

## **March 18, 2020 - Rostered Ministers Zoom Meetings Notes (9:30 and 11:00am)**

This is a summary of discussions from two ZOOM meetings on what attendees to the meeting are doing in the face of changes due to COVID-19. Disclaimer: These notes are based on what the community knew of protocols and guidelines from the AB Government and Alberta Health Services at the time of the meetings and will most likely need edits with new information.

### **Pastoral COMMUNICATIONS**

- Pastors calling members directly to check-in, especially the vulnerable
- Creating teams/ buddy system among members to call each other for support and check-in
- Members assigned to check in with another
- Zoom gatherings each day at specified time
- Card Ministry to Care Home where they cannot visit
- Going through the Church directory to identify those in isolation and in need of support. Pastors to call them.
- The Ministry committees within the congregation have all been entrusted with the responsibility of ministering within their own discipline.
- Lay Visitation team using telephone or facetime for Pastoral Visits.
- Encouraging people to phone one person a day starting from their own name in the church directory and moving up or down the list

### **RESOURCE**

- Using the church sign to promote messages of Hope
- Including resources on Church Website.
- Sanctuary Mental Health Course offered for Free (with Code)
- Church Signboard – ‘COVID-19 Social Reset’

### **COMMUNITY**

- Teams to run errands for those who are not able to. If isolated, buying groceries and leaving it on the doorstep.
- Coordinating with other churches within the community to identify the vulnerable within the community.
- Rostered ministers gathering for weekly text study.
- Physiotherapist member recording exercises that one can do at home while in isolation – Posted on website
- Mental Health care resources being researched and will be distributed via the website.
- Pastor posted contact information and invitation to contact in need on Community Post Office

- Networking with pre-existing Spiritual Care providers within the health care system.
- Simple Supper moved to Café style via Zoom
- Providing cooking show for students to learn easy and simple recipes to use.
- Offer to assist with operating of Zoom and other platforms.
- Food Bank & Winter Shelter continuing
- Volunteers who are willing to buy groceries, fill prescriptions, etc. and deliver to those who are vulnerable and can't get out. People can phone in to the church office to inform of their need.
- "Friendly Faces" Corner: contributions from people of the congregation. Selfies with crafts they have been doing, quilts, etc. along with a few short sentences about what they are doing. These pictures and updates will be included in monthly newsletter.
- Sent a letter to the families with some resources, prayers and practices that they can use as they talk to their children about what is going on

## WORSHIP & MEDITATION

- Follow the Roman Catholic Priest's idea of requesting and pasting pictures of each member on the pews and praying for them.
- Meditation during COVID-19 from Sanctuary Mental Health
- Having the church building open during specified times for gathering in small groups with 1 church representative/ staff present.
- Sending the Text, Sermon via email and delivery (where email is not available)
- Use of Messenger for prayers
- Posting on the church's YouTube channel, Video tape segments of liturgy along with some videos from YouTube
- Using Zoom pro account for Sunday worship. Members are requested to pick up a hymnal from the church.
- Posting bulletins on the website
- Morning and Evening Prayer on website
- Use of Zoom for Bible Study
- Live streaming Sunday and Lenten Services with minimal personnel (Pastors and a musician)
- Pre-recorded posting each day
- Compliment each day via Facebook
- Providing mp3 recordings of weekly services along with copies of bulletins, children's resources, and copies of the sermon by email on website
- Posting weekly prayers on FB page
- posting videos--pastoral and other group leaders, i.e. Sunday School, Creative Circle, Men's Group Leaders
- Sunday school resources being shared with parents within the congregation so that they can do the crafts, bible stories, songs etc. at home