

Hello Tri-Parish Community,,

Some of you may have heard about the project that was initiated by Sharon Monahan and now has more than our church members involved in sewing cloth face masks for the Minong Clinic. If you are a sewer and would like to join in, we invite you to do so. We are in need of elastic and are asking folks to dig through their sewing boxes and check for 1/4 or 1/8 or 3/8 inch flat elastic to be sent on to our sewers. Color is not an issue. We tried to order the elastic on Amazon Prime, eBay, JoAnn Fabrics, Michaels and they are either out of stock or cannot ship until the end of April or mid-May which is too late. If you have elastic available, please send them to Sharon Monahan, 14795 Spider Lake Road, Gordon, WI 54838 or email Milly Thissen; m.thissen55437@comcast.net or text her at 612.670.8541.

These cloth face masks will be used like surgical scrubs in that they will cover the N95 and taken off, tossed into the laundry after every patient. This enables the worker to wear one N95 mask per day instead of changing out after every patient. Already there is concern that the worker will have to wear one N95 mask more than one day because of lack of supplies. The more cloth face masks they have, the better the workers are able to do their job and at the same time, protect themselves. Every little bit helps!

If you are a sewer and interested in starting the project, the link to the pattern and instructions can be found at:

<https://www.sewgoodgoods.org/face-mask-covid-19>

This face mask has CDC approval and as the pattern recommends cotton, pre-washed in hot water and dried in hot dryer for pre-shrink is the required material.

We are hoping to send a weekly supply to the Minong Clinic. If you are able to drop them off at the clinic, please call Dawn Henk on her work cell: 715.638.0303. If you want to do land mail, then send to: Minong Clinic, ATTN: Dawn Henk, 600 Shell Creek Road, Minong, WI 54859. Send 10 individual cloth masks in 1 ziplock bag so they can easily disinfect the outside bag.

Milly will keep everyone updated via email on our progress so we move forward on this project. Please know that the healthcare workers at the Minong Clinic will never forget the helping hand that the community gave them when they needed some cloth face masks.