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We acknowledge that we are in Treaty 1 territory, and that the land is the traditional lands of the Anishinabe and Dakota Nations, and the homeland of the Métis Nation

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS SHEET**

### **THE 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT 22 March 2020**

We extend a warm welcome to our guests! We invite you to sign the guest book at the back of the sanctuary.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there will be **no Fellowship Time** following the service for as long as we need to practise “social distancing”.

In addition, we are implementing the following modifications to our normal Sunday routine:

- Please **spread out** in the sanctuary, so that the only people you sit with are those you live with, or family members with whom you have frequent contact during the week.
- Please **avoid shaking hands** with others altogether.
- An **offering plate** has been placed at the back of the sanctuary, so that you can place your offering onto it as you enter. We will do this for the foreseeable future, rather than gathering the offering during the service by passing the plates from person to person.
- Committee/group meetings will be held in the **Church Hall** only, where there is room to spread out.

The Greeters this month are **Val Pogue** and **Brian Yeo**.

Today's scripture readings will be read by **Raymond Reichelt**. The Prayers of the People will be led by **Charlie Clifford**.

**Scripture Readings** - The readings for today's service are

- 1 Samuel 15.34 - 16.13 - Samuel anoints David king of Israel
- Psalm 23 - “The LORD is my shepherd”
- Ephesians 5.8-14 - “Live as children of the light”
- John 9.1-41 - Jesus heals a man blind from birth

The readings for next Sunday will be

- Ezekiel 37.1-14 - Ezekiel's vision of a valley of dry bones
- Psalm 130 - "Out of the depths I cry to you"
- Romans 8.6-11 - Flesh vs. Spirit
- John 11.1-45 - Jesus raises Lazarus from death

### **This Week in First Church:**

- Today, following the service - Choir practice
- Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. - Bible study, in the Church Hall
- Thursday, 7:00 p.m. - Session meeting, in the Church Hall

### **Coming Up:**

- Sunday, 29 March - Communion Sunday

**Cancellations** - The following activities, programs, and fundraisers have been **cancelled**, due to the COVID-19 pandemic:

- The **Soup Kitchen**, due in part to a growing shortage of volunteers
- The **Meal-in-a-Bowl Supper** originally scheduled for this Wednesday
- Our bi-weekly **Men's Breakfasts**
- The **Pasta Supper**, originally scheduled for Sunday, 5 April
- The Anglican Church's remaining **Lenten noon-hour concert**
- The **Kurdish Dinner and Dance** fundraiser, originally scheduled for Saturday, 4 April

**Our Sympathy** - We extend our sympathy to **Jean McBurney** in the death of her sister, Mabel McCamis, last weekend. Mabel was a resident of the Douglas Campbell Lodge, where Jean also is a resident.

**The Christian Year** - The 25th of March (this Wednesday) is a "Lesser Festival" in the Christian Year, called the **Annunciation of our Lord**. It commemorates the announcement made to Mary by the angel Gabriel that she would have a son, whom she was to name Jesus, as told in Luke 1.26-38. No one knows the exact date when Gabriel made this announcement to Mary, however. The reason that the festival was dated the 25th of March is because it comes nine months before the 25th of December (Christmas Day), the festival of Jesus' birth. The other traditional scripture readings for this day are Isaiah 7.10-14, Psalm 45, and 1 Timothy 3.16.

**Newspaper** - Copies of the Spring 2020 issue of *Presbyterian Connection*, our national church's quarterly newspaper, have been set out on the table at the south entrance. Feel free to take one home with you. Find out what other congregations across the country are doing. Among other things, this issue features the four nominees for moderator of this year's General Assembly (p. 9), an article on e-mail and telephone scams (p. 7), and an update on the relief effort following Cyclone Idai, which hit Malawi, Zimbabwe, and Mozambique last year (p. 28).

**Women's Missionary Society (WMS)** - The April meeting has been cancelled.

**Bible Study** - on "The Armour of God" will likely begin mid-April. If you are interested please sign the sheet at the back of the sanctuary.

**Spring Dinner** - Sunday, May 3rd, 2020: Adults \$15.00, 12 and under \$8.00, 6 and under free. Everyone welcome: put it on your calendar!

**Greeting Card Fundraiser** - Could people who have orders for the greeting card fund raiser please submit your forms and the money next Sunday, March 29th, to Ria. In the event that you aren't able to bring it next week please call and I will make arrangements to come pick it up. Call 204-239-0896.

### **Mission Moment**

#### **Restoration and rehabilitation after Cyclone Idai**

In Malawi, eating raw maize, a grain usually dried to make the traditional food *nsima*, is a sign of pressing hunger. After Cyclone Idai stormed into Malawi, Mozambique and Zimbabwe one year ago, many people were left with only this option—or worse, with no food at all. After the cyclone, Katherine Chiphwayna's lost crops meant her family of four often went to bed hungry. Then Katherine began receiving support through PWS&D and Canadian Foodgrains Bank. She is now able to work more and provide her children with fish, eggplants and tomatoes, in addition to the *nsima* they like. "The kids are happy to eat the food. It's very tasty."

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### **Perishable items for sale Pasta Dinner 2020**

In regards to the pasta supper being cancelled there are a few perishable items that I have purchased and would like to sell to anyone.

- **2% cottage cheese** – 750 gr container for \$4.16. I have 3 containers.
- **Mozzarella cheese** – 1.15 kilogram for \$11.00. I have 5 of them.
- **Kraft Parmesan Cheese** – 680 gr shaker container for \$14.00. I have 2 of them.

If you or you know of anyone that would be interested in buying one or all of this please let me know.

I will be in church on Sunday to look after you with this.

*Thanks,*

*Lisa Sneesby*