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My Dear Fellow Redeemed,

This year has been a most unusual year! We have anxiety, fear and concern for our future all around us. But it is our faith that keeps us grounded in the assurance of Christ's care for us. With this letter we ask you to learn more of the efforts of Lutheran Counseling and Family Services of Wisconsin (LCFS) and help us build on God's blessings to these ministries and prayerfully consider including us in your giving plan this season and year. We wish to be sure you know the wide variety of disciplines utilized by staff to help others.

The numerous ministries of LCFS have also been tested. But the strength of dedication to our mission and faith have strengthened our efforts in positive ways. All our interactions are person to person. You can imagine the challenges to continue these in our present environment. Our dedicated team carries on with God's help.

In-School Counseling has expanded due to the growing need to work with children experiencing stress, emotional or mental anxiety. This is a serious need. These young persons may be in a house that lost work and are stressed to pay rent, bring food home plus kids learning at home weigh heavily on young minds. This is growing fast and the need for your support is great.



A variety of counseling opportunities are addressed by our staff. These include marriage counseling, addiction, PTSD, mental health counseling and some others. The work needed to overcome the challenges to these persons can be arduous, incremental or of long duration. But with God's help, our faith-based approach to help raise them to the renewed person they wish to be is rewarding for the counselors as well as the families of those undergoing this assistance.



You may remember an earlier name for LCFS as being "Lutheran Children's Friend Society". This coming year we will be celebrating our 125<sup>th</sup> Year of Adoption Ministry! These efforts continue in our counseling and support for women facing unexpected pregnancies, helping them make decisions in the best interest of themselves and their unborn. Plus, continuing to help families determine if adoption is for them and the steps necessary for this to come about. You should hear the gratifying stories!

We have support for LCFS from Thrift Stores throughout the state in the communities of Milwaukee, Berlin, Shawano, Chilton and Rice Lake. Your regular donations and frequent purchases benefit LCFS.

Friends, at this time every year we are all solicited for donations to various things. But we pray you consider the numerous faith-based ministries taking place at LCFS and how your involvement will further the mission of reaching those who urgently need our help. You are encouraged to prayerfully consider how well you can help these dedicated persons be successful in their calling and we thank you for your prayers and donations.

Your consideration in supporting Lutheran Counseling and Family Services of Wisconsin is heart-felt and appreciated. An offering card is enclosed for your convenience.



In His service,

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