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Target for Reopening

With the start of a new year, we have all seen the case numbers of COVID-19 in Alberta start to decline. Our collective efforts to observe government directives and to keep one another safe are having the desired effect and with the rollout of the vaccination program, we have reason to be optimistic that an end to the pandemic is in sight.

At our December meeting, church council had committed to re-evaluating the church's status at our January meeting. We met this week, and the overwhelming consensus was that we should remain closed for in-person worship for a while longer until the case rate and hospitalization rate become much lower and the vaccination rate for our most vulnerable population increases. We plan to revisit the matter at our February meeting with the hope that we will be able to target reopening on Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021.

While we have been unable to meet in person, our ministry team and volunteers have been working steadily to offer worship and fellowship opportunities through virtual means. We are pleased to announce that our internet upgrade has finally happened at the church and we will be doing our first live-streamed service this Sunday.

Stay tuned for a separate message that will detail how you can participate in this new format. Thank you again for your continued support and for continuing to do your part to end this pandemic. Please stay safe and reach if you are in need of support. We will share more information as it becomes available; please visit <https://stalbertunited.ca/> or the SAUC Facebook page for updates.

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