

Christ Moravian Church
Pastoral Letter and Information for the week of March 22nd, 2020

Greetings to all and my prayers of health, love and strength reach out to everyone.

We are in a very strange time. I'm truly trying not to panic and get overwrought with worry, but it truly is difficult to live in an experience of faith and trust. So many Biblical illustrations stand out, and it seems the life of Abraham...living as an alien in a strange, new land...yet living with faith in God, this seems to be a prime example.

Included in this email will be information of all sorts. Being a church, without coming together in the walls of the church is leading us to some new experiences. The Executive Board of CMC met on Wednesday evening via the internet and will keep addressing needs of the church as they arise. The Fellowship of Elders will be asked to put a phone tree system together that we may continue healthy communication and connections during this isolated time.

We are maintaining varied office hours, so please feel free to phone the church office (403-271-2700) and leave a message should any needs arise. Or email the church office for questions or communications. moravian@nucleus.com

We will update you either later today or on Saturday with directions to access a video of this week's worship experience, which was taped on Thursday evening. Look forward to a taped worship experience each week during this time of suspended services. I thank Steve Blackwell, and others involved in making this happen. (The videos of Sunday worship services are now up on the website at www.christmoravian.com.)

There is a cell phone app, named "Marco Polo" that you can download and follow as a Christ Church member. This provides a regular way to communicate around the life of the church. We plan to have a "Marco Polo" site for the youth and children which will be focused on their activities. Follow the links in order to get connected.

We are recognizing how blessed and fortunate we are to be a church of love, support and generosity. The Finance Committee expresses its invitation to continue in financial support of the church's commitments, as the life of the church is maintained in this time of suspension. Please mail in your cheques and contributions with your offering envelope to the church office: Christ Moravian Church, 600 Acadia Dr. SE, Calgary, AB, T2J 0B8. Or, the Finance committee has enacted the ability to contribute via "e-transfer". Details of making this contribution are below.

Lastly, please keep those phone calls and emails connecting us all. Let us continue to be the church without those walls confining us at this time. Should needs arise please contact us at the church office. We gratefully appreciate all the responses of the volunteers willing to assist. Plans are being put in place to mobilize support that may be needed.

Shalom,
Pastor Steve Gohdes

Instructions for e-Transfer

- 1) Log onto your online banking site or banking app
- 2) Initial Set Up:
 - a. Click on Interac eTransfer
 - b. Complete fields to add new recipient:
 - Name: Christ Church
 - Email address: donatecmc@nucleus.com
 - Security Question is not required as auto-deposit has been set up
- 3) Transfer Funds
 - a. Click on Interac e-Transfer
 - b. Complete fields:
 - Choose Account for Withdrawal
 - Enter amount to be transferred
 - Enter name of recipient: Christ Church
 - **Enter Message: *Record your name and envelope number, or your name address and phone number***

Links to Online Worship:

Christ Moravian www.christmoravian.com
Good Shepherd www.goodshepherdmoravian.org
Rio Terrace www.rioterracechurch.org/live
Moravian Church Northern Province: moravian.org

Marco Polo Instructions:

1. Click the link below on a cell phone or tablet
2. Look for the prompt to download or install the app on the “App Store” if you have an Apple Product or the “Play Store” if you have an android phone or tablet
3. Once you have installed the app, if you’re not taken to the group, click the link below again from your phone
4. Let Steve know if you are having troubles: give him your phone number and let him know what brand of phone you have. He’ll pass your info on to our volunteer helpdesk (aka youth group chat 😊)

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