

Redeemer Happenings

April 2023



The Stone-Moving Power of God

Special effort had been taken to seal up Jesus' tomb. Pilate and the religious authorities had taken great care to make absolutely certain there was no way Jesus' followers could move that stone themselves. They posted armed guards all around.

If they had had the technology back then, we could well imagine that floodlights, security cameras, and an alarm system would have been added to the tomb. But none of that would have mattered. For nothing in heaven or on earth could have stopped the stone-moving power of our God. An angel messenger comes in a brilliant flash to roll that stone away, and then he sits on it to share the good news that Jesus is alive. What had been intended by those who persecuted Jesus as a period—a full stop for the Jesus movement—becomes a pulpit for proclamation: “Do not be afraid!” (Matthew 28:5).

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

As we remember the story of Jesus' resurrection, we tune our hearts and minds to trust that this God who brings life out of death is still at work. What stones might God be moving today? Might we sense the Spirit at work in our lives here and now, rumbling the ground of our hearts and rolling away the messages of shame, fear, or rejection that have weighed us down? Might God be at work, rolling away stones of oppression and injustice in our world? Might we be sent, like these women, to not let fear rule our hearts, but to go, tell, and witness to a God who continues to open up a new future for us? Yes! The risen Christ appears to us today—present in word, and bread and wine, and water—ready to bless, nourish, call, and send. Nothing can stop this God.

Jesus Christ is risen, indeed—Alleluia!

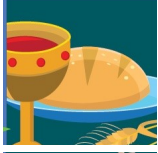
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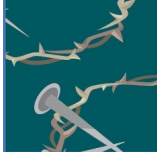
April 2 Palm Sunday

10:00 am worship



April 6 Maundy Thursday

7:30 pm worship at Redeemer



April 7 Good Friday

11:00 am worship at **ZION**



April 9 Easter Sunday

10:00 worship at Redeemer



Johanna Tataryn will again be selling her Ukrainian Easter eggs before and after worship on March 26 and April 2. All proceeds to support Ukrainian relief.



Check out the Redeemer bulletin board in the Place of Welcome for an article on our Fall Feast from the Canada Lutheran this month. Thank you to Audrey & Ed Miller for submitting the article and pictures.



Rebekah Circle April Bible study will be held on **Tuesday, April 18 @ 7:00 pm. in the Fireside Lounge.** Eileen Block will be our study leader. All ladies are welcome to attend.

Spring Hymn-Sing and Reception

You are invited:

to a Spring Hymn Sing featuring local Lutheran parish choirs and musicians, **Thursday, April 20th at 7:30 p.m. at Augustana Lutheran Church, 1201 Broadway Ave. S.**

Come to enjoy choral anthems for the Easter season, presented by Augustana, Resurrection, and other choirs--but come ready to sing, too!

Together we'll be getting acquainted with a variety of beautiful hymns from a promising new resource, the latest supplement to our Lutheran hymnals, called All Creation Sings. A coffee reception will follow, hosted by Augustana Choir. Proceeds from the evening's offering will go towards Augustana's purchase of All Creation Sings worship resources, as well as the Queen Elizabeth School Breakfast Program. Let's celebrate Easter through choral music and joyous congregational singing.

For more information, contact Deborah Buck, dbuck@sasktel.net or 306-652-0379.



TEEN CHALLENGE CANADA

IN SUPPORT OF THE

SASKATCHEWAN MEN'S &
PRAIRIE HOPE WOMEN'S CENTRES

2023 GALA BANQUET

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19TH, 2023

TO PURCHASE TICKETS

(306) 664 4673 ext. 4 OR ONLINE @ www.teenchallenge.ca

\$75 PER TICKET / \$600 FOR A TABLE OF 8

BIG GARAGE SALE



Spring is on the calendar and in the air- so it may be time to start spring cleaning! What shall we do with those unwanted (but still working and viable) things? Bring them to the church!! It takes a village to help raise funds while assisting underprivileged people in our community. The date for the garage sale is **Saturday, May 13th** with prepping on Friday, May 12th (free pizza supper included!). Any questions, concerns, comments, please contact coordinator Charlene Neumeyer 306 373-9003 Thanks!

These quilts are currently for sale. If you are interested in any of them or would like to view them in person, please contact the church office. 306-374-7585

Reversible Charms 55" x 74"

back



Cherry Blossoms 53" x 81"



Spring Garden 56" x 68"



Pink Baby 51" x 37"



Safari 64" x 80"



Baby Hearts 46" x 46"



Only Squares 74" x 58"



Sunflowers Shine 53" x 71"



Butterfly Haven 60" x 48"



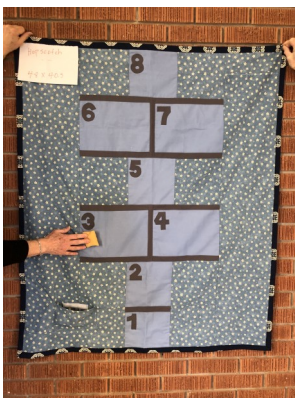
Blue Mood 59" x 83"



Window Panes 60" x 81"



Hopscotch 48" x 40.5"



Coloured Squares 56" x 76"



Colours Galore 59" x 71"



Whacky Squares 54" x 55"



Blue Stars 62" x 78"



Cars Love Bugs 45" x 58"



John Deer 42 x 58"



Cuddly Toddler 50" x 56"



Goodnight Irene 69" x 75"



Friendly Smurf 58" x 45"



Bears & Penguins 40" x 50"



Hardy Denim 59" x 82.5"



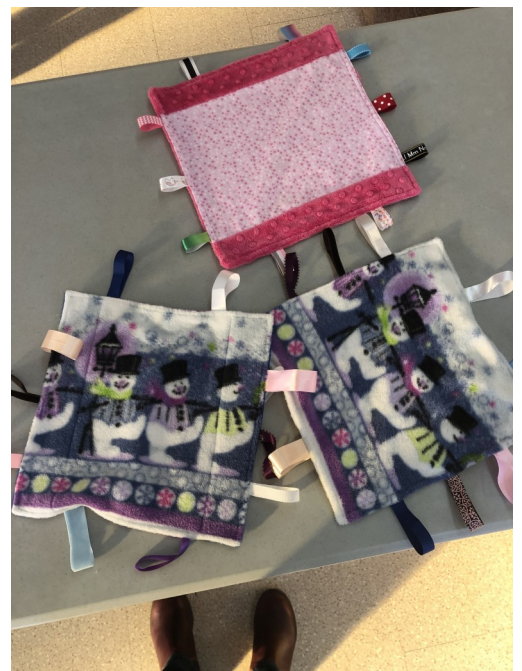
Strawberry Picnic 83" x 56"



Tropical Green 58" x 80"



Taggies are \$10 each.



Springing Forth



The Ides of March have come and gone. Whether March goes out like a lion or lamb, we know that spring is on the way...hurray!

Those of us who plan to attend the Annual Meeting will hear, first hand, some facts about how Redeemer Lutheran Church (RLC) successfully navigated through 2022. We are blessed with many gifted people within the congregation. To outsiders, RLC's events sometimes seem to spring forth. While events do proceed seamlessly, credit goes to our staff, leadership team and a bevy of volunteers who use prayer and God's guidance for the ministry at RLC. We are truly blessed.

Two members of our leadership team took on organizing our traditional, after annual meeting, chili meal. This year's theme of a Broadway Musical, promises to offer many chili entries with meaningful titles and all food groups covered. How can you help? Come to church on March 26. If you want to, bring a named chili dish, or just come and enjoy bountiful selection of products.

We are well into the season of Lent at the time of writing this article. Lent is a time for many to fast, pray and take stock of their relationships. The Gospel of John speaks about the many, healing stories Jesus performed during his very brief ministry on Earth. Jesus was so welcomed on that Palm Sunday just over 2000 years ago yet soon suffered rejection and died for our sins.

The great gift of Christianity is that we know from the scriptures that Jesus arose again from the dead. Jesus tasked his disciples and followers to carry on with his ministry. Now that RLC's doors are opening again for worship and weekly activities, our opportunities for ministerial outreach will naturally increase.

Over the years, RLC's garage sale and community BBQ at our corner on Preston Avenue and Main Street has attracted customers from near and far. Organizers are already at work. Start your spring cleaning now and plan to part with items you no longer need. As the date gets closer, we will have pick-up teams available to move items that you cannot.

Even if you do not plan on buying, come for a full meal deal from our BBQ Team. Saturday, 2023 MAY 13 is the date to join us at Redeemer's BBQ and Garage Sale. It is time to spring forth and enjoy and make new friends in our community.

FINANCIAL UPDATE



For the month of February 2023, we had a deficit of \$2,032.88 before the fund account revenues and expenses. For the year to date, there is a small deficit of \$402.33. Audited financial statements for 2022 and a 2023 budget are included with the 2022 annual report.

An offering plate is located at the top of the stairs in the sanctuary for you to drop off your donation as you enter or exit the church service.

In addition, the following options are available for you to make a donation:

1. Mail to or drop off a cheque at the church

You can mail a cheque directly to the church office. Mailing address: 812 Preston Avenue, Saskatoon, Sask. S7H 2V2. You can also drop off a cheque in the mailbox at the front of the church or in the church office.

2. Interac E-Transfer using online banking

We are set up for automatic deposit. If you use online banking, you may make a payment to Redeemer Lutheran Church by:

- i. Logging into your personal banking account, add Redeemer Lutheran Church as a recipient using the email address redeemer.luth.stoon@sasktel.net
- ii. Enter the desired amount and click send. Instructions on how to send and receive an e-transfer are found on Interac's website: <https://www.interac.ca/en/consumers/products/interac-e-transfer/>
- iii. You should follow up with an email to Becky at redeemer.luth.stoon@sasktel.net advising her of your donation.

3. Monthly PAD donation

You may request to sign up for a monthly **Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD)** donation. This option allows you to automatically make your donation monthly by allowing the church to debit your account for the donation. Please contact the church office if you would like to take advantage of this giving option.

Please note that you may **donate marketable securities** to the church. This will allow you to eliminate any capital gains taxes and allow you a tax donation credit at the same time. Further details may be found at the following link: [Gifts of publicly traded shares and stock options - Canada.ca](#)

Please contact the church office for details on making a donation of marketable securities.

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Join Us On
You Tube

If you are unable to worship with us in person, join us each week at 9:50 am on YouTube by clicking this link:

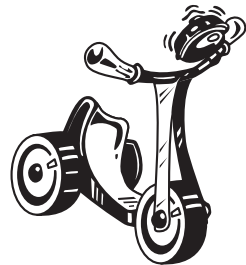
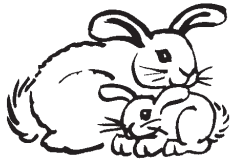
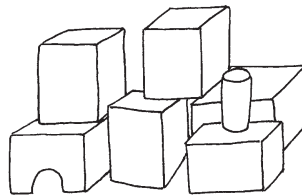
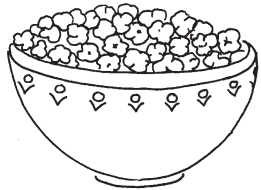
[Redeemer Lutheran Saskatoon - YouTube](#)

This link is also available on the homepage of our website redeemersaskatoon.ca at any time.

You can also go to this same link at any time afterwards to view the service if you are unable to join at 10am. We encourage you to hit 'subscribe' on our YouTube page, so that all future worship services will be highlighted for you. If you have any questions or need assistance in connecting to our YouTube site, just give us a call and we will be glad to help you out.

The church uses symbols. Symbols are pictures that mean something. Are there any symbols in your worship space today? Some of the pictures below are symbols.

Circle the ones that are pictures of spring.



PRE-READER

Lent 5

- Today is the **5th Sunday** in **Lent**.
- The word *lent* means **spring**.
- In the spring, we celebrate **new life**.

Color the flowers along the path and the birds in the sky. Make everything colorful to celebrate that spring is coming!





“Don’t be sad. Lazarus will live again!”

Lazarus got sick and died. Jesus brought Lazarus back to life. When we’re hurting or upset, Jesus can help us, too!

Use the bandages below to write or draw things that make you feel better.

