

Redeemer Reporter

November 29th, 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.

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

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 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, 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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