

Planning for Pandemic Flu

Top Ten Ways to Prepare Your Congregation for Pandemic

1. Pray for people affected by disease everywhere in the world, especially the bird flu.
2. Don't create panic as you prepare - provide only realistic information about the threat of pandemic.
3. Create and improve alternate ways of communicating with your congregation.
4. Create or improve your congregation's Web page.
5. Imagine worship being provided through a number of different ways of communicating.
6. Imagine pastoral care being provided through a number of different ways of communicating.
7. Learn about special pastoral care needs during disaster and emergency.
(www.elca.org/disaster/resources)
8. Partner with nearby congregations to share resources.
9. Consider the special needs of the most vulnerable people in your congregation and community.
10. Reach out to community groups and public health officials to offer your congregation as a resource.

Helpful Links

The American Red Cross has provided the following information about how to care for loved ones with the flu. ([PDF](#))