Easter Celebration **April 26, 2020**

Emmanuel BAPTIST CHURCH

Emmanuel Baptist exists to fully love God and all people for God's Kingdom, pleasure and glory.

the connection is a community of the Emmanuel family. We seek to know and follow Jesus. We believe that as we follow him, Jesus changes us and transforms us into the people God created us to be. As a community, there are certain Jesus-centered principles that frame our journey together. Principles aren't rules, they're guideposts we want to keep in view wherever we are and whatever we do as *the connection*.

STAYING CONNECTED

There are several ways for you to keep in the loop about what's going on in and around *the connection* ...

- Email: Rob (heypriest@gmail.com)
- Phone: 306-477-1234
- Website: theconnection.ca
- Facebook: facebook.com/theconnectionsk
- Twitter: @TheConnectionSK

If you have anything to say or questions to ask, then please don't hesitate to get in touch.

NEW WAYS OF CONNECTING AT EBC ...

For the following information & much more, please check out our website: ***www.theconnection.ca or www.ebap.ca***

The Connection Service Update - In the absence of our community gatherings, we're introducing ***the connection liturgies*** at www.theconnection.ca.

Children's Ministry - Beverly would love to visit with your children while they are at home! She is available to chat in the afternoons from 12-5pm Monday - Friday. Email her (beverly@ebap.ca) or use her cell (306-713-3990) to set it up. Also, look for a weekly email with encouragement and resources if your child is registered at EBC. If you would like to be included, and are not currently receiving them, please let her know.

Youth Ministry - Ebap Youth has moved to an online format for the time being! We will continue to connect on **Tuesday nights from 7-9pm** using **Zoom**. If you or your teen are not currently connected to this new online format, and would like to be, please contact Rachel to be added to the group. You can reach her at rachel@ebap.ca or by leaving a voicemail at 306-477-1234, ext. 132. Please include you and your teen's email addresses! Let her know if you, as a parent, would like to be included in the parent emails. You can also find us on Instagram and Facebook under Ebap Youth, where Rachel will be posting weekly updates about the happenings at youth!

Senior Adult Ministry - Robin has started to write on the Emmanuel Senior Journal again to help keep us connected and to share interesting thoughts and ideas on how to stay healthy during this season. The goal is to post two to three times a week. Check out the blog: http://emmanuelsenior.blogspot.com/
If you have pastoral needs or simply would like to connect, email robin@ebap.ca or call 306-281-5205.

Women's Ministry - For women of all ages, if you would like to connect with others in the EBC community, please join the **Zoom meeting each Thursday afternoon from 1pm-2pm.**

Running on Tuesdays until May 26, Robin will be hosting a **Women's Zoom Bible Study from 7-8:30pm.** We will be working through a study on the topic of home & belonging. The study, Keeping Place, is by Jen Pollock Michel & is on RightNow Media. If you are interested in being part of an online Bible study for 6 weeks, please connect with Robin at robin@ebap.ca or 306-281-5205. Click here to check it out! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zgF4zino5Lw

Care Ministry - For those in need of Practical Care Supports such as food & supplies or requests to the Care Fund, or for Mental Health Supports, please contact Kari at 306-477-1234, ext. 133 or kari@ebap.ca.

If you are looking for ways to help, we are accepting donations of sealed & labelled freezer meals as well as items for the Food Pantry. Please note that we are limiting drop off times at this point to Wednesdays from 3-4pm in an effort to limit physical contact and to help stay organized while the church office is closed. Please contact Kari if you would like to contribute.

Prayer Ministry - Please join us for Daily Prayer, Monday-Friday, 7:15-7:45am, 12:15-12:45pm, 9:15-9:45pm. Pray on your own or with others via zoom. For computers, tablets and smart phones, download and install the zoom app from zoom.us. Click on "Join a Meeting." Meeting ID: 306 477 1234; Password: 4771234. For phone: Dial 1 778 907 2071, Enter the Meeting ID and Press the pound key (#). Trouble connecting? Call Brendon, 1-306-341-0195.

Morning Service Update - As we are not able to gather for services, we will be providing a weekly service by audio and text. The audio will be uploaded to the website every Sunday morning around 10:00am. An email with links and the text of the sermon will be sent out as well. If you do not currently receive our emails and would like to, please contact the office, info@ebap.ca.

WHAT WE'RE ABOUT

Shalom | God's relationship with creation began with "God saw all that he had made and it was very good" (Genesis 1:31). The scriptures tell us that a day is coming when God will unfold a new heaven and a new earth (Revelation 21). This state of perfect wholeness is the centre of the Jewish idea of "Shalom". But what about the in-between time? Jesus' life and teaching reveals God's plan to unfold shalom here and now: "May your kingdom come, may your will be done on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6). We believe that followers of Jesus are invited to participate in the in-breaking of God's shalom here, now, on earth as it is in heaven. As a community, *the connection* seeks the shalom of God in the following broad expressions:

Shalom with God
Are we moving in right relationship with our Creator?

Shalom with Creation
How does our living reflect that "earth is God's and everything in it? Do we live aware that Creation is a gift to treasure and care for?

Shalom with Ourselves
God created humankind in God's own image. Are we living in such a sway as to care for ourselves as people uniquely and wonderfully made by our Creator?

Shalom with Others
We have been called to live as pictures of Jesus in the world where we live. Therefore we strive for relationships marked out by generous live, grace, compassion, mercy, forgiveness, encouragement and support. Believing that Jesus demonstrated how this is done, we seek to extend this generosity to all people whoever we meet them - next door, downtown, around the world.

One of the metaphors we use to describe our life in Community is the breathing rhythm. For a body to live it needs to inhale and exhale. This is true of us as *the connection:*

Inhale - Gathering as a Community | We value being together as often as possible. One of the ways Jesus shapes his people is by speaking through community. One of the ancient traditions described in the Bible is the journeying people of God worshiping God together. So when we gather we anticipate growing toward Jesus together. "Inhale" is described in our context as any whole-community gathering - Sunday evenings, Connection Feasts, etc.

Exhale - Living as a Dispersed Community | We believe that Jesus taught and demonstrated that all of life is to reflect God's kingdom values. In other words, following Jesus is more than once-a-week Sunday get-togethers. "Exhale" in this context describes how we live as a dispersed community between Sundays. A new and growing initiative to help us 'exhale' is Connection House.

For more information about *the connection*, our core values, Connection House, or questions about what it means to follow Jesus in the world today, contact Rob Priestly (heypriest@ebap.ca).

DONATE TO EBC:
THROUGH INTERNET BANKING
Contact Jan at 477-1234, ext 126 or bookkeeper@ebap.ca
for an identifier code and create EBC as a Payee
under your Bill Payments option.

ON-LINE GIVING
www.emmanuelbaptist.ca/giving

KINGDOM GIVING THROUGH EBC

The Bible calls us to give to the Lord generously, sacrificially and joyfully. We are grateful for your support of the ministry of EBC through tithes and offerings, and through the use of your time and gifts in service to the Lord and His kingdom. If you ever have any questions regarding our finances, please feel free to contact our treasurer at elders@ebap.ca.

Budgeted Offerings as of April 19, 2020	$ 586,042
Actual Offerings as of April 19, 2020	$ 574,017
Deficit	$ (-12,025)
Capital Fund Offerings as of April 19, 2020	$ 90,211
Line of Credit as of April 1, 2020	$ 151,514

NEWS & OTHER INFO

CBWC ASSEMBLY WEBINAR - Thursday, May 21. Register by May 7. Online Annual General Meeting via Zoom Webinar that will primarily include a financial report, as well as an update on CBWC initiatives. You can register, download the docket & find additional information on our website by clicking on this link https://cbwc.ca/assembly/

COVID-19 Resource:

Arcana Creative put this out for local supports in Saskatoon...

https://arcanacreative.ca/covid-service-directory/

PRAISE & PRAYER

If you would like prayer for yourself or someone you know, please contact the church office with your concerns. "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." ~ Phil 4:6

1. Pray for **Fiona Popoff & family** as they deal with the passing of her mom, Ann, on April 21.
2. Please pray for **Emily Zacharias (Block)** as she has a port/TPN to bring nutrition & hydration directly into her blood system once again. This will keep her safe while other diagnoses & treatments are pursued. She is in Regina for 2 weeks now so they can watch her closely as her body learns again to do this for her. Please continue to pray for safety & healing.
3. Please pray for **Joe Almeida & the rest of his family** in Brazil as they grieve the sudden death of his younger brother from cancer.
4. Pray for **Kathy Malanovich & family** as they grieve the loss of her mother this past week. There are no plans for a memorial. Her body will be cremated & the family will have a private interment at Chitek Lake sometime later, when gatherings are permitted. Kathy expresses her appreciation to her church family for their prayers
5. Please pray for the **families, friends & community in Nova Scotia** as they come to grips with the devastating events of this past weekend.
6. Please pray for **Marc & Shawna Lepage & family** as Marc recovers from the removal of his arm due to bone cancer.
7. **Pray for leaders responsible for making decisions about the new coronavirus.** *He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, as you help us by your prayers ...—2 Corinthians 1:10-11*
8. **Pray for families adjusting to new ways of life.** *Have mercy on me, my God, have mercy on me, for in you I take refuge. I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings until the disaster has passed. —Psalm 57:1*
9. **Pray for business owners and families facing financial stress.**

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. —John 14:27

10. There are several people in our church family who need continued prayer for health concerns. Please remember **Sadie Robson, Wilf Henseleit, John Arendt, Jordan Reimer's mom, Jennifer & Harvey Just**. Also, please remember those who care for them during this season of their ongoing health requirements.

Pray for our partners at home and abroad:

Overseas:
- Rev. Andre, Rev. Gato (Rwanda)

Close to Home:
- The Quest at Christopher Lake (Dyan Mouland)
- The Bridge on 20th, Saskatoon (Linda Walker)
- IVCF-International Students, Saskatoon (Gerry & Shirley Falk)
- Hope Restored, Saskatoon (Joeline Magill)
- Saskatoon Pregnancy Options Centre, Saskatoon (Cathy LaFleche)
- LeaderImpact (Arlene Jorgenson)
- Canadian Baptist Ministries (CBM)
- Canadian Baptists of Western Canada (CBWC)
- Carey Theological College

Donations to the following can be made through EBC:
(please designate on your offering envelope)
- The Bridge on 20th, Saskatoon (Linda Walker)
- The Quest at Christopher Lake (Dyan Mouland)
- Saskatoon Pregnancy Options Centre, Saskatoon (Cathy LaFleche)
- Hope Restored, Saskatoon (Joeline Magill)
- Canadian Baptist Ministries