

Coaldale Mennonite Church

2316 – 17 St., Coaldale, Alberta

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

Keeping in Touch – December 3, 2021



2nd 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. We are allowed one-third seating capacity in the sanctuary (75 people). 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).**

- ✓ **Tonight - Congregational Meeting 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** 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.

Topic: **Sunday School**

Time: Dec 5, 2021 09:30 AM Edmonton

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83111081601?pwd=TEIQRIFidHREQ01TSDBpSzI4QW9uZz09>

Meeting ID: 831 1108 1601 Passcode: 108633

This will be the last Sunday School this year. **Sunday School will resume January 9th, 2022.**

- ✓ **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**.
- ✓ **Men's Prayer time** – Wednesday at 8:30am at church.
- ✓ **Bible Study: Thursday evenings @ 7:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.**
- ✓ **Next Sunday at 10:30am – Sunday School Christmas Program.** 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 Hampers** – Our church is helping the Coaldale Food Bank by filling Christmas hampers for two local families. Signup sheets are on the bulletin board by the mailboxes. Please take note of the size of the family when purchasing food items. **Donations must be at the church by Monday, December 13th before noon.** If you would rather give a monetary donation towards the purchase of items for the food hampers, please designate your donation to “**Christmas Hamper**”.
- ✓ **Christmas Season services:**
 - Friday, December 24th – Christmas Eve Service at 7pm**
 - Saturday, December 25th – Christmas Day Service at 10:30am**
 - Sunday, December 26th – Sunday Service with Communion**

The Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services will be livestreamed as well as in person. Please remember Covid protocols only allow for one-third capacity in the sanctuary.

- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Jodi will be out of the office on Monday, December 8th. Deb Chapman will be in the office to answer the phone or any inquiries.
- ✓ **Givings for November 28, 2021:** \$4784.14 Budget: \$4734.14 MDS: \$50.00
 - 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
 - **Financial Update as of November 30, 2021**

Total Budgeted for 2021:	\$241,924.00
Donations Received to Date:	<u>\$201,728.41</u>
Amount needed to meet Budget	\$ 40,195.59

Leading us in Worship this Sunday:

Worship Leader: Bryan Mantler

Music: Jodi Reed

Speaker: Gary Giesbrecht

Scripture: 1 Samuel 1:9-20; Isaiah 7:13-14; Luke 1:26-38

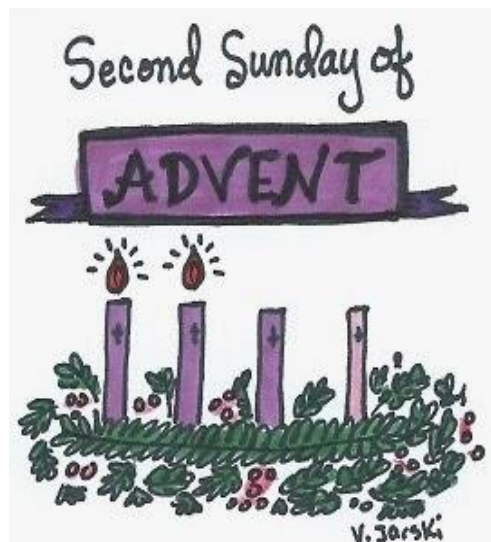
Sermon: "God invading planet earth – announcing the Messiah's birth."

Sound: Bill Chapman

Media: Jared Reed

Usher Team: Team 1

Advent Readers: Adam & Kathleen Janzen





PRAYER FOCUS



Pray for:

- † **Linda Giesbrecht and family** as they mourn the passing of Linda's mom.
- † **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.**
- † **Street's Alive**
- † **Those in B.C. who have been affected by the flooding.**
- † **Our hospitals and health care workers**
- † **Students and staff at Post-Secondary Schools** who are preparing for end of term exams.

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

Participants next Sunday, December 12, 2021- 3rd Advent

Worship leader/Speaker: Sunday School Christmas program

Sound: Mike Marriott

Media: Tim Janzen

Music: Doris Janzen

Usher Team: 2

Advent Readers: The Friesen-Reimer family

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



To Contact the Church

Admin Assistant: Jodi Reed

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