

Update on Returning to In-Person Worship

At their meeting on March 3, 2021 Parish Council discussed the possibility of having in-person services starting in Holy Week.

At the final Parish Council meeting on March 10th the following motion was *put forward*:

“that the Parish of Immanuel begin in-person worship services on April 2nd for Good Friday service, and that Sunday services begin on April 4th at Massey Road and Argyle Road locations in compliance with all Covid19 regulations and restrictions; and further that the Immanuel Church Wardens and Ministerial Team be empowered to suspend in-person worship as needed due to COVID-19 concerns.”

Prior to voting on the motion there was a lot of discussion on re-opening. Given the high number of COVID-19 cases in Regina, and the fact those numbers were climbing, members felt they could not support returning to in-person worship at this time. It was a difficult decision to make, but in the end the Council voted unanimously to defeat the motion to begin in-person worship services at this time (therefore, the motion to re-open was not approved/not passed).

Please be assured that returning to in-person worship will be a key agenda item for the new Vestry when they have their first meeting, scheduled for April 7th, and going forward. It will continue to be considered in the context of COVID-19 in Regina and, of course, the Public Health Order and diocesan protocol in place at any given time.

In the meantime, we are thankful for the Ministerial Team, including the talented musicians, who continue to bring us live stream services. Information on Holy Week services is included in these announcements and can also be found on the Immanuel website and Facebook.