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To: All the good and gentle folk of the  
Community Presbyterian Church of Lac du  
Flambeau: members, affiliates and friends -

Greetings!

From the top let me just say the normality for our return to worship, that is: when our “snowbirds” return, is radically different this year. Under more traditional circumstances, the community of faith here has been invigorated by their return and the church’s life grows considerably. The number of those who have returned this year is commensurately less than usual due to the Covid-19 virus crisis. While this has had impact upon us and we will not most likely be able to do all the physical things we are accustomed to doing, it will not curtail our faith nor the commitments we have made in sharing that faith with all we can reach. It will just be different. For example, for many weeks now we have been holding “virtual” worship services via the internet. This has been tough going – we do not have an extraordinary sound system – there was no need for such sophistication in our setting – and so we struggle a bit. Over the weeks we have made progress and each time it gets just a bit better, but far from perfect and nothing like being able to be here together in the flesh. We do what we can nonetheless. It has, at times, even been a bit of fun to stay on line after the service and chat - after all, human beings are very much social beings, and we need to “see” each other – it just makes us feel better – well, at least it does me. During this time a well known phrase from the past comes to my mind. It is from the “Civil Rights” movement so prominent in the last decades of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century and which is, unfortunately, still with us today. There has been progress in these areas, but the job is, in reality, not yet finished. I am reminded of a great quote from Helen Keller, a woman who faced substantial adversity herself and overcame it. The quote is:

“The struggle of life is one of our greatest blessings. It makes us patient, sensitive, and Godlike. It teaches us that although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of the overcoming of it.”

This powerful statement, made manifest in the life of the woman who stated it, comports well with the Christian faith and the lives of those who share this faith in their daily activities. The Christian faith was once described, pejoratively, in these words: “They go to church on Sunday, they’ll be alright on Monday, it’s just a little game they play.” It is a true statement in one sense, namely, this is the image many of us communicate, but it is “not the message” we have been given to share. That message is as simple as it is difficult – Love God and love your fellow humans. It is difficult because there are those who just do not seem to deserve love. But the Gospel is clear: love them anyway and God will do the rest. We might not see it right away, but like the father in Jesus’ parable of the prodigal, Our Father is there waiting with open arms as well. So might is be with all of us. These strange and difficult times will test us in many ways, but remember Jesus’ statement: “I am with you always.” Remember also, we have just celebrated Pentecost, the teaching of which is also simple, God is in us and we are in God. At Bethlehem God was with us (the Incarnation of God’s Love), on the cross God was for us and on Pentecost God was in us - nearer than our next thought or breath. There is much for us to do in this world – too much hatred, too much discrimination and so much more, and we have this magnificent gift to share which has the power to change all things for the good and we are it’s ambassadors.

To those of you who have returned and/or are planning to come, we welcome your presence, as always. To those of you who are unable to do so, know that you are with us in spirit and we

with you. And to all, our prayers and thoughts go out to you. May we work together to seek and speak truth and may we be willing to share the gifts we have received in so doing. God bless you all, and as always,

Pax et Caritas,

Bill Anderson

### SESSION NOTES from May 2020

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

The Sunday Morning virtual Church Services are going very well and improving every Sunday. Dr. Anderson is also providing a daily thought for the day on the website. The Building and Grounds Committee is looking for a few volunteers to rake and do other chores around the building and grounds. If anyone is interested please let Dr. Anderson know. The Session is losing two of the current Elders. If anyone is interested in being an Elder, please let a Session Member know. With no further business to be brought before the Session, motion was made to adjourn. Meeting was closed with a prayer at 11:00 AM.

The next scheduled meeting will be June 12, 2020.

Respectfully,

Kathy LaBarge, Clerk of Session

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### COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

**March 22, 2019: church cancelled due to virus**

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

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### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June Beier	June 10
Elizabeth Holden	June 10
Jerry Knuth	June 13

Tom Gelwicks	June 16
George Zickert	June 21
Edi Spellmeyer	June 22
Betty Schneidmiller	June 23
Jessica Holton	June 25
Paul Hoppe	June 29

### JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Jack and Billie Miller	June 15
Greg and Ginny Stiles	June 17
Gary and June Beier	June 22
Erv and Nancy Teichmiller	June 29

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### CHOIR CORNER

THE CHOIR CORNER has been suspended temporarily.

Sincerely,  
Sam Shugar, Choir Director and Webmaster

### JUNE 2020 SCRIPTURE READINGS

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**June 7, 2020**

**Trinity Sunday**

Communion Sunday

Gen. 1: 1-2:4a; Ps. 8; 2 Cor. 13: 11-13;

Matt. 28: 16-20

**June 14, 2020**

11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gen. 18: 1-15 (21: 1-7); Ps. 116: 1-2, 12-19

Rom. 5: 1-8; Matt. 9: 35-10: 8 (9-23)

**June 21, 2020**

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gen. 21: 8-21; Ps. 86: 1-10, 16-17; Rom. 6: 1b-

11; Matt. 10: 24-39

**June 28, 2020**

**Peace Sunday**

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gen. 22: 1-14; Ps. 13; Rom. 6: 12-23; Matt. 10: 40-42

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

### HIGHWAY D SPRING CLEANUP

Thanks again to Church volunteers who did the Spring 2020 Highway D Cleanup in spite of the

Coronavirus. Fortunately it's easy to maintain separation when you're walking the ditches. Since Ralph identifies separate sections of our part of Hwy D, the cleanup can be done whenever it's convenient for the volunteers. The pickup was stretched over a 10 day period in the second half of May.

"Volunteers" were Grant Birmingham, Bob Clarke, Jill Consie, Edith Dobrinski, Tom and Carol Gelwicks, Kim Johnson, Rick and Ruthann Kamerad, Ralph Kerler, Bob Schneider, Steve Schunk, and Ron Wilke. I know there were others who have helped in the past and I'm sure would have helped this time, but I didn't need their help. It's always satisfying to drive along our roads and enjoy the wild flowers, grasses, and the natural beauty without any trash.

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**SPECIAL DATES for JUNE 2020**

Trinity Sunday 2020	June 7,
Flag Day 2020	June 14,
First Day of Summer 2020	June 20,
Father's Day 2020	June 21,

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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".*

