

April 2, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am grateful for the ways you support our ministry in the midst of Covid-19. You continue to give financially by sending in your offerings and giving electronically. THANK YOU for your faithful commitment to God's unfolding mission among us!

Our ministry is taking a different shape in this different time. Here's one such story:

The quilters at Chisago Lake want to do something to help. They have time, they have extra fabric, and soon they will have patterns for making facemasks that local medical professionals can use.



Louise Angrimson, our Office Coordinator, is organizing this effort. In addition to making masks herself, she's printed patterns from the internet and is sending them to those who don't have computers. She will then pick the masks up and deliver to local clinics and hospitals. MaryAnn Rivard, a member of CLLC, went to Wal-Mart to purchase as much fabric as she could find. When they learned that she was making masks, they donated everything in her cart to the effort!

Our ministry at Chisago Lake is shifting to address the immediate needs before us. These women are just one example of how we as a church are stepping up to meet the needs of God's people and do our part. We are reaching beyond the sanctuary walls with the gifts of sewing machines and video technology, to boldly love and care for those who are hurting.



Ministry in a time like this depends on all of us. Our time, our energy, and our money. We recognize that not all of you are able to give what you could in the past. You are facing uncertain financial futures. Others are able to maintain their giving. While still others may be able to do more. If you are financially capable of increasing your gift, know that it helps not only our ministry but those who aren't as capable right now. Every gift, of any and every size, counts. And we thank you for them!

You can send your offering to the church, have your bank send a check from your account, continue to give electronically, or join our Online Giving Challenge.

Our goal is to have 20 new individuals/families sign up for regular online giving by Easter Sunday, April 12th. Everyone who signs up gets their name in a hat for a \$50 gift card to one of our local restaurants – The Northern, The Grumpy Minnow, or Eichten's Market & Grill. This is a safe and convenient way to regularly support your church on a weekly or monthly basis, even when you aren't in worship. And right now, it supports our friends in the local business community. Sign up on the church website today!

Attached you will find a record of your 2020 giving to date. THANK YOU for your generous support! If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Bev Sandgren, our Financial Secretary, or Pastor Taryn. Now more than ever, we *are* church together.

With a grateful heart,



Taryn Montgomery