

Redeemer Reporter

November 22nd, 2020

There are some important updates and information. Please take a few minutes to read over the Redeemer Reporter and respond to the questions asked. There will be more important updates about plans for December in next week's Reporter as well, so please keep an eye out for that.

Christmas

At this time, we do not know if we will be allowed to be open for Christmas Services this year. Given the Governments history during this Covid-19 period, we will probably not know until much closer to Christmas Eve. That being said, Church Council and the Elders are working on a variety of plans for Christmas Services. We know that we will be offering special online Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services via our YouTube channel. In addition to this, printed Services like we have done the last few weeks will be available for you to do at home.

One thing we need to know from all of you has to do with Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services. What we would like to know is: if the current Covid situation is the same (or better) at Christmas time, but we are allowed to be open, would you be wanting to attend in-person Church Service on Christmas Eve? We are not asking you to commit to attending, but trying to determine the maximum number of people who might attend. This will help us determine how many Services on Christmas Eve might be needed. We would like everyone to let Jordan know (via email – jordanwall3@gmail.com) by December 1st if they would be wanting to attend or not. It is likely, if we are allowed to be open, only those that have let us know they would like to attend will be allowed to. When letting us know, please include the number of family members who might be attending.

At this time, after getting input from Pastor Schnarr, we are considering cancelling Christmas Day Service, regardless if we are allowed to be open or not. The main reason has to do with cleaning and the enhanced disinfecting of the Church between Services. Our cleaning company will not be in until Boxing Day and we are concerned about not having appropriate levels of cleaning in between Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We do not feel it is appropriate to ask members to volunteer to clean as we will not know what the situation for each volunteer is until after the last Service on Christmas Eve. We do not want to be in a position of having to cancel Christmas Day Service late Christmas Eve. All of that being said, we felt it was important to get the input of members on this

before making a decision. When providing input, please also let us know if you would want to attend, just like for Christmas Eve.

Christmas Hampers

In keeping with our mission as Christians, Church Council has come up with a plan to offer Christmas Hampers in a new and safe way this year. As such, we are soliciting names of members who might be in need of a hamper this year. For 2020, hampers will be limited to members only. We pray that next year we will be able to return to offering hampers to all names given to us who are in need. If you know of a member who might benefit from a Christmas Hamper, please submit the name and contact information to Jordan no later than December 1st.

Knitting Group

From the Knitting and Crochet group here at Redeemer:

CLWR is no longer accepting layettes and kits. The Group has used its remaining funds raise by the sale of knit and crochet items to purchase CLWR Gifts from the Heart in the amount of \$400. Purchased were: seeds \$50, irrigation for \$250 and emergency food for \$150. These gifts will receive matching funds of three times. Thanks to all who have participated with hard work and donations.

In Our Prayers

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

We pray for the family of Laura Grossman, following her passing

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 awaits new 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, Henry Dickof, and Edna Swayze

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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