

March 23, 2020

Brothers and Sisters,

Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. (Luke 12:32)

Several of you have reached out to indicate that you saw the online service for this past Sunday and were appreciative of it. I have passed your comments on to those who were involved in putting it together. We intend to have another one ready for viewing by the weekend. If you are aware of any of our members who don't know about the service, please fill them in on where to find it.

Even though normal public activities have ceased at 1300 Townline Road, much work still goes on. We have been dealing with procedural and copyright questions related to streaming the service. FYI, it is fine to direct people to the video and any bulletin associated with it. However, you cannot download or copy those items and post them on social media. We're working hard to follow the laws and do things correctly; please help us with that.

The elders and I (along with others who have volunteered) will begin to contact our members soon to see how they are doing and to relay any needs or prayer requests that they may have. If you need help picking up necessities, please don't be ashamed to ask; there are individuals who are more than willing, able, and anxious to assist.

Should you have anything that I can help you with in the realm of spiritual care, please don't hesitate to tell me. If I don't know about it, I can't deal with it. Since I am not in the office all the time, the best way to contact me is on my cellphone. (715) 581-6084. You can call or send a text. If you call and I don't answer, please leave a message. I'll get back to you as soon as I can. I check my church email several times per day as well. That address is pastordave@clc-wausau.org.

If you are sick or are hospitalized, I would like to know. Please have someone contact me if you can't do it yourself. Just so you are aware, the hospitals are not allowing pastors to visit patients who are hospitalized unless they are on hospice or death is imminent. For all other cases we will have to function via telephone.

Questions have been asked regarding how people can get their contributions to the church if you are not set up for automatic giving. The best way is through the mail. (Christ Lutheran Church, 1300 Townline Road, Wausau, WI 54403.) We looked into setting up online giving but decided against it. There is an initial cost involved and a percentage of each donation goes to the company that would be handling the transaction. If you absolutely need to drop your donation off at the church, call me and we will see what can be arranged.

A few changes have been made to the CLC website. A tab is now located at the right of the bookmarks bar labeled "COVID-19". That will take you to the page where you can access the weekly service, some short inspirational thoughts, and updates such as this one. We're working on assembling some additional links to various Lutheran websites and broadcasts. Look for more information in the days to come.

In the meantime: **Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.** (Romans 12:12)

In Christ – Pastor Dave