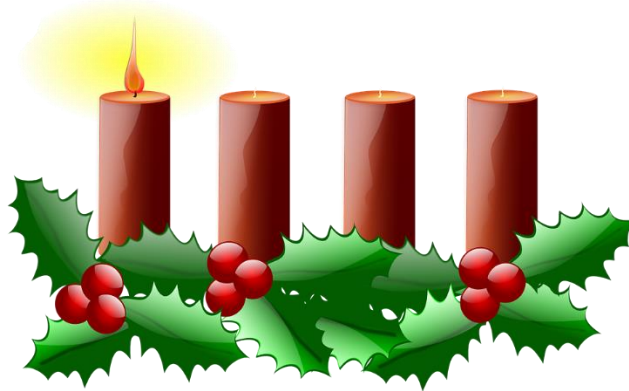


## **Coaldale Mennonite Church**

2316 – 17 St., Coaldale, Alberta

***“Rooted in Jesus, Growing in Grace, Connected in  
Community, Branching into the World”***

**Keeping in Touch – November 26, 2021**



### ***1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent***

- ✓ **At CMC, masks are mandatory while in church. We will continue to physically distance in the sanctuary. Every other bench will be available for seating. Hand sanitizing stations will remain throughout the church. Registration ahead of time is no longer required.**  
**Please do not attend in person if you are experiencing the most common symptoms of COVID-19 (cough, fever, shortness of breath, runny nose, or sore throat).**
- ✓ **Sunday School begins at 9:30am. Due to the rising Covid numbers, Sunday School will be on Zoom only. A portion of the lesson time will be focused on the children and then the remainder time for the adults. Henry Janzen will be leading the discussion this Sunday.**

Topic: Sunday School

Time: Nov 28, 2021 09:30 AM Edmonton

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84639407768?pwd=ODQ3TmpNNUIrZXVTVTIkRGNUd0l3QT09>

**Meeting ID: 846 3940 7768**

**Passcode: 448517**

- ✓ **Our Sunday Worship Services (in-person and Live Stream) will begin at 10:45am.** You will be able to find the Live Stream on **You Tube** and searching **Coaldale Mennonite Church.**
- ✓ **We will be having Communion during the morning service this Sunday.** If you are watching the livestream from home, please have the communion elements with you.
- ✓ **Men's Prayer time** – Wednesday at 8:30am at church.
- ✓ **Bible Study: Thursday evenings @ 7:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.**
- ✓ **Congregational Meeting – Friday, December 3, 2021, at 7pm at church and via Zoom.** We will be having elections for Church Executive and other committees as well as discussion on the Bylaws. Zoom invite below.

Topic: Congregational Meeting

Time: Dec 3, 2021 07:00 PM Edmonton

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81549011073?pwd=REJrSUhNUG02cm5lbkJsSzRpZVBQZz09>

**Meeting ID: 815 4901 1073    Passcode: 568197**

- ✓ **Sunday School Christmas Program – December 12<sup>th</sup> 10:30am.** We are planning to “share our Christmas Gifts” (Our talents, arts, hobbies & crafts) during our worship service.

You are all invited to enjoy some light refreshments, displays and each other's company in the gym after the Sunday School Christmas Program on Dec 12. Covid Protocols will be in place such as masking and social distancing. Beverages and food will be served to you by some very friendly people.

- ✓ **Christmas Season services:**

**Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve Service at 7pm**

**Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day Service at 10:30am**

**Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup> – Sunday Service with Communion**

- ✓ If you know of someone, who would like to get a copy of our update, either by email or regular mail, please let Jodi know in the church office.
- ✓ **Givings for November 21, 2021:** \$1,085.00    Budget: \$985.00    Food Grains \$100.00
  - There is an **offering basket** on the back table in foyer for your tithes.
  - **E-transfer** is available for your donations to the church email:  
[cmchurch@telusplanet.net](mailto:cmchurch@telusplanet.net)

- ✓ **MDS Canada is calling for volunteers to help with B.C. flood clean-up.**  
 Volunteers needed for December 6 in Princeton.  
 People who want to volunteer with MDS Canada for a week or for a day can contact Kelsey Friesen at 204-261-1274, 1-866-261-1274, or [kfriesen@mds.org](mailto:kfriesen@mds.org).  
 All COVID-19 health and safety protocols will be followed by MDS Canada in the response, and all volunteers must be fully vaccinated.  
 Accommodation and food will be provided for volunteers who go to Princeton.  
 Donations are welcome for B.C. fire and flood response at <https://mds.mennonite.net/donate/>
- ✓ The Decorating Committee would like to thank everyone for their donations of decorations. Currently, they have enough, the storage room is full.
- ✓ **Thank you to the Decorating Committee** for decorating the church so beautifully for Christmas.
- ✓ In the past six weeks we have been blessed with persons and families from the Picture Butte area attending our church, looking for a spiritual home. We trust that the Lord will continue to bless you as you join us in worship and fellowship.

Pastor Gary Giesbrecht

### **Leading us in Worship this Sunday:**

Worship Leader: Bill & Deb Chapman

Music: Peter Janzen

Speaker: Gary Giesbrecht

Scripture: Exodus 3:1-12; Luke 3:1-17

Sermon: "Preparing the way: Discovering Hope in the Desert"

Sound: Stacey Marriott

Media: Nic Groenheide

Usher Team: Team 4

Advent Readers: The Reed family





## PRAYER FOCUS



### Pray for:

- † **Linda Giesbrecht and family** as Linda's mom. Elizabeth Peters, passed away on Wednesday.
- † **Danielle Unser** as her Crohn's is acting up and she is not feeling well.
- † **Rob Wedel** as he is recovering from hip replacement surgery.
- † **David Giesbrecht** who is recuperating at home.
- † **Our seniors at the various lodges and those in their homes.**
- † **Rock Solid Refuge**
- † **Those in B.C. who have been affected by the flooding.**
- † **Our hospitals and health care workers**
- † **Students and staff at Taber Christian School**

(If you would like to have a prayer request in this weekly update, please contact Jodi at [cmchurch@telusplanet.net](mailto:cmchurch@telusplanet.net) or 403-345-3363.)

### Participants next Sunday, December 5, 2021- 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent

Worship Leader: Bryan Mantler

Sound: Bill Chapman

Speaker: Gary Giesbrecht

Media: Jared Reed

Music: Jodi Reed

Usher Team: 1

Advent Readers: Adam & Kathleen Janzen

**Due to scent sensitivities, please help us make our church a scent-free environment and refrain from wearing cologne and perfume.**



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