

Westminster United Church Week of March 22, 2020 Announcements

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Attendance Last Sunday: 84
Offering plus weekly PAR: \$2,163.66
Operating each week: \$3,732.00
M & S plus weekly PAR: \$309.25
Outreach Ministries: \$57.50
Total Amount for Change for Change: \$591.00

Our month at a glance:

Sat. April 4th Soups On – to help out contact
Rosemary at 306-924-0423.

To our Westminster United Church Family,

In response to the COVID-19 situation Westminster has made some temporary changes to how we operate for the coming weeks.

First of all, we have convened a special advisory group to Council to provide recommendations and advice based on experience, public health recommendations, and best practices. This group met on Monday, and provided recommendations for Council to consider. As recommended by this group, Council has made the following decisions.

1) Westminster will temporarily suspend in-person worship services for at least two weeks, to April 5th, to support social distancing efforts that aid in containing and lessening the effects of COVID-19. We will continue to assess the situation and a decision will be made for after April 5th.

2) The church building will remain open, and we are allowing those who rent our facility to make their own decisions on how they continue.

3) All Westminster non-essential in-person meetings of any sort are suspended effective immediately. We recognize that some meetings may be essential and require in-person meetings - please check with the church office or those named below.

4) We will make every effort to support our Congregation, and the wider community. To that end, we are exploring methods to provide sacred messages, prayers and worship services so that we continue to support you and your faith life during this time.

5) If you are healthy and not part of the group at increased risk and would like to assist please let us know. Your assistance is much appreciated.

6) If you are self-isolating, in quarantine, or part of the group at increased risk we are available to provide what support we can. Please let us know how we can support and assist you at this time.

With the love of God and faith in Jesus Christ we continue to work together to support each other and our community. This is not a permanent situation, the day will come when we will once again gather together and celebrate in worship. In the meantime, we celebrate separately - but together in spirit, faith and prayer.

If you have any questions or comments about these decisions, please feel free to contact Dan Hunt, Chair of Council at1danielhunt@gmail.com.

If in need of pastoral care, please call Darrell at 306-757-6444 or at home 306-789-1049.

Yours in faith,
Westminster United Church

Stewards open their eyes to choices that bring light, truth, and wholeness.

- **Annual General Meeting postponed** until further notice. A new date will be set once things settle down.



The Spring Supper is cancelled



We have had a high volume of traffic for the Food Pantry. We are in need as this may only get worse as other agencies are shutting down. If you can drop off either food or donations (we will go out and purchase food) it would be much appreciated. We need

soups that take water, beans, pasta and sauces, breakfast items, juice, instant oatmeal, peanut butter and canned meats. If you are donating money, we will credit your offering for income tax. Thank you for this generous support during this time. Contact the Church Office for drop off times 306-757-6444.

Financial Support - Friends, as we journey along this unknown time, the church needs your continued support. Some of you are on Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) and that is very helpful. We invite those who are not to consider mailing in or dropping of a monthly donation or postdating cheques to the church for a few months. At the present time, there is no staff layoffs and the church is still being heated. And we are trying to provide an online worship service. We are also looking at ways to do giving on line and hopefully will have something in the next few weeks. Thank you for your generosity.

The **Regina CGIT** has made the difficult decision to postpone our Lent movie afternoon indefinitely. Given the current COVID-19 pandemic we feel that it is our social responsibility to help flatten the curve of this virus. This includes social distancing and limiting the amount of time we are face-to-face with others. We will keep you updated about when and if we are able to host this event going forward. Thank you for all of your support and remember to wash your hands!!



Thinking about Spring Cleaning? Downsizing? Moving? What to do with gently used, but still usable items? Consider donating to the **proposed Spring Rummage Sale** to be held on April 24 and 25.

Watch this space in the coming weeks for additional information!