

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Below are our congregational announcements for the week of Nov. 21st – Nov. 28th.

Seating reminder: Just a reminder, if you haven't already done so, to be sure to request your seat in worship for this coming **Sun., Nov. 22nd, 2020**. To request your seat, you can visit our website (www.calvinhalifax.ca), or:

- **If you are requesting a regular seat for you (or your bubble group) for either the 9:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. service** please click this link: <https://forms.gle/x2kpZ1p8J9Gmya6G9>
- **If you are taking part in helping to lead in worship during both services** (i.e. singing, leading in prayers, acting as duty elders, reading scripture at both services) please click this link: <https://forms.gle/KhtKvA1dyQaK6nV28>

Church Christmas Decorating: Decorating of the sanctuary will be done on Wed. Nov. 25th. This year, we hope to decorate the cedar tree outside the front of the church. To help with this, anyone willing to donate old plastic decorations, outside garland, ribbon, etc., are asked to please drop them in the grocery cart at the church this Sun. (Nov. 22nd), or to Marian Smith.

'The Message' Subscriptions: Subscriptions to the Atlantic Mission Society's publication, '*The Message*', are due in to Margaret Craig. The cost of a subscription is \$15. For more information please speak to Margaret, or contact the church office at 902-455-7435, or online at calvinhalifax@bellaliant.com.

Angel Tree Tags: will be available at both 9:30am and 11:00am services out in the Narthex where there will be a volunteer to assist you. We ask that you maintain social distance while waiting to choose and pick up your tag. If you are unable to retrieve the tag(s) on a Sunday and wish to participate or you have any questions you can email Chelsey at opendoorscoordinator@gmail.com or call her at 902-301-1867. Tags will be available until there are none left. Please note that clothing items are limited to hats, mittens, scarves and socks. We kindly ask that you have your gift back to the church no later than next Sunday, November 29th. There will be a drop off person/ location in the Narthex. Thank you so much for your continued generosity!

Gift Cards Pick Up: A reminder for those that purchase Gift Cards, that they will be available today, Sun., Nov. 22nd, at the church (either 9:30 or 11:00 a.m. service).

Sunday School: Just a reminder that our Sunday morning children's programming is available each Sunday, during our 11:00 a.m. service of worship. Programming will begin at 11:00 a.m., and parents are asked to please drop off their children downstairs prior to going into worship. Children will be socially distanced (by bubble groups), with individual supplies being provided for each child. Parents are invited to then pick up their children downstairs following the service and to learn more about what their children have been up to.

Advent Prayer Tree: Beginning next week (Mon. Nov. 23rd), and throughout the Advent Season, you are invited to submit prayers to help decorate our Prayer Tree. Prayers may be submitted anonymously via an emailed link to online forms (watch for this link each week as a part of our regular seating booking emails), or by being placed in the offering plate in an envelope marked 'Prayer Tree'. Each week, these prayers will be printed onto angel ornaments, and added to our Prayer Tree during our Sunday morning worship services.

Christmas Eve Worship Services: At present, there will be 2 in-person Christmas Eve worship services (Thurs. Dec. 24th) – one at 4:00 p.m., the second at 7:00 p.m. Please note that links to seating requests for Christmas Eve services will open on Mon. Dec. 14th. For those unable to join us in person, a pre-recorded Christmas Eve Service will be available on-line as of 7:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

Christmas Communion: An in-person service of Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sun. Dec. 20th during our 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services. Pre-packaged elements will be provided upon arrival in keeping with COVID-19 guidelines.

Gift Cards for the Nova Scotia Native Council: As many of you may remember last year Calvin congregation, alongside the College and Career Group, gathered gift cards to be given to the NS Native Council. The gift cards were deeply appreciated, and we hope to share with them again this year. We are asking for gift cards from places that people could buy food and supplies from examples of these would be, but not limited to, Tim Hortons, McDonalds, Walmart, Staples, Superstore, Sobeys. We are asking that the gifts cards do not exceed \$25.00 and that gift cards of \$10.00 value would be best. They can be dropped off in the collection plate or given to Chelsey Joudrie. Any bit helps, thank you in advance!

Peace,

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