



Smithers Christian Reformed Church
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Dear church family,

Dec. 8, 2020

We so miss meeting with you. It is so hard to not be in our church filled with friends and followers of Jesus. We miss singing, having coffee and socializing together, and participating in our many ministries.

We as council want you to know that we are concerned about all of you, and pray for you. If you have needs or concerns or just want someone to talk with, please call one of us; our list of phone numbers is in the bulletin each week. We also feel the distance between us and encourage you to let us know if you are struggling.

Due to Covid19 and the adjusting of various meeting formats and dates, we are providing our provisional budget to you before our congregational meeting on January 11, 2021 so that you have it when considering your 2021 pledge amount. Council has created two budgets for 2021, one with Covid19 restrictions in place and a second budget for a year without Covid19 restrictions. We pray that 2021 will allow for a bit of a hybrid of the two.

There are a couple of items that we would like to draw to your attention:

- Council wants to continue to support the Sponsorship Fund with an amount in the budget. We have put in \$40,000 for 2021 and the Sponsorship Committee has begun the work of sponsoring the Matthews family.
- We would like to commit \$60,000 to our building mortgage (\$30,000 in the Covid19 budget). Our present balance on the building is \$131,000 so we are making excellent progress on reducing our debt; praise God!
- Our Covid19 budget for 2021 has a 3% increase over the adjusted 2020 budget (we significantly reduced our budget in April 2020 to reflect the changes that Covid19 was bringing).

We challenge all of you to take a look at the many areas the church supports, and prayerfully consider what you are able to contribute to the church in this coming year. We encourage you to contribute of your first fruits to our church so we can continue to care for each other and be ministered to by our staff, ministries, and many volunteers.

Should you have any questions about the budget, please contact myself (Fred- 250-847-5503), or Jenna Hessels (1-587-985-7240), we would be happy to talk with you.

Blessings,

Fred Reitsma, Treasurer