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To: All the "Good andFaithful" folks of Community Presbyterian Church of Lac du Flambeau, Wi.

Greetings!

First and foremost, I trust this Newsletter finds all of you doing well in light of the Coronavirus pandemic. As you are probably aware, we have been gradually conducting our services on the internet, via Zoom. If you are having difficulty, let us know. It has been a difficult journey thus far, but we are making some progress. Most of the difficulty stems from this end of the situation. While we have been having virtual worship services, somewhat abbreviated due to time constraints, we are all learning this new technology at which our children and grandchildren are very expert. It is in many ways a "humbling" experience, but we are making progress. This past Sunday, we added organ music to the service; it was also Communion Sunday, and we had people participating in this service from many different parts of the country. Never in my life would I have thought an event such as that would occur. It was an okay service and afterwards a number of people remained on line and we sort of had a "virtual" coffee-hour. Most significant for me, however, was that I was able to see your smiling faces and hear your voices at the same time. It truly brought the sanctuary alive; it has been vacant now for some time (except for Carolyn and I and this past week our organist, Tracy). Next Sunday, I have added three hymns to the service (hope they are known to you). We shall only sing the first verse of each hymn. You will find the words in the morning bulletin which is on our church website. I have also been posting a thought for the day, each day, except for Sunday, when I am able to share them with you, live. I hope you find them interesting, challenging and on occasion, even provocative. Why provocative? Because I believe the Gospel, if it is anything, it is provocative, which is what makes it so very

difficult to live out in our lives. It hurts, so to speak; it is not always popular, not only with the general public, but with many—I would characterize as—institutional Christians—with whom I can also be identified more often than I would like. Remember, our faith response is to the person, Jesus Christ, not systems of doctrine or even Bible reading, important as they

are. We are challenged, personally, to live that very image in our lives on a daily basis. A serious, difficult task, to say the least. Just some thoughts here for us to mull over.

In the meantime, stay safe, and share God's love with as many as possible. I look forward to the time the sanctuary is filled again with all of your warm, smiling faces and when we can share coffee in person, and finally do all we are able to do in sharing this love from God which has blessed us all.

As always,

Pax et Caritas,

Bill Anderson



I'd like to step away from music in the Choir Corner for May to express my thanks for the phone calls, get well cards, prayers, and other expressions of support during my recuperation from what might have been more serious than it was if not for the the very fortuitous circumstances surrounding by heart event. This congregation is the warmest, most concerned for our membership of any with which I have been affiliated. I could feel the warmth of the prayers offered on my behalf and that made the ordeal bearable. As soon as we can conquer covid-19, we'll reconstitute the choir and get beck to the business of assisting our Clergy with the worship services that we all miss.

Sincerely,

Sam Shugar, Music Director & Webmaster

NO SESSION NOTES from April 2020

No notes this month. Next Session meeting will be determined according to the COVID 19 Virus.

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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.

MAY BIRTHDAYS May **Grant Birmingham** Phil Hall May Kathy LaBarge May Glenn Morrison May Organization of our Congregation (1924) May 13 Barb Streng May 13 Jan Hoppe May 17 Allen Hettinga May 19 **MAY ANNIVERSARIES** Bob and Janeen Clarke May Allen and Mary Jane Hettinga May Rick and Ruth Ann Kamerad May

MAY 2020 SCRIPTURE READINGS SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MAY

May 3, 20205

4th Sunday of Easter Communion Sunday

Acts 2: 42-47; Ps. 23; 1 Peter 2: 19-25;

John 10: 1-10

May 10, 2020

5th Sunday of Easter Mother's Day

Acts 7: 55-60; Ps. 31: 1-5, 15-16; 1Peter 2: 2-10;

John 14: 1-14

May 17, 2020

6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 17: 22-31; Ps. 66: 8-20; 1 Peter 3: 13-22;

John 14: 15-21

May 24, 2020

7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1: 6-14; Ps. 68: 1-10, 32-35;

1 Peter 4: 12-14; 5: 6-11; John 17: 1-11

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Day of Pentecost

Acts 2: 1-21 *or* Num. 11: 24-30; Ps. 104: 24-34b,35b;

1 Cor. 12: 3b-13 or Acts 2: 1-21; John 20: 19-23

or John 7: 37-39

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

SPECIAL DATES for MAY 2020

National Day of Prayer	May
Mother's Day	May
Armed Forces Day	May
16 Victoria Day (Canada)	May
18 Ascension Day	May
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Memorial Day 25	May
Pentecost 31	May

NOTICE

Until further notice there will be no need for

Ushers, Liturgist or Coffee Hour Hosts due to the COVID-19 virus. The church has been temporarily closed. Stay inside and be safe and watch and/or read sermon(s) on line at ldfchurch.com. Prayers and blessings to you all.

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".