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To: All the “Good and Gentlefolk” of Community Presbyterian Church of Lac du Flambeau, Wi.

Greetings to you all and may God’s Peace, Hope, Joy and Love be with you and all those whom you love!

Those of you who have departed for warmer climates are probably rejoicing right now, because our first “real” snowfall has left us inundated and we are surrounded by the “white” stuff that equals the heavy snows with which we ended the previous year. Good thing some of us enjoy it, don’t you agree? Now, however, let’s tackle some more substantive issues facing our faith.

We are a diverse community of faith with people coming from many different walks of life and a wide variety of personal experiences. We also come together in community at a time of great pain and suffering, much of which—if not all—is the consequence of humanity’s inhumanity. Each year at this time, I am deeply saddened, saddened because we, who have so many wonderful opportunities, so much to offer to our fellow human beings, all too often seem so filled with self that we cannot see the need, the plight, the poverty and the pain that is in plain sight. For a few brief moments, we turn to the Christmas holidays, but in so doing only seem to pay casual, fleeting homage to the gift of “Life” and “Love” God has given us in favor of a momentary commercialization of human happiness.

At the same time, I am overjoyed, overjoyed because even in the midst of all the pain and suffering in this world, even in the midst of our undue emphasis on the commercial and social aspects of the Christmas season, I see moments of grace; I feel the power of genuine love being expressed; I see good deeds, most of

which are small, almost inconsequential acts of kindness in our minds, but then I remember something said aeons ago by Aesop: “...no act of kindness is too small; no simple act of compassion is inconsequential; no kind or gracious word of compassion and encouragement can be measured in any human measure of accountability.” I am reminded of the words of the

Gospel of John, the “gospel of love,” when he tells us in so many ways that God’s light has come into the world and no power of evil, no darkness can or shall ever overcome it. I am almost reduced to tears when I see smiles on the faces of small children, open to life, lacking in prejudice, filled with joy for life, for I believe that is the gracious gift God gives to us, which we, somehow and in so many ways, forget and desperately need to be reminded of. I think of the simple gospel stories in Matthew and Luke, the strength and faith of Mary and Joseph, the eloquent, yet simple response of shepherds, of ordinary folks, such as you and me. When I think on these things, I feel powerful, though not seeking to conquer; I feel loving, though not a love of self-centeredness, but agape-love, I feel wonder, joy, peace, and hope and I do so because God makes all this known to us each and every day of our lives, because God’s true essence is simply “Love.” Love is “of” the very being of our God who has made this clear in Jesus of Nazareth, the One Whom we claim as the “Christ.” And continues to do so through His loving Spirit each and every day.

Carolyn and I wish for each of you, and through you to your families, and to all those whom you love and touch, a wonderful season, and a wonderful year 2020, a year in which you will remember this simple gift of God each and every day. And now, I leave you with these words, as always,

Pax et Caritas,

Bill Anderson

SESSION NOTES from DECEMBER

Dr. Anderson called the meeting to order with an opening prayer.

Dr. Anderson will be away on Sunday, Dec. 29th and Jan. 5th due to a family situation. Emerson Coy will be filling in.

This was the last meeting for Gary Beier and Tom Gelwicks. We would like to thank them for their service.

Three of the Deacon's terms are also ending. Jill Consie, Mary Jane Stevens and Linda Lockwood. We would also like to thank them for their service. Anyone interested in being a Deacon, please let the Pastor or one of the Session Members know.

With no further business to be brought before the Session, the meeting was closed with prayer.

Next meeting will be January 10, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy LaBarge, Clerk

Article sent to us by Charlie & Ellen Granger
From the Saturday Evening Post for Sept./Oct. 2019



COFFEE HOUR HOSTS FOR DECEMBER

were:

Dec. 1, 2019: Linda Lockwood

Dec. 8, 2019: Deb Wilke

Dec. 15, 2019: Jill Consie

Dec. 22, 2019: Christmas Brunch. W/Shirlee G.

Dec. 29, 2019: Church cancelled.

Thank you all for your time, hard work and contribution to the fellowship.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Billie Miller	January 7
Sue Gathmann	January 8
Ruth Ann Kamerad	January 8
Ron Wilke	January 14
Mark Mayeau	January 17
Jim Sauer	January 19
Kelly Wheeler	January 19

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

There are no known Anniversaries this month

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THE CHOIR CORNER



2019 has been and still is a tumultuous year in many venues and in many ways. One of these venues includes our church choir and one of the ways surrounds the uncertainty of whom we might find at rehearsal on any given Sunday morning. We seem to be able to add a person or two, and in the process, lose one or two. The reasons are valid and concerning, but none the less frustrating as we try to deliver a significant contribution to the messages being delivered by our Clergy. And we could do so much more as Pastor Bill exhorts us all to do better.

We are musically capable of doing better with some support. And we will continue to work at providing better support in our church services. I will continue to seek additional support from our congregation even though I am a bit overbearing at times. I know like a bulldog is overbearing, right?? Enough of the melancholy. Here's to the happiest, most healthy, prosperous time that any New Year has ever provided. This is a wish I have for each and every one of my readers, friends, family, acquaintances, and anyone alive.

As far as the website is concerned, we are still improving. It is still a work in progress and will always be in a state of revision, addition, and inclusion so please visit the site (ldfchurch.com) on a regular basis to keep updated on church activities and events.

The anthems for January are (conditions permitting):
January 5: Communion Prayer

January 12: Do Lord

January 19: For the Beauty of the Earth

January 26: No Choir

Respectfully submitted.

Sam Shugar, Music Director & Webmaster

Isa. 9: 1-4; Ps.27:1, 4-9; 1 Cor. 1: 10-18;
Matt. 4: 12-23

These readings are suggested by the Presbyterian Planning Calendar and may be changed depending on the topic of the sermon. Liturgist will be called each week or emailed to tell them what the readings will be.

Liturgist for the month of January will be:

Jan. 5:

Jan. 12:

Jan. 19:

Jan. 26:

Ushers for the month of January will be:

Jan. 5:

Jan. 12:

Jan. 19:

Jan. 26:

As of the date of this printing we have no one that has signed up. Obviously, we are in serious need of Liturgists and Ushers. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall. Your participation is urgently needed and greatly appreciated. Thank you for your help.

JANUARY 2020 SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jan. 5, 2020

2nd Sunday after Christmas

Communion Sunday

Jer. 31: 7-14; Ps. 147: 12-20; Eph. 1: 3-14;

John 1: (1-9) 10-18

Jan. 12, 2020

Baptism of the Lord

Isa.42:1-9; Ps. 29; Acts 10: 34-43; Matt. 3: 13-17

Jan. 19, 2020

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isa.49: 1-7; Ps.40: 1-11; 1 Cor.1:1-9; John 1: 29-42

Jan. 26, 2020

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

SPECIAL DATES

New Year's Day 2020	Jan. 1,
Epiphany 2020	Jan. 6,
Baptism of the Lord 2020	Jan. 12,
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 25,'20	Jan. 18-
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 2020	Jan. 20,

Giving Tree 2019

An update on the success of the Giving Tree project that helped the Vilas County Foster Closet and the LDF Adoptive Families Project: We collected \$560.00 to be divided

between the two foster closets and several bags of items. Debbie and Ron Wilke delivered the items to the Vilas Foster Closet and Tom and Carol Gelwicks delivered items to the LDF Adoptive Families Project. Due to your generosity, many families will have much needed supplies for their foster children. Thank you very much.
 Carol Gelwicks

Deacons Report

This is a list of all the donations and memorials made for this Christmas season:

Given By:	In Memory of:
Bill and Carolyn Anderson Nancy DiCristina Dan and Shirlee Gallagher Parents Tom and Carol Gelwicks Parents Allen and Mary Jane Hettinga	Loved Ones Dan's Their Allen's Daughter Julie His Wife Vera
Ralph Kerler	
Kathy LaBarge Jerry and Linda Lockwood Barbara Metz	Loved Ones Our Parents Her Husband Bob Metz His Wife Sue Morlan
Don Morlan	

**Bill and Fran Raduege
Dick Rosenthal**

Sam and Shirley

John and Edi Spellmeyer

George and Jo Anne Zickert

Thank you all for the lovely floral contributions for Our Christmas Season.

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".

**Our Parents
His Wife
Bette
Their
Daughter
Dana And
Granddaugh
ter Elizabeth
In Memory
and Honor
of all
members
and friends
of the LDF
Community
Presbyteria
n Church**

**Our Loved
Ones**