



# WOODY NOOK CRC

WHAT WE ARE DOING...effective immediately...

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## being the church in the midst of COVID-19

As we all know, we'll be unable to gather together in large services. We know that we don't come to church, we are the church—even at this time. There are a few things we'll be doing as pastors and council to make sure we stay connected and growing in our walk with God. Even now and even here we can continue to grow in Christ and be connected with one another. Below you'll find some of the things we're doing during this time. We know that some of this will stretch you beyond your comfort zone, but we invite you to participate and continue to find strength, peace, joy and courage in the Lord in this season.

## communication

We will be trying to communicate with you regularly as things shift and change. Please watch the bridge, the website, Facebook and Instagram for new details and spread the word please.

## home-based services

Every Friday morning we will send you the bulletin, a service outline, and a video link for a guided meditation. We encourage you to gather with your family, a few friends, other seniors in your building, or your small group to worship and pray together in this time. Please remember to invite those who may be left out, while remembering AHS Guidelines.

## daily prayers

Churches throughout the ages have prayed what's called the "daily offices"—these are prayers which remain the same every day and are said by yourself or with those you live with in the morning, at noon, and in the evening before bed. We'll be sending you prayers specifically collected for our community of Woody Nook. And we will all be praying these together though apart. Chad and Dayna will go through these on Instagram and

## the peace of God

*be over us to shelter us,  
under us to uphold us  
about us to protect us  
behind us to direct us  
ever with us to save us.*



### Pastoral Elders

Please note that the Pastoral Elders will be contacting everyone on their District List by telephone to talk about any concerns or questions that you may have.

## daily devotionals

Every morning Pastor Chad or Pastor Dayna will share a brief devotional video on Facebook and Instagram to encourage us. Please follow us on these apps and look for them daily.

## drop in pastoral care

We still desire to care for you, even if we can't meet face to face. Please call, text, email Dayna and Chad if you have any physical, emotional, spiritual needs! Unless further restrictions are imposed, the pastors will be available Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 9am-12 to meet with you at recommended distances :) Please call ahead or drop in during those times.

## families being prayed for

Chad and Dayna will continue their weekly phone calls to those families listed in the bulletin. As much as is possible, we will call you within the week, if we don't, please know we haven't forgotten you but had some interruption and will get back to you the following week.

## prayer in the pews

Until there are further restrictions put in place, we will leave the sanctuary open for prayer on Tues and Wed 9am-12pm. We ask that you remain 2 meters from anyone else here, that you do not come if you are sick or recently returned from abroad, and that you make your children sit quietly with you. We will have cleaning supplies available and we ask you wipe down the pew and the one in front of you when you leave. If there are more than 10 people here we will restrict access for a bit. We recognize the sanctuary can be a grounding and safe place for people and we want to make it accessible to you while we can.

## ways to serve our community

At this time there are many ministries in our community which are struggling. If you are well and able we ask that you consider what it might look like to support and serve our neighbors. You can send a letter to or call a senior in a care facility whose not allowed visitors, write up notes and drop them off at your neighbors to let them know you're available if they need anything, call those who live alone or who are self-isolating or are at risk every 3-4 days to be sure they are ok, contact the Deacons to let them know you're willing to help out when needs arise. Or here's a few places we know of in need of help:

1. The Mustard Seed in Red Deer (food and lunches, especially juice boxes and water bottles)
2. Meals on Wheels in Red Deer (drivers needed, police check required)
3. Lacombe & Blackfalds Food Banks (please continue to donate items to our local food banks)
4. Meals on Wheels in Lacombe has been cancelled. If you know of any shut-ins who may require help with meal preparation, please reach out.

### Deacons

Please note that the deacons are still here for us. Please let them know if you have any financial needs or if you know of someone who might need some help

## giving to the church

In the absence of regular church services, we encourage our members to continue to give generously to the causes normally covered by Sunday's collections in the following ways:

**Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)** are regular monthly donations directly from your bank account for *Woody Nook Ministries* or the *Building Fund*, and can be for any chosen amount, and can be changed at any time. You will receive a charitable donation receipt for such donations. Please contact the bookkeeper (Karissa, [kdekon82@gmail.com](mailto:kdekon82@gmail.com)) to set up EFT.

**Set up Woody Nook CRC as a Payee with your bank:** we are listed as a payee, the same way a utility company is, with Servus Credit Union, RBC, and ATB Financial. For ATB, your user name is your last name, and first initial(s). For example, SMITHJ, or SMITHJA.

**The Bridge App:** The "Give" tab on the Bridge App allows users to make donations directly to Woody Nook Ministries or other ministries the church currently supports. The "Give" tab can be located by clicking on the "more" button at the top left of the main Bridge App screen. Please note that there is a 3% service fee for us to use the Bridge. Your charitable donation receipt will come from The Bridge.

**Cheques,** can be mailed to Woody Nook CRC, or dropped off in the office on Tuesday or Wednesday mornings between 9am and noon. Please make cheques payable to Woody Nook CRC, with the cause in the memo line.

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