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LENT This Wednesday marks the 6th and final midweek service for the year. Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, the beginning of holy week. The services will be streamed as usual. If you have suggestions for the broadcast, please contact the pastor. It has been, and continues to be, a learning/growing process.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Parents, please download the lessons for your children at home. <http://godshand.clclutheran.org/godshand.htm>

The next lessons in the series are: The Pool of Bethesda, Healing the Paralytic, The Daughter of Jairus, The Centurion's Servant, and Jonah.

COVID-19 Due to the restrictions from Governor Walz, our teachers have been working with their students via Skype or FaceTime. It's obviously not ideal, but works.

Confirmation classes are also being held online, as are some of the meetings. Our prayer is that the "stay-at-home" plan works as expected and life can return to normal as soon as possible.

ILC Students will not be able to return to campus until April 26, at the earliest. Online classes for college students start tomorrow. High School classes will begin online on April 6.

The ILC faculty continues to provide daily chapel talks online. Please visit the website: <https://www.ilc.edu/faith-worship/chapel-list/>

CHURCH ENTRY Thaemlitz Construction has nearly finished installing drywall in the church entry. The project looks great! The plan is to complete their work this week.

EASTER SERVICE The CDS Easter Service was planned for today. The students have many hours of time invested in it. It is hoped that it can be rescheduled once the restrictions are lifted.

ONLINE GIVING The Elders have discussed the possibility of utilizing an online-giving service in order to accept offerings for the church. If you are interested in this, please let them know.

CALL NEWS Pastor Mark Weis, Lemmon, SD has accepted the call to teach at ILC.

Nominations for CLC Officers and Board Members will be received from January 1 through March 31, 2020. Pastors, professors, male teachers, and any voter of a CLC congregation can nominate individuals to fill the four synodical offices: President, Vice-President, Moderator, and Secretary; as well as positions on the four synodical boards: Trustees, Missions, Regents, and Education & Publications. Please visit the CLC website for more information.

UPDATE FROM INDIA “I just received this message from the head pastor of the BELC and thought I would share it:

‘Greetings, We would like to inform to you that we are under 21 days lockdown. The essential commodities cost are very high. We are all stay in Home. Our pastors and our BELC believers are in worst and dire need circumstances.

We request you to pray for us.’

Even though the central government has said this lockdown does not affect essential services and deliveries, such as online grocery deliveries, I have read and seen videos online that the police are being very strict about enforcing the lockdown and have wrongly stopped grocery deliveries and forced these online warehouses to close.

That said, most of our fellow believers are in very poor villages and cannot even dream of such things and much less even afford to stockpile groceries. Please pray for our brothers and sisters in India, and around the world, as they face even more stringent lockdowns and hardships.

In Christ, Peter Evensen”

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