

Redeemer Reporter

December 20th, 2020

Christmas

Unless something gets announced on Monday (which we are assuming will not happen), it looks as though we will not be able to have in-person Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. I know this is difficult for all of us. But there is light at the end of the tunnel! Your sacrifice, along with those of all Manitobans this Christmas, will help to keep us all safe. Hopefully a return to something normal will begin in 2021.

We will of course have online services for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Following a great suggestion from Heather Matthes, we will be making the Christmas Eve video public on the YouTube channel for 7pm Christmas Eve. That way anyone wishing to watch the video at that time can know others from our Redeemer family are doing the same. Celebrating Christmas together!

2020 has definitely been a struggle for all of us. But I can't help but notice that news of a vaccine being approved came at the time of Advent (the new Church year) and started being administered shortly before the celebration of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We can rejoice in the coming of Jesus and a Covid vaccine at the same time!

On behalf of Church Council, the Elders and our various vacancy Pastors, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas!

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Sunday will be the last day to pick up the portals of Prayer, devotions and carol booklet this year. Diane and I will be at the Church from 10am to 12pm if you would like to pick up printed copies of these or to drop off any offerings. Please do not mail offerings. If you have offerings for the 2020 tax year, after Sunday you can either contact me and we will arrange to receive your offering, or you can donate via e-transfer from your online banking to lredeemerwpg@gmail.com at anytime. Offerings need to be received by December 31st for this tax year.

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 Al Skilnick, for strength and healing as he awaits surgery

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

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, or to arrange private Communion, please contact Rev. Cam Schnarr.

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