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To: All the good and gentle folk of the
Community Presbyterian Church of Lac du
Flambeau, WI

Greetings!

Well, this has certainly not been the kind of spring and early summer we were expecting and I am not speaking of the weather. It has been many weeks since we last gathered as a congregation in the sanctuary and we have been trying our best to channel our service over the internet each Sunday morning. Over the weeks we have gotten better, but seem also to be losing attendees. I hope you are able and willing to join these virtual services. While, in my view, nothing can replace the face to face services of worship, along with your amazing fellowship skills, we do not wish to endanger anyone unnecessarily. We are an "upper-aged" congregation and many of us are in a "high-risk" category. We need to do all we can to help overcome this treacherous virus so that we will be able to return to a more normal schedule. In the meantime, I hope you are all healthy and following the advice of the scientific community, i.e., masks and social distancing.

We are still working with our budget and supporting those who need our assistance. We have always been very good at this and so far we are still able to continue. But, of course, we need your continued support for us as well.

It is distressing that there is so much rancor and hate in our nation these days. I realize we have had it before, but it seems to me to be ratcheting up all over the country. We need our leaders to work together, in unity, so that we may beat this tragedy. We have done it before and we can do it once again. We need politicians to do what they were sent to do, i.e., legislate, rather than retreating to their favorite

cocoon to hide. We are Americans first and foremost, not simply party members. We need to do our best to aid and assist those in need, those whose lives are in danger, and to protect our beloved freedoms. I am pleased to see the church speaking out here and there, because, I believe that the Church, the faith of Christianity and other religions as well, are the conscience of our society. We need to stop deliberately misinterpreting and misrepresenting the views of those who differ with us and have real conversations. One of my favorite biblical texts (paraphrased here) is found in the 1st letter of John, where the writer states: "You cannot love God, whom you have not seen, and not love your brother, whom you have seen." God IS LOVE is a phrase we need to lift up in all of daily lives. It is difficult at times, but it must be done.

Looking forward to better day ahead, all my heartfelt prayers go out to you all, as always, Pax et Caritas,

Bill A

SESSION NOTES from June 2020

After determining there was a quorum the moderator, Dr. Anderson called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM with an opening prayer.

Clerk's Report

Motion made by Elder Shugar and seconded by Elder Schneider to approve the minutes from May 15, 2020 as submitted.

Pastor's Report

Dr. Anderson stated that the Presbytery Committee has decided to let each church decide whether to open. Allen Hettinga is in Hospice at Seasons of Life (Allen passed into his final life on the morning of June 13).

Budget and Finance

Motion made by Elder Shugar and seconded by Elder Karlmann to approve the budget.

Building and Grounds

They are looking for someone to put the dock in. Tom Wilde might do it, but he doesn't know when.

Missions

Elder Fraboni submitted a working budget. After some discussion a motion was made by Elder LaBarge and seconded by Elder Mayeau to pay Round 1. Motion then was made by Elder Shugar and seconded by Elder Karlmann to authorize the Treasurer to transfer funds from the capital fund to Missions.

Worship and Music

Virtual worship has been going well.

Stewardship

A congregational meeting needs to be held in the future. We need ten people to have a meeting.

Old business

There was a discussion on opening the church. Should be open and limit the number of people or continue virtual services. Should you be required to wear a mask and separation of pews? Let the minutes show Elder Shugar doesn't agree. Motion then made by Elder Fraboni and seconded by Elder Raduege to wait a month and reassess in July. Outreach need to be added to the agenda.

Personnel committee needs to be activated. A new choir director and webmaster are needed.

New Business

Ralph has talked to Xerox and was given a proposal for a buyout. A copy of the contract has been found the the contract is non-cancelable. He will call them again. After no further business to be brought before the Session, Dr. Anderson made a motion that the meeting should adjourn and seconded by Elder Shugar.

Next scheduled meeting will be July 10, 2020. Meeting was closed with prayer at 11:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy LaBarge, Clerk of Session

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Ralph Kerler	July 11
Richard Day	July 16
Sam Shugar	July 18
Mary Jane Hettinga	July 20
Mary Jane Stevens	July 23
Richard Rosenthal	July 25
Delma Erikson	July 28
Judy Grahm	July 28

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

John and Edi Spellmeyer	July 12
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JULY 2020 SCRIPTURE READINGS

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July 5 , 2020

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Communion Sunday
Gen. 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Ps. 45:10-17 or
Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Rom. 7:15-25a;
Matt. 11:16-19, 25-30

July 12, 2020

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gen. 25:19-34; Ps. 119:105-112; Rom. 8:1-11;
Matt. 13:1-9, 18-23

July 19, 2020

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gen. 28:10-19a; Ps.139:1-12, 23-24;
Rom. 8:12-25; Matt.13:24-30, 36-43

July 26, 2020

Peace Sunday
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gen.29:15-28; Ps.105:1-11, 45b or Ps.128;
Rom. 8:26-39; Matt.13:31-33, 44-52

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

SPECIAL DATES for JULY 2020

U.S. Independence Day	July 4, 2020
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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".

