

Viral Times

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Annual Meeting

The Congregation Council has proposed that our Annual Meeting be held on Saturday February 20. Detailed plans have yet to be finalised. Suggestions made after worship on January 10 will be taken into consideration.

A letter will be sent to all members in the coming weeks, saying a little more about the meeting. We are seeking a way for all members, including those without internet or Zoom access.

As plans for the meeting take shape, we'll keep all members up to date through this mini-newsletter and Redeeming Words (which is mailed to those who do not receive e-mail). This will include the distribution of a Bulletin of Reports.

AV Equipment

The Worship & Music Committee hopes to install up-graded audio and visual devices, so that even after COVID has passed we can live-stream our worship services to those who cannot be with us in person. The proposal is being worked into the 2021 budget. Questions will be entertained at the annual meeting.



Church Painting

These COVID days are an ideal time to repaint some of our walls. Please contact Pastor Jim if you'd like to help paint hallways and the nave (worship space) this winter, one or two volunteers at a time. Supplies and equipment will be provided.

Life Line

Did any of us, a year ago, imagine that we would be living under a curfew?

It is a sobering word.

Before 2020-21 curfew might be heard as a word that represents a challenge to free speech, and the right to gather and protest, instituted by heavy-handed leaders.

Or it is a response to such restrictions, leading to protests, rioting and violence. Perhaps in some other time or place.

But today it speaks of the ease with which COVID-19 can be spread, eventually to those who are most vulnerable. And the determination of health professionals and politicians in eradicating it.

Like the wearing of masks and safe social distancing our acceptance of this curfew demonstrates our concern for those who might be five or ten "transmission steps" removed from us. COVID may not be a threat to young healthy adults, but it has proven deadly to the elderly and those who have prior illnesses/conditions.

So stay home as much as possible. Limit trips to your job and the purchase of essential items like groceries. Be kind to your neighbours.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Jim

This Week at CTR

January 14 Montreal Lutheran Council 7:30

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82695080761>

January 17 Sunday Worship 10:00 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83596791034>