God in Our Daily Lives: Supporting Our Frontline Workers

Objectives:

- 1. Demonstrate to our congregation members who are frontline workers that the work they do in our communities is valued by God and others.
- 2. Support others in our community who are frontline workers.
- 3. Offer the opportunity to those on the frontline to reflect on how their faith informs their vocation and daily life.



Introduction:

Seeking to create an opportunity during Lent to serve our community, it was decided to concentrate on our frontline workers. We felt it was important to recognize the efforts of those who were a part of our congregation and make sure they felt our support. However, we wanted to take it a step further and extend it to their colleagues.

Outline of Activity:

During the month of February, we are encouraging our congregation (families, individuals, faith groups, youth groups, friends) to celebrate a church member who is a frontline worker <u>and</u> a colleague of the worker's choice by sending messages of support and goodies.

Congregational members who are frontline workers are being asked to self-identify and then to nominate a colleague to be "adopted" by the same individuals. Depending on the situation, the congregation member can deliver the notes and goodies to their colleague or they can be directly sent to the colleague by the family pledged to show support.

During this time, we plan to ask the frontline workers who are members to reflect on "How is God at work in your [work/relationships/responsibilities/daily life] for the benefit of your neighbor?" The plans are to share these reflections with the rest of the congregation in either a written or videotaped format with permission from those participating.

This project provides our congregation an opportunity to serve our community and examine more deeply what it means to live out their faith in their daily life.

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