

Brothers and sisters,

Many of you let us know you were praying for the Elders as we met last night. Thank you!



We had a very profitable discussion as we considered the pertinent biblical texts that would inform our decision – Acts 5:29, Romans 13:1-10 and Hebrews 10:23-25, etc. - along with the very latest updates from our provincial government and health department. Yesterday the provincial government declared a “state of public health emergency.” They have now prohibited “mass gatherings of more than 50 attendees... including places of worship.”

Considering all those factors, we have made the following difficult decisions:

- Sunday School and Worship Services are cancelled for the next three Sundays – March 22, March 29 and April 5 – and will be re-evaluated as the situation developments.
- Weekly ministries
  - Friendship Ministry - cancelled until further notice
  - Ladies Time Out - ended until the Fall.
  - AWANA - cancelled for Friday, March 20. The awards night on April 3 will be re-scheduled to a later date as the situation allows
  - Men’s breakfast on March 21 - cancelled
  - Newcomer’s Lunch on March 29 - cancelled.
  - Youth on Friday nights - cancelled. However, refer to the youth facebook page for alternate group activities.
  - Young Adults on Saturday nights – to be determined by the leaders.
  - **Midweek Prayer Meetings will continue to meet, Wednesdays at 7pm.** Please note we will move our meeting into the church foyer so that we can ensure adequate social distancing. Please do NOT attend if you have cold or flu symptoms (coughing, sneezing) or if you are in the higher risk category (elderly, weakened immune system due to pre-existing conditions). We welcome anyone else to join as we intercede to the Lord on behalf of our church and our world during this critical time.

Please be assured that, though our main gathering is cancelled, along with many of our ministries, for a time, we remain just as committed to “your progress and joy in the faith” (Phi 1:25). We remain committed to prayer and the ministry of the Word. Therefore, we endeavor to use all the means at our disposal - including technology - to meet our common need for fellowship and spiritual instruction. Those means will take shape in the days to come. Also, we strongly encourage you to please make us aware of any practical needs you might have. We have already heard from a number of our church family who are willing to serve during these days – shopping, pick ups, deliveries, yard work, etc. We realize these days will also have a financial impact on many of you. If you have any needs in this area, please do let us know.

Speaking of finances, giving is an important part of our worship and our ongoing ministry. In the absence of the ‘offering’ portion of our Worship Services, we encourage you to drop off your offering to the church office administrator Tuesday-Friday, 8am – 4pm, or by mail, or by online options as outlined at <http://wetaskiwinmissionchurch.org/donate-to-wmc>.

We will miss being together. The encouragement that takes place when we meet together cannot be recreated. At the same time, we remain hopeful and encouraged in what the Lord might have for us in the coming days.

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