

Viral Times

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Partnership with CLWR

The Spring 2020 newsletter from Canadian Lutheran World Relief arrived in the mail this week. While we complain about isolation and boredom, the aid agency of our church works across the country and around the world to help people who have very few resources from which to draw.

Thanks to your offerings, CLWR is working in Uganda educating refugees from South Sudan and Congo about preventive measures regarding the Coronavirus. Workers and local volunteers rely on a pick-up truck outfitted with a public address system.

In Ethiopia our rapid response has provided 3611 jerry cans for clean water, bathing and laundry soap (including handwashing) for 5254 families. Personal protective equipment has also been provided for health-care workers.

And in Jerusalem the multi-faith Augustana Victoria continues to provide cancer treatments and dialysis even as it also combats COVID-19.

Congregational Vote

Ballots have already started arriving in response to two questions about how to use recent major gifts.

Read the information letter, which tells you about proposed capital projects in 2020 and 2021, and a matching grant for offerings directed to Lutheran ministries and Local Outreach. Then mail in your vote with the attached ballot and stamped, self-addressed envelope. Please return it soon, so that we receive it no later than June 16.



Life Line

The Synod of Alberta and the Territories has developed a check-list to help congregations prepare for the resumption of worship. I have shared it with the Council, Mutual Ministry, and Worship and Music Committees. It is a daunting list of cleaning, seating, and worship arrangements that will make singing, communion, and the use of washrooms very difficult.

In time the Eastern Synod and the province of Quebec will publish guidelines and similar instructions. For practical reasons it may still be a long time until we can all be together, worshipping in ways that have become familiar and comforting to us.

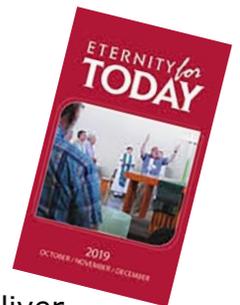
Which means that phone calls and Zoom services may be with us for a while.

In Christ, Pastor Jim

Eternity for Today

The devotional booklet from the ELCIC is now available for July, August and September. Please phone or e-mail the church office so that we can deliver or mail you a copy before Canada Day. There's also an app that will allow you to download the daily messages.

<https://www.parasource.com/catalogsearch/result/?q=Eternity+for+Today>



This Week at CTR

June 3	Lessons' Study	7:00 pm
	Zoom Meeting ID	879 1570 3753
June 7	Worship	9:30/10:00 am
	Zoom Meeting ID	879 6252 4151
June 10	Lessons' Study	7:00 pm
	Zoom Meeting ID	879 1570 3753

