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Brothers and sisters,

I hope and pray that all of you are doing well in the midst of our turbulent times. Always keep in mind the words from Hebrews 13:8 – **“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”** The recommendations and the dates for keeping ourselves “safe at home” are in a state of flux, filling us with anxiety, discouragement and even anger. But the one constant for us who are grounded in the promises of God’s word is the unchanging nature of our Savior. That’s real. That’s precious. That’s our solid Rock – Jesus Christ and his message of love, forgiveness and hope. By continuing to feed ourselves with the good news of Jesus, we have the strength to weather all the challenges which face us in these days.

We continue to make available the weekly recordings of our **worship services**. As of 2:00 on Monday there have been 273 views of our Good Friday service and 390 views of the Easter service. Have you watched the service from this past weekend? We are continually working to improve the sound and editing to enhance the worship experience. A big “thank you” to those who are responsible for the services, especially Jef Jaeger who handles the recording and editing. We tape on Friday afternoons and Jef then spends several hours on getting it ready for your viewing. His goal is to have it online by Saturday evening, or Sunday morning at the latest.

We will continue with our on-line **Bible Class** this Wednesday. Last week we began a study of 1 Samuel with 29 members and friends participating. It’s not too late to join up. Just let one of the pastors know you would like to be in on the video conference and we will send you the materials and the link to get on. Classes are at 3:00 and 7:00pm. Even if you do not have a camera on your computer you can still participate where you can see and hear the teacher and other class members, and even type in your comments and questions. Pastor Wessel is the one to ask for answers to your technical questions about it.

Next week, Woodlawn’s oldest member, Kay Krenz, will celebrate her 104th birthday. She is now living with her son in Arkansas. The pastors are challenging each of you to send her a birthday card to make her day special with a goal that she receives at least 104 cards. Will you help, even if you may not know her personally? Let’s show her that our Woodlawn family wants to wish her God’s continued blessings. Contact one of the pastors or the church office for her new address.

Another one of our elderly members, Evelyn Buaer, has moved into an assisted living facility. She would appreciate hearing from her friends and fellow members. Contact one of the pastors or the church office for her new address. (The addresses and phone numbers for these women will NOT be posted to the Woodlawn webpage, so if you know someone who does not have internet access, PLEASE share this information with them!)

One last note – our next small group Communion devotions will tentatively be on Friday and Saturday, May 1 & 2. Watch for more details. If you would prefer a private devotion, please contact one of the pastors.

That’s all for now. God’s continued blessings to all of you!

Pastor Kneser and Pastor Wessel