CELEBRATING COMMUNION

In-person and Online Consecration, with Drive-Thru Distribution

at St. Luke’s UMC

on August 2, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we get ready to celebrate the sacrament after a four-month wait, here is some explanation of our **two-part** worship service schedule for August 2nd.

 For the first part of worship, at 11am, many will gather online and those involved in leading worship will gather in the sanctuary on Aug. 2nd. All, whether in-person or online, will speak the bolded parts of our liturgy and share in the consecration of the elements.

 With the consecration of the bread and the juice accomplished, the 11 am worship service will conclude with an invitation to “Come to the Table of the Lord.”

The distribution will be the second part of worship. It will take place in the upper parking lot, after the conclusion of our online service, from noon until 1:30 pm. I hope all of you who share in our 11 am worship, whether online or in person, will join us to receive communion!

Those of you sharing in the service from home will get in your cars and drive-up to the church carport, the first station, to receive the individually pre-packaged, sealed elements while in your car.

Directional signs will guide you on how to approach the carport from the street entrance furthest from Hull Street, and the elements will be offered to you from 6 feet away, using a basket with a long arm.

 I will say, “The body of Christ” and “the blood of Christ” as you partake in your car, and then offer a prayer.

 After receiving communion, if you wish, you may stop at the second station and leave your offering, once again using a basket with a long arm.

With this drive-thru communion, there is no need for anyone to get out of their vehicle or to be nearer than 6 feet to one another. If you wish to park and “meet and greet” you can park in the lower lot, one space away from other vehicles, after communing.

 I hope receiving communion and seeing others again, even if from cars in the church parking lot, will be a blessing. This is our first (baby) step toward getting back to normal. We know there will be more along the way. May we draw nearer to God with each step we take.

 With thanksgiving for you, and thanks to God,

 Pastor Lisa