



St. Albert United Church

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Update re: COVID-19

The Government of Alberta has today declared a state of emergency in response to the rapidly advancing COVID-19 pandemic. In accordance with new government restrictions, and in an effort to keep our community safe, **St. Albert United Church will be cancelling all Sunday worship services and other church programming until further notice.** Effective immediately, our building is closed to all outside groups and access to the church is limited to select church personnel. Church committees are encouraged to conduct meetings electronically and to avoid personal contact.

We recognize that anxiety, stress and other hardships will become of greater concern as we face periods of self-isolation and the uncertainty that this global health crisis has created. We are exploring ways to provide the support needed at this time, and ideas we are focusing on include:

- webcasting worship services and sharing daily prayers and messages of hope
- offering pastoral care via telephone and social media
- coordinating ways that we can assist people who may be isolated

We will share more information about these efforts and more as it becomes available; please visit stalbertunited.ca or the SAUC Facebook page for updates.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation, and we welcome any questions or feedback.

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