

WELS Christian Aid and Relief
C/O Pastor Dan Sims

Dear Pastor Dan Sims,

The impact that the current pandemic is having on our community and its residents is overwhelming. Our residents are being impacted physically, psychologically and spiritually. People are filled with fear. They are afraid of getting sick, of losing their jobs, of a crumbling economy, of civil unrest, and afraid that God is angry with them.

Led by Jesus' love, the family at Christ Lutheran in Pewaukee has developed a ministry plan for our community that will help it deal with these fears. This plan is comprised of three components. To help our community with their physical needs due to job loss and loss of income, we have established a food pantry and gift card program. Follow-up by our outreach team will take place when an individual or a family seeks physical assistance both at the time of the initial request and in the days after. The purpose of the follow up is to provide immediate and long-term spiritual encouragement.

Secondly, Christ Lutheran is partnering with Christian Family Solutions to assist individuals and families who request counseling assistance to help them with their psychological needs. Our outreach team will direct individuals or families seeking psychological assistance to Christian Family Solutions' Member Assistance Program, Christian Family Counseling, or to their Educational Presentations. Three presentations have been scheduled on three Sundays in November 2020.

Led by our love for Jesus, Christ Lutheran members have offered more than \$5000 to assist the citizens of our community. We are humbly asking WELS Christian Aid and Relief to consider matching this love offering which will enhance our outreach efforts to support the people of our community during this time of Covid-19.

If you have more questions or concerns, please contact me at any time. You can e-mail me at pastorkrause@christpewaukee.org or call me at 262-691-0720, extension 210.

We thank God for the partnership in the Gospel we have with you as we serve our members and community with God's love in Christ.

In Christ,

Pastor Richard Krause

In an e-mail on November 5, Pastor Krause shared a bit more detail:

Our members have donated over \$5,000 towards helping others during this time of COVID. CAR graciously donated \$5,000 in matching gifts for a total of about \$10,000.

This total will be divided into three different uses.

First, we have bought items for our food pantry here at church and many more items have been donated. We have also purchased gift cards for food and gas. These items will be disbursed here and also at our local pregnancy counseling center in Waukesha and at Light House in Milwaukee. We also have a special drive on this month to collect even more food and money.

We are bringing in guest speakers from Christian Family Counseling (WLCFS) to make presentations on how COVID is affecting our families. Many parents are relating, for example, how their children are not accepting of masks for themselves and others. There is a lot of tension now with less celebration for Thanksgiving and Christmas. This year will be different. These initial presentations are happening this month on Sunday mornings for the best attendance. More speakers may be scheduled for the new year.

Finally, we will use these monies for counseling for our families. Many families are hurting. Often they do not avail themselves of professional help. We would like to encourage them to obtain this help and make finances less of an issue. Wisconsin Family Counseling has programs to make this a reality. We have already entered into such a program to encourage our people to get anonymous help for counseling.