

Redeemer Reporter

December 6th, 2020

Some Sad News...

We are saddened to announce that Edna Swayze passed away last weekend. We ask everyone to add her and her family to your prayers. A service is planned for next week but given the Covid-19 situation will be limited to family only.

We have begun to think about having some type of Church Service or recognition for all those we have lost this year (Utho, Laura and Edna). We will be in contact with the families next year when the situation improves to discuss how they may like to honour and remember their loved ones. Thank you to all those who have inquired about this.

December Offerings

While the Church is currently closed, we still have bills. For those driving by the Church you many have noticed that the roof has been completed. Between the cost of the roof and Gym windows, as well as offerings being down compared to last year, we are looking at a sizeable deficit for 2020. As December is usually the most generous month for givings, we ask that you keep the Church and her needs in mind as we close out 2020. If you would like to give your offering, you may do so either by e-transfer via online banking to the Church at lcredeemerwpg@gmail.com or drop off your offering to the Church in December. We are also continuing to accept offerings for the Building Fund as well as for the Christmas Hampers. Just as a reminder, offerings must be received by December 31st for the 2020 tax year.

The Next Three Sundays

For the first three Sundays of December 6th, 13th and 20th, from 10am to 12pm each Sunday, a couple of members will be at the Church to provide everyone with the opportunity to pick up a number of different items. You do not need to register that you are coming. We simply ask that you remain in your car and our volunteers will bring you anything you are looking to pick up.

Available for pickup will be two different Advent devotions, Portals of Prayer, the Canadian Lutheran and your 2021 Offering envelopes. On December 20th, we will also have a fully printed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Service you can drop off to loved ones and do yourselves at home in the event we are not able to have Christmas Services. We are also hoping to have a small Christmas Carol booklet available for you to pick up, so you can sing your favourite Carols at home or over any online gatherings

you may have this Christmas. The Services and Carols will be available by email as well. You can also drop off any offerings you may wish to give on these Sundays.

Christmas

Thank you to everyone who let us know about their intent on attending Christmas Services. At this time, we do not yet know if we will be allowed to have in-person Christmas Services. Given the Governments pattern during Covid-19, we do not expect to know if we can have services until the weekend of December 20th. As soon as we know one way or the other, we will communicate our plans to you.

Christmas Hampers

Another thank you to all those who provided names of members who might be in need of Christmas Hampers. We will be providing support to 5 members/families this year! If you would like to contribute to the Christmas Hamper Fund, you can add a note to you e-transfer or on your cheque or offering envelope that you would like your donation to go to the Hamper Fund.

In Our Prayers

We pray for the family of Edna Swayze, following her passing

We pray for Joan Popp who is dealing with new health concerns

We pray for Mervin Kaminsky for strength and healing as he recovers from a stroke

We pray for Edna Swayze for strength and healing as she deals with declining health

We pray for Gianni Vincenzo Mariano (Matthes Family) for his continued healing and recovery.

We pray for Anna-Marie Olsen-Wall as she recovers from surgery.

We pray for healing for Christine E. Lammers battling new health concerns

We pray for our Shut-ins - Elwood Kaminsky, Gerald Ziprick, Edgar Lach, Joan Popp, and Henry Dickof.

We pray for all those struggling with depression, fear, chronic pain, mental illness, suicidal thoughts, and isolation

We pray for support and strength for those affected by Covid-19.

We pray for all those affected by natural disaster, war and ongoing political conflict.

In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact Rev. Cam Schnarr.

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