

Emmanuel Newsflash

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A Message From Rev. Roni

Are you ready to welcome Jesus “Son of David” this Sunday? He is hardly a military figure. Jesus, the Son of David comes humbly. The essential features in this Sunday’s Palm Parade are cloaks strewn across the back of a colt and a donkey and a crowd of peasants waving whatever branches they could find, calling out to Jesus “Hosanna” meaning “Save us.”

There is the picture in Zechariah 9:9 in which the prophet saw the king coming to Jerusalem humble and riding on a colt and a donkey. Jesus fulfills the prophecy, so Jesus is recognized as the Son of David. Reading further in the passage, it becomes clearer Jesus righteousness exceeds that of David (who was a strong militaristic leader), Jesus performs acts of healing immediately after turning over the money-changer’s tables. The gospel writer is revealing the unique character of this descendant of David. Matthew is self-consciously seeking to alter conceptions of “the Son of David” from one of political leadership to healing and saving activity. The righteousness of the Son of David exceeds that of David and the established religious leadership.

Jesus came performing works of healing and teaching, which surpassed the laws and traditions of the religious leadership. So for the very reasons we praise him as God’s chosen king, for these said reasons he is perceived as a threat to the establishment. Soon enough the shouts of “Crucify Him” will drown out the cries of “Hosanna” meaning save us.

On Sunday, I will underscore that leading up to his arrest in Gethsemane, Jesus performs the restorative works of God. Jesus’s righteousness exceeds that of the world, and Jesus redeems us and helps us to participate in the ongoing restorative mission of God. Online worship this Sunday will include some of your favourite Palm Sunday hymns. The service will be available on Facebook and on YouTube.

Rev. Roni invites you to join her on Facebook Live, Sunday April 5 at 10:30am for online worship.

Scripture Readings:

Matthew 21: 1-11;

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29;

Zechariah 9: 9



The “Are You Ok?” Program is a daily telephone reassurance program provided by the Golden Age Club. Enrolled seniors receive a daily call from a voice-activated computer program to check on their well-being. **Call 705-476-0890 to sign up.**

The Ontario government announced the closure of all but essential workplaces. Church buildings were not named as essential, and therefore church buildings need to be closed.

CANCELLED

- * Beef Supper
- * All meetings-Church and Community
- * West Ferris Brunch for March and April

CLOSED

- * EUC Food Bank
- * Church Office- *the secretary is working from home and phone and email messages are checked regularly.*

POSTPONED

- * Council Meeting (March 25)
- * Annual Congregational Meeting (March 29)

**March 29, 2020 Sunday Service:
YouTube Video**

<https://youtu.be/3UcQmDWH8xQ>

\$ and Sense (March 31, 2020)

Week Ending	Mar. 1	Mar. 8	Mar.15	Mar.22	Mar.29
PAR				\$ 4,250	
Offerings	\$ 450	\$ 514	\$1,046		\$ 240
Rental/Services	\$ 50	\$ 180			\$ 280
Donations	\$ 188	\$ 220	\$ 273		\$ 50
Total	\$ 688	\$ 914	\$1,319	\$ 4,250	\$ 570

Sustaining Families: 45 PAR; 29 Envelopes

In the midst of everything, unique stressors of winter and the realities of a pandemic; core values and convictions, teamwork is our means to overcome. As Canada commits to shifting the crest of the curve to a later date and be better prepared to meet the need when it occurs; Emmanuel benefits from the Legacy Fund reserve to meet financial commitments for a short period.

March's summary shows the impact of the church being closed and the benefits of PAR offerings in sustaining our church. The good news is that offerings for local church expenses through the first 3 months (25%) of the year totaled \$17,375 or 24% of the year end target. This is greater than last year and reversed the trend of declining offerings experienced in the past few years.

During the 3 month period there was \$287 donated to the Legacy Fund and M&S offerings (\$1,765) exceeded expectations. Prompted by Elizabeth's challenge the March Avegen card sales was a HUGE (\$247) success as 26 families participated. Next order will be April 12th Easter Sunday (pg.7).

Our "non-supper supper" will be "A Feast to Remember" (pg.6). To date there have been 51 reservations generating \$2,374 towards our spiritual and physical warmth. Celebrations are being deferred thus all inclined might make last minute reservations to join or include additional friends and family in the "feast".

"Emmanuel Communicates" (March 2020) includes news (pgs. 6, 7, 9, 11, 12) related to our financial interests. We are now accessible on line through CanadaHelps.org accessible through the "Donate Now" button on the EUC website (pg. 12). Support can be dropped off, front entrance mail slot or parking lot entrance mail box, as weekly banking will continue.

Keep safe; we are not alone!

EUC Finance Committee

HOW TO GIVE TO THE CHURCH DURING THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC:

- PAR (Pre Authorized Remittance) a set amount is taken from your bank account monthly (can be changed at any time by you) Contact Sherri Pinder. * Drop off envelope at church in finance mail slot or *Regular Mail to the church.
- **A NEW OPTION** is to contribute electronically through CanadaHelps.org which is now available and will continue after the pandemic is over. There is a link ("**Donate Now**" button) on the EUC website on the Home Page as well as the in the new Donations page. **Website:** www.emmanuelunitednorthbay.ca
- Donations can be made with Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Visa Debit or PayPal.
- You can direct your donation to the General Fund, Legacy Fund, Memorial Fund, Supper Fund, Non-Supper Supper Fund.
- You will receive a tax receipt from Canada Helps immediately at time of donation

"Known by Our Love"

Emmanuel United Church shall be a caring, welcoming faith community, nurturing spiritual life and sharing God's love and grace as experienced in Jesus Christ.

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