

April 12, 2020

Dear Hingham Church family,

It was good to see so many of you as we distributed communion elements, palm branches and Easter plants last Sunday! I look forward to the day when we can all see each other in person together! Please continue to pray that God will cut short the days of this pandemic.

From Cindy Vander Weele, who is a Public Health Nurse and has been working on the situation at **Sunny Ridge**:

Most of all, pray for the people at Sunny Ridge (residents, resident families, staff, administration) as they are considered the "hot spot" of Sheboygan Co.

Consider bringing meals for staff at each of the 3 shifts. Just some ideas:

- *Sharing necessities that they would not have to go out to buy such as: tissue, toilet paper, etc.*
- *Sharing a bag of items to make a meal at home so when they don't have energy they would have something to make quickly*
- *Sharing gift cards for groceries or Walmart*
- *Cards for the staff, saying we are praying for you and you are not alone in this*
- *Cards that they could possibly share with resident's families who are worried about them*

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.

We are committed to our staff and our financial obligations during this time of shutdown. Because of that, and for the sake of personal worship, here are a few options for **giving**:

- You can mail your contribution to the church at PO Box 278, Hingham, WI 53031.
- Kelly does ACH draws for some of you. If you'd like to start ACH giving, all Kelly needs is an account number and an amount.
- Through online banking, you can send us a physical check at no cost to you.
- Kelly has created a secure link through PayPal – you can find it on the church website.

Changes to the Good Friday service: The community Good Friday service will be broadcast on Channel 14 at **3:30pm and again at 6:30pm** this Friday. We will also have it on our church website so you'll have access to it at any time.

Please join me in **fasting on Good Friday** as we seek God's intervention in the coronavirus pandemic. Fasting focuses our prayer and reminds us of our dependence on God alone. Evangelical Free churches around the globe will be fasting that day. Let's join together in prayer and fasting!

Tips for fasting: If you're not accustomed to fasting, try skipping just one meal (maybe lunch) and using the time for prayer. Or you may want to try a 24-hour fast: make supper Thursday your last meal until supper Friday. Stay hydrated and drink some fruit juice to keep your blood sugar up (it will keep you from getting a headache). Use the time you save in meal prep and eating to pray and study God's Word. Break the fast gently, not with a big meal. Take note of what God reveals to you during your fast.

We are privileged to **serve our community** by being a pick-up site for the **school lunch** program while the schools are closed. Can you think of any other ways we as a church or we as individuals can bless our community during this unusual time?

Please keep the **Pastoral Search Team** (Cindy Vander Weele, Jess Dekker, Kelly Rogers, Steve Oppeneer, Steve Arentsen, Steve DeJong, Jeff Kolste) in prayer as they narrow the field of potential candidates.

Let me remind us all of the great resource we have in **RightNow Media** – over 30,000 video series of all kinds, available on your computer, tablet or phone! It's been described as "the Christian Netflix"! If you haven't opened your own RightNow Media account, just drop an email to Kris at Hinghamrca@yahoo.com and she'll set you up.

A Message from Julie to the Worship Choir: *I sure miss you all and our weekly rehearsals singing together! Looks like our Easter musical will be postponed until next year; however, if we are able to meet again before summer, we'll rehearse some of our easier formerly sung favorites so we can be up and singing praises in worship in no time! In the meantime, continue to find your hope, comfort and song in God's Word. Psalm 5:11 NLT "But let all who take refuge in You rejoice; let them sing joyful praises forever. Spread Your protection over them, that all who love Your name may be filled with joy."*

Please be in Prayer for the Following People:

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

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.

Still amazed by grace,

Pastor Ken

Sermon Notes:

Why the Resurrection?

Romans 6:4

The Resurrection makes all the difference in the world!

I. Jesus was raised to give us **proof**.

II. Jesus was raised to give us **life**.

III. Jesus was raised to give us **hope**.

FOR FURTHER THOUGHT AND SMALL GROUP STUDY:

1. How would Christianity be different if Jesus didn't rise from the dead?
2. Read Mark 2:1-12. How does Jesus prove His power in the spiritual realm in this account? Now apply that to the Resurrection - How does Jesus' physical resurrection give proof that He accomplished something in the spiritual realm?
3. Read Romans 6:1-4. What imagery does Paul suggest for baptism here? What's the significance for our lives in Christ? How can that help you when you're faced with temptation?
4. What are some of the things Jesus did in His resurrected body? What does it mean that He is the firstfruits (1 Cor 15:20) of those who have fallen asleep? How do you imagine your resurrected body? See 1 Cor 15:42-43. How old do you imagine you'll appear to be? What things do you think you'll be able to do that you can't do now? What difference does that make?
5. See Ephesians 2:6-10. How are we to regard ourselves as we seek to do God's will in this life? What difference can that perspective make in your life this week?
6. How does the Resurrection of Jesus impact your daily life?