



## Keeping in Touch – December 31, 2021



- ✓ 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) and 25 in the balcony. 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).
- ✓ Due to the inclement, blizzard like conditions that are forecasted this weekend, our church will be closed to in-person services. The worship service will be via Zoom only. The Zoom invite is found below:

CMC is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Sunday Worship Service  
Time: Jan 2, 2022 10:30 AM Edmonton

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83204965774?pwd=b1poUDI3RitxQTINbmV3ZG5yTIIUUT09>

Meeting ID: 832 0496 5774

Passcode: 876087

- ✓ **The Church office will be closed on Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>.** Jodi & Gary will be back in the office on Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓  **It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas and...** Time for the 2021 annual reports. Please get your reports to Jodi by **Wednesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**
- ✓ **Sunday School will resume next Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup> via Zoom at 9:30am.** Werner Janzen will be leading us for the next two Sundays through the book of Ruth. Everyone is encouraged to read the book ahead of time. If you would like the study sheets/discussion questions, please email Werner at [wernerjanzen@outlook.com](mailto:wernerjanzen@outlook.com).
- ✓ **Church Council Meeting** – Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at 7pm.
- ✓ **Prayer Week Services** – January 17<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, & 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 via Zoom. More details to follow.
- ✓ **Annual Congregational Meeting** – Friday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 7pm in person and via Zoom.
- ✓ **Congratulations to Rob & Marilynn Wedel** who celebrated their **50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary** on December 28<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ **Givings for December 26 - 31, 2021:** \$12,565.00      Budget: \$12,065.00      MCC: \$500.00
  - 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)
  - **Financial Update as of December 31, 2021**

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|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Total Budgeted for 2021:     | \$241,924.00        |
| Donations Received to Date:  | <u>\$229,587.37</u> |
| Amount needed to meet Budget | \$ 12,336.63        |
- ✓ **There was a donation made on the debit machine on Sunday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> without a name or tithe number.** If this was yours and you would like a donation receipt, please let Jodi know.

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

Worship Leader: Eric Giesbrecht

Music: Jodi Reed

Speaker: Henry Janzen

Scripture: Hebrews 1:1-4; John 14:5-14

Sermon: "You still do not know me?"

Sound: Bill Chapman      Media: Jared Reed

Usher Team: Team 1



### **PRAYER FOCUS**



#### **Pray for:**

- † **Danielle Unser** who is recovering from surgery.
- † **David Giesbrecht** who is recovering in the hospital with ongoing health concerns.
- † **Our seniors at the various lodges and those in their homes.**
- † **Coaldale Food Bank**
- † **Our hospitals and health care workers**
- † **Students and staff at St. Joseph's 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.)

## **Note from Council/Ministerial**

On June 11, 2020, an ADHOC transition team formed with the hope of navigating Coaldale Mennonite Church through the murky waters of worship during a global pandemic. What seemed to be a daunting task, became a new way to reach far more people than we could have ever imagined. Our church community, through live stream and Zoom, stayed connected. We supported one another and worshipped together meaningfully even when we were unable to leave our homes. What the team and the CMC community did was find a new direction with a new compass.

Today, almost two years later, we want to find a new direction as we put COVID behind us. Our direction is always upward, focusing on strengthening our relationship with God. In turn we are driven outward, to each other and to people in our community. We are looking for a new team to prayerfully guide us in the new outward direction we want to take. A team who will come together and share ideas and plans for how we can move forward stronger, more united in Christ than we have ever been. If you feel like you would like to be part of this dynamic team, please talk with someone on council, ministerial, or call Jodi at the office. We would love for this team to begin meeting as early as January 2022.

### **Participants next Sunday, January 9, 2022**

Worship leader: Peter Janzen

Speaker: Gary Giesbrecht

Sound: Mike Marriott

Media: Tim Janzen

Music: Doris Janzen

Usher Team: 2

**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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Lead Pastor, Gary Giesbrecht: **403-795-0350**

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Lay Pastor, Eric Giesbrecht: **403-345-3946**