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Grace to you and peace in the Lord Jesus Christ!

I most certainly want to express my gratitude for all of you, for your prayers, for your kind messages, for your condolences, and for your encouraging support following the death of my father. You have been a meaningful and real blessing to us. May the LORD bless and keep you always throughout the remaining days of this most unique year.

2020 is not what we all expected! That seems to be an understatement. I have heard many folks comment, "I would like to hit the reset button for 2020" (control – alt – delete). I recently heard: "I am going to stay up past midnight this New Year's Eve, not to welcome in the new year but to make sure 2020 goes away." I have watched many folks get out of their car, suddenly stop, turn around, mumbling, "I forgot my mask!" Many think "the world has turned upside down."

How many times over the past six months – if you care to confess – were we grumpy, feeling out of sort, like our world has tipped over? Sheltering in place, worrying about the virus, seeing the chaos destroying communities, dealing with new responsibilities like homeschooling children or trying to work from home – all of these things make it difficult to approach life with a cheerful attitude and refrain from snapping at those closest to us.

The strain is beginning to show. American divorce rates have skyrocketed in recent months. Suicide rates have soared. Chaos in our streets suggests a deeper chaos of the soul.

When I look at the problems of the world, I wonder what I, as an average citizen, can do to improve life. The answer to that question seems to be "not much" – at least on a large scale. However, each of us can do a lot in how we live our own lives. For starters, how do we handle our own grumpiness, in our own homes, among our own families? Are there simple ways we can brighten the world for those around us, causing them to head out in the world and brighten the lives of others in their own turn? What stream of events can we begin that can be payed forward? What kind word, smile, or action can make a difference that can make a difference that can make a difference, etc.?

There is no doubt we live in an upside-down world. This is the Biblical testimony. As Christians, we are awaiting – praying for the arrival of – the Day when the Lord Jesus returns to put it all right, turning this upside-down world right side up. This is the great message of "proclaiming Christ crucified," living in "resurrection hope." We may not be able to immediately right the chaos in the world, but we can encourage a different experience in the lives of those around us. Average people doing average things can do a lot to turn the world right side up.

Luv ya'!

Pastor Craig

Happy September Birthdays

09/03 Cole Moon

09/09 Shaw Olson

09/19 Carlyn Olson

09/23 Kyleen Olson

09/29 Cindy Svendsen

09/07 Brian Thornton

09/14 Albert Deepe

09/21 Raylene Olinger

09/26 Ann Gilbertson

09/30 Wendy Ward

Happy September Anniversary

09/06 Jake & Dianne Weber

09/08 Doug & Mary Beth Bradfield

09/11 Michael & Dawn Moon

09/20 Tim & Wendy McConnell

09/27 Craig & Sheryl Henningfield

09/28 Rod & Raylene Olinger

09/29 Bert & Cindy Svendsen



Click to Watch Benediction Sung by Choir

FOOD DRIVE FOR LIFT UP

BRING YOUR FOOD ITEMS TO CHURCH
AND WE WILL DELIVER TO LIFT UP



- Hamburger Helper
- Pre-made Boxed Meals
- Jelly/Jam
- Cereal
- Shelf Stable Milk
- Cooking Oil
- Dried Herbs & Spices
- Nuts
- Fresh Packaged Produce
- Frozen Vegetables



**Ages 5 - 15 CLOTHING DRIVE
FOR MISSION EXPERIENCE**



SWIM SUITS

For all! (1 piece for girls)



GIRLS



- Skirts, Shorts, Dresses for everyday and church (all sizes)
- Tank Tops (all sizes)
- Exercise Pants/Tops for older girls.

BOYS



- Shorts (up to size 8)
- Dress Pants (all sizes)
- Shirts (all sizes)

SHOES



- Sneakers and Church shoes
- Flip Flops for Boys & Girls.

SAVE THE DATES

Men's Night Out: Monday, September 28th at 5pm at Bart Kounovsky's Home: 55 Copper Rose Court

Ladies' Happy Hour: Monday, September 28th at 5pm Place: *TBD*

Fall Rummage Sale: Friday, October 9th and Saturday, October 10th. More details coming soon!