming, sharing and serving.*

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### Aviate, Navigate, Communicate

Aviate, Navigate, Communicate. To an airplane pilot in trouble, following this simple phrase can mean the difference between life or death. Early on in their training pilots are taught this phrase. It is so basic, yet so critical that it comes to mind whenever trouble arises.

How might this metaphor speak to our congregation at this time?

**Aviate:** We don't want to become fixated on what's wrong so that we forget to attend to our core values. Instead of fretting about challenges that have come up we are asking ourselves in this time of distancing what opportunities are we becoming aware of? How might we live out our mission of – Making God visible – with a sense of imagination and innovation?

**Navigate:** Our next step is to navigate. Listening to our members, our church officials, health departments and government we gain a clearer picture of where we are, and what terrain around us looks like. Then we chart our course, making sure we have a clear picture of what our destination looks like when exiting this current crisis.

For example, to make God visible in our homes, Kendra Wieser is putting together faith formation kits in pizza boxes and distributing them take-out style. People need just drive up to our door, open the tote that sits on our bench and take home a box of activities to explore at home. Our goal all along is to strengthen faith formation in our homes.

**Communicate:** The third step in the aviation crisis management process is to communicate. A pilot will communicate with all of their crew members, air traffic control, their company and of course their passengers. While the type of communication will vary with each group, it is important to be clear, concise and communicate all necessary details.

As we navigate our way through this time of being apart pay attention to our Prince of Peace La Crescent web site, Facebook page and e-Updates for information and inspiration.

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