

April 23, 2020

Dear Hingham Church family,

Thanks for the strong response in meeting the needs of the staff and residents of **Sunny Ridge**! It's been exciting to see our large box filling up each day, and to know that your financial contributions have allowed us to cater a meal for the staff and give them gift cards for Meijer. We're still collecting items for both staff and residents for a few more weeks. You can drop items off at the church's north entryway from 8 to 5 daily. Questions? Call Laura Dolfin (920.912.1007) or email ldolfin@wi.rr.com. Here are some items that will be greatly appreciated:

- Beverages: Gatorade, water, soda
- Toilet paper, tissues, paper toweling, hand soap, hand lotion
- Chapstick, hair ties, flip flops to wear home
- Grab-and-go snack items
- Nonperishable food items
- Gift cards to stores and restaurants that have curbside pickup
- 3-drawer plastic containers (for isolation items)
- Clorox wipes/bleach wipes
- Cash or checks (made out to Hingham Church) to provide catered meals for staff (please put in small box marked DONATIONS)
- For residents: any items they can use while in their rooms – small craft kits, hand-held electronic games, puzzle books, large print books, pictures to color, paint by numbers

Need a **mask**? Would you be interested in sewing some? Materials have been donated. Contact Em Dolfin, 920.627.0422, or emnjoe76@yahoo.com.

We're continuing to put **worship services** onto our **website and Channel 14**. We're also delivering **DVDs** to people who don't have internet or cable. If you'd like to arrange for a DVD to be delivered to your home, please contact me by email (moberg101@gmail.com) or phone (715.212.3694). And if you know of anyone who doesn't have internet or cable access to our worship services, please let me know.

What are your spiritual gifts? How does a church whose members know and use their spiritual gifts differ from one that doesn't? **This Sunday** (April 26) we begin a new sermon series on Giftedness, with a look at the genius of God's design for a church. You can read Ephesians 4:11-16 to prepare.

Why don't more churches discover and implement God's plan of giftedness? **Next Sunday** (May 3) we'll discover why this ingenious plan of God is sometimes risky, and what the missing ingredient so often is. You can read 1 Peter 4:7-11 to prepare.

Did you try **fasting** on Good Friday? I'd love to hear about your experience. Here's another opportunity: Oostburg area churches are suggesting a day of prayer and fasting, this Friday, April 24. See the **"Joel Fast" flyer** and **prayer guide** on the last pages of this document.

Millie Rauwerdink will be 100 years old on April 24! You can still send her a card! Her address is: 610 Mark Ave, Room 502, Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085

I'm delighted to announce that the **Pastoral Search Team** (Cindy Vander Weele, Jess Dekker, Kelly Rogers, Steve Oppeneer, Steve Arentsen, Steve DeJong, Jeff Kolste) has recommended one candidate to the Elders, who will now meet with him online and arrange for an on-site visit as conditions permit. The team will now be doing background and reference checks. Please continue to keep the process in prayer.

Please be in Prayer for the Following People:

Carl Wilterdink – Open Heart Surgery

Mike Heinen – Prostate Cancer

Sue Arentsen – Ovarian Cancer

Dave Scholten – Parkinson's disease. Currently at Cedar Grove Gardens.

Barb Veldboom – Parkinson's disease

Mildred Rauwerdink– At Pine Haven in Room 502 in hospice care.

Faye Zimmer – Pray for continued healing for her ankle, hip and wrist. She is currently at Cedar Grove Gardens. Room #8. 920-980-9878.

Gloria De Groff – Multiple Sclerosis

We Extend our heartfelt sympathy to Mike & Diane Smies & family on the death of her mother, Nancy Hammen, who passed away on April 16th. We commend them to the comforting mercies of our loving heavenly Father.

Still amazed by grace,

Pastor Ken

Sermon Notes:

Giftedness – Discovering the Genius of God’s Plan

Ephesians 4:11-16

God has a unique plan and purpose for this church.

3 dimensions of what God has in store for us:

I. THE CHURCH: A BODY (v12, 16)

II. THE GOAL: MATURITY (v13-15)

III. THE PLAN: GIFTEDNESS (v11-12)

FOR FURTHER THOUGHT AND SMALL GROUP STUDY:

1. Recall a favorite gift you received for Christmas or a birthday. What made it so special? What did it enable you to do?
2. Have you discovered your spiritual gift(s)? Look over the gift lists in Romans 12:3-8, 1 Corinthians 12:1-31, Ephesians 4:11-17, and 1 Peter 4:10-11. Ask your small group members which of them describes you well. Check with a trusted friend who knows you well, and see if he or she agrees.
3. Is there an existing ministry of the church that your gift fits well with?
4. Think about the gifted people around you at Hingham Church. What special purpose might God have in mind for this church?
5. Which fits the biblical model better: people serving because “it’s their week,” or people serving according to giftedness? What is it that makes rosters necessary? What would it take for a ministry like a church nursery to run without rosters?
6. Take some time to pray for the future of Hingham Church.