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To: All the good and gentlefolk of
Community Presbyterian Church in Lac du
Flambeau, Wisconsin.

GREETINGS!

We are now into the second week of Advent and we normally would be looking forward to all kinds of celebrations - - religious and secular. Unfortunately, this is a year beyond all years in my lifetime, for sure and many of yours as well. We have been unable to conduct our normal services for the better part of this year in the sanctuary. Over the past 8 or 9 months we have ventured into "virtual" services for our worship needs. We started off slowly - - in very new waters - - and have progressed to make our worship as smooth and meaningful as possible. However, in my view, nothing compares to having the people of God come together to worship, pray, sing and be refreshed in the faith, making it possible for us to move our and about in the world sharing God's love, grace, joy and peace flexibility, with our insights, and our encouragement. We will overcome this - - the end is coming - - not tomorrow or the next day, perhaps, but "we shall overcome." I want to give a special thank you to my daughter, Janice, for being with us all this time and assisting us in all of its technical newness for many of us. She has been with us from the beginning and is well-versed in the technological world through her university experience. So, thank you, Janice.

We are, as you know, now in the period in the Christian Year known as Advent. Last Sunday, I pointed out that

Advent is more than just a new beginning, but that it also has at its center the powerful message of love, grace, peace, et.al., that is the center of the Gospel. We, like so many before us, are called upon to proclaim, express, live the life of God's love in the world and for the world. It is always a difficult task, since there are so many distractions and disturbances, but again, "we shall overcome," love which is the most powerful phenomenon is life shall prevail.

We are planning a simple Christmas Eve Service of Scripture readings and Carol singing, closing with our traditional candlelight recession. It we be smaller, for obvious reasons, hopefully fulfilling. We shall run it like our present Sunday, virtual service, so that others may participate as well.

It has been a difficult year, to be sure, but I am pleased at the efforts everyone tries to make to keep things flowing, e.g. telephone calls, emails, etc. There is no way that we will to ultimately win - - after all we are always celebrating God's powerful love that shall never leave us. Carolyn and I, hope and pray, you all have a fulfilling time in this most unusual Christmas - - in my life, at least - - and in yours as well.

May the Peace, Joy, Grace and Love of God be with you all, and always.

As always,

Pax et Caritas,

Bill Anderson

SESSION NOTES from November 2020

After determining there was a quorum the moderator, Dr. Anderson called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM with an opening prayer.

Video services are going well and we will continue with them until further notice. There are a few members attending services at the church. If you would like to come to the church social distancing will be observed.

The budget currently has enough money to keep the church functioning for now. Just a reminder that contributions can still be sent to the church even though there are no Sunday Services.

Due to the 2020 circumstances it was decided that we would not have a Giving Tree this Christmas.

The church will be decorated for Christmas and the Radueges will be handling that. If anyone is interested in helping please contact Fran or Bill.

Please check out the website, there will be some reorganization. If anyone has any suggestions please let Ralph Kerler, Steve Schunk or Mary Jane Stevens know.

With no further business to be brought before the Session motion was made to adjourn. Meeting was closed at 11:09 AM.

Next scheduled meeting will be December 11, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy LaBarge, Clerk of Session

SPECIAL DATES for DECEMBER 2020

Advent Sundays

2 nd Sunday	Dec. 6
3 rd Sunday	Dec. 13
4 th Sunday	Dec. 20
First day of winter	Dec. 21
Christmas Eve	Dec. 24
Christmas Day	Dec. 25
New Year's Eve	Dec. 31

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Janeen Clarke	Dec. 1
Judy Loertscher	Dec. 3
Shirley Shugar	Dec. 5
Tonna Applegren	Dec. 12
Audrey Eder	Dec. 13
Alan Schmitz	Dec. 15
Gloria Tamms	Dec. 24
Dennis Gathmann	Dec. 25
Greg Stiles	Dec. 26

Anniversaries

Bob and Barbara Schneider	Dec. 2
Paul and Jan Hoppe	Dec. 11
Bill and Barb Streng	Dec. 16
Jim and Helen Sauer	Dec. 20
George and Gloria Tamms	Dec. 24

DECEMBER 2020 SCRIPTURE READINGS

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December 6, 2020

2nd Sunday in Advent

Communion Sunday

Isa. 40: 1-11; Ps. 85: 1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3: 8-15a;
Mark 1: 1-8

December 13, 2020

3rd Sunday in Advent

Isa. 61: 1-4, 8-11; Ps. 126 or Luke 1: 46b-55;
1 Thess. 5: 16-24; John 1: 6-8, 19-28

December 20, 2020

4th Sunday in Advent

2 Sam. 7: 1-11, 16; Luke 1: 46b-55 or Ps. 89: 1-4,
19-26; Rom. 16: 25-27; Luke 1: 26-38

December 24, 2020

Christmas Eve

Isa. 9: 2-7; Ps. 96; Titus 2: 11-14;

Luke 2: 1-14 (15-20)

December 25, 2020

Nativity of the Lord/Christmas Day

Dawn: Isa. 62: 6-12; Ps. 97; Titus 3: 4-7;

Luke 2(1-7) 8-20

Day: Isa. 52: 7-10; Ps. 98; Heb. 1: 1-4(5-12)

John 1: 1-14

December 27, 2020

1st Sunday of Christmas

Peace Sunday

Isa. 61:10-62:3; Ps. 148; Gal. 4: 4-7;

Luke 2: 22-40

These readings are suggested by the Presbyterian Planning Calendar and may be changed depending on the topic of the sermon.



A big THANKS to all who contributed to the setting up of the Christmas tree and ornaments:

Bill and Fran Raduege
Tom and Carol Gelwicks and
Ron and Deb Wilke

They certainly did a beautiful job. It is very festive and uplifting which is very much appreciated.

As people of God and servants of our Lord Jesus Christ, we believe our Mission to be the building of a strong fellowship, ministering to the Spiritual and physical needs of the church, the community, and the world fulfilling our Lord's command to "Love our neighbors".

