Help in Crisis

Living in a fallen world means all people will experience difficult times. Needing help DOES NOT mean someone is less faithful to or less loved by our God. We hope the following resources can help when times of crisis happen.

Crisis of Faith

PRAY.

Pastor Haasch: 605-347-5376, cell 605-490-2619, pastorhaasch@gmail.com Please do not be afraid to come to your pastor with any problems you are having. It's what he is here for and it is NOT an imposition.

Wels.net has lots of topical Q&A's and devotional resources. See also "God's Yellow Pages".

Crises of the World

Christian Family Solutions Counseling Services (WLCFS): Christian Family Solutions.org, 1-888-685-9522

Lutheran Military Support Group: lutheranmilitary.org

<u>National Alliance on Mental Illness</u>: nami.org, 1-800-950-6264, NAMIWisconsin.org <u>National Suicide Prevention Lifeline</u>: SuicidePreventionLifeline.org 1-800-273-8255

Mental Health America of Wisconsin: mhawisconsin.org

<u>Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services</u>: SAMHSA.org, 1-800-662-4357

<u>National Coalition Against Domestic Violence</u>: NCADV.org, 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)

<u>National Eating Disorders Association</u>: National Eating Disorders.org, 1-800-931-2237

Helpline Center: Dial 2-1-1 or text your zip code to 898211

Family Crisis Center (shelter services, domestic abuse, sexual trauma): 1-800-472-337

Veterans' Crisis Line: veteranscrisisline.net, 1-800-273-8255, press 1

Department of Health Services: dhs.wisconsin.gov

Crisis Between Christians

Following the guidelines outlined by Jesus in Matthew 18:15-18, when a conflict arises between believers it should be handled in the following way:

- 1. Discuss the problem just between the two of you. If that settles it, yay! If not...
- 2. Discuss the problem with one or two others AND the opposing person. If THAT doesn't help...
- 3. Take it to the church/pastor.

Notice that we should NOT take it to others before we address it with the person who is directly involved. This causes hurt feelings and confusion, which NEVER helps solve the issue itself.

If the problem is WITH your pastor, follow steps one and two above. If church politics start to overshadow the actual problem (or if your issue is not with your pastor but you aren't ready to go to him yet), here are two other options:

- 1. Circuit Pastor: John Stelter of St. John's, Princeton
- 2. District President

Both of these men are responsible for the spiritual care of the pastors in their circuit/district. They have a vested interest in your pastor and your congregation.