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Wednesday, January 6, 2021

Dear Friends and Members of St. Martin Lutheran Church, Birch Run:

This letter is to inform you of an urgent need for congregational prayer and support for the Gerald Brown Family (Heather is daughter of Adam and Karen Weigandt).

In the early morning hours of Wednesday, January 6, 2021, the Browns suffered a total home loss due to fire. We praise God that all four family members escaped through windows. Sadly, two beloved family dogs did not survive the blaze. The house has now been professionally demolished and they will need to rebuild from the ground up.

Gerald and Heather are currently hospitalized with Gerald in the ICU for smoke inhalation and Heather being checked out for a previously broken leg that was in the healing stage (from a previous accident). Both young adult daughters are fine, but the family has lost everything, even shoes. They escaped with only the clothing they had on.

Those members who feel so moved may drop off clothing donations at St. Martin Lutheran Church located at 10995 Canada Road, Birch Run on Sunday, January 10th before Noon. Donations may also be dropped off weekdays between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. in our Church Office.

Above all, we praise God for their safety in this terrible tragedy. Please continue to keep the family in daily prayer. We have also established a box for cards for the family in the Church Office. Those may be brought during the week or on Sundays. May God bless you all as you prayerfully consider helping this wonderful family in need.

Financial Donations can be made online through the established account: <u>https://gofund.me/1a50f541</u>

Clothing Donations Needed:

Adult Female: Sweatpants/Sweatshirts/T-Shirts: 3XShoe Size: 11Adult Male: T-Shirts/Coat: 3X Sweatpants: Large (Nylon)Shoe Size: 12Daughters (2): Sweatshirts/T-Shirts: 2XShoe Sizes: 9 - 11 (depending on what type)Sweatpants/PJ Pants: 2X Jeans: Size 18 (Bootcut and skinny)

In Christ's Service,

Stephanie R. Revard

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