

# Redeemer Happenings

## September 2023



### Finish the Race!

*Wise words from St. Paul*

Paul faced many highs and lows in his ministry. Building churches in a foreign land was not easy. But Paul was relentless. He never said it was too hard. He never let anything—not his detractors, not his setbacks, not his finances, and not his circumstances—deter him from his mission. He stayed faithful to the work that God had called him to do. Or, to use his own words he “competed well; he finished the race” he kept the faith (2 Timothy 4:7).

Paul wrote these words to his disciple Timothy to urge him to persist in following the Lord. But we believe that this letter is not just a personal letter to a dear friend; it's God's way of telling all of us to stay faithful.

It is also as if Paul were telling all of us “You will make mistakes, you may even lose some battles. But in the end, the prize of eternal glory will come to you and everyone who competes well and finishes the race”

START NOW! Paul was brilliant, but he was also strong-willed, intense and emotionally invested in his missionary work. These are admirable qualities, but it seems that Paul could take them too far at times.

He wanted God to punish those who opposed him (Galatians 5:12)

Paul chose to confront Peter in public when he could have spoken in private.

And he separated from Barnabas over a matter that could have been resolved with more

patience and mutual trust.

Like Paul we all have many great gifts and we all have our own sharp edges.

We might be too abrupt or abrasive but that should not keep us from trying to serve. The demands of work or family can make us feel worn-out but we can still try to find some time to devote to our church. There are plenty of ways we can put our skills to use, even as we ask the Holy Spirit to keep forming us and teaching us how to love as Jesus did.

Jesus told us: “If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples and you will know the truth and the truth will set you

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free” (John 8:31-32) How do we remain rooted in the truth?

Here some suggestions:

***Be fed by Scripture.*** In his letter to Timothy, Paul highlights the value of Scripture, because it is “inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction, and for training in righteousness” (2 Timothy 3:16)

If we can keep feeding our minds with the word of God , we will become more and more familiar with the truths of God

***Be steadfast in prayer.*** It is in prayer, whether in church or in our own personal prayer, that we can encounter the Lord. Encounters like these can keep us committed to holding onto his truths in our daily lives.

When we give Jesus the first fruits of our time and the first affections of our hearts, we find it easier to hold on to this truth.

I know how challenging this can be. Sometimes I forget to pray or miss Church. When that happens I feel more distant from the Lord and less peaceful. But when I do spend time in prayer, I feel closer to the Lord.

***Guard against temptation.*** To walk in the truth also means being on guard against temptation. Scripture warns us that “the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour” (1 Peter 5:8). The devil is constantly sending us thoughts and desires that can lead us away from Jesus and we need to be alert to his tactics.

Temptation can be dangerous because it can dull our hearts and minds to the truths of God.

Paul told us to guard the truths of our faith with the help of Holy Spirit.

***Stir into flame.*** Paul advised Timothy to stir into flame the gift of God, that he received. Let’s take Paul’s advice as well. The Holy Spirit who had filled Paul and empowered Timothy is in our hearts. So let’s never underestimate the Spirit’s desire to help us love one another or to lift us up when we turn to him. Let’s never forget that the Spirit we have received is a spirit of “power, and love and self control” (2 Timothy 1:7).

*Taken from the Word Among us, by Joe Difato*



# thank you

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to all of you for the wonderful day on May 28.

- \* To Pastor Trent for the privilege of working with you these past 5 or so years, for planning such a meaningful service on my retirement day and for your part in all the activities that day
- \* To Audrey Miller for her lovely words
- \* To Sandra Wapple and her team—thank you for organizing the lovely lunch, flowers and the artwork—it was all perfect!
- \* And to the entire congregation—thank you for your presence, taking the time to write in my book and for all of your support these past years.

You were always there to say “yes” whenever I asked for your help

It has been my privilege to serve as Administrative Assistant these past 12+ years. I said many times it felt like I had come full circle—coming to Redeemer as a pastor’s kid at the age of 12 in 1968. I was confirmed here, married here, my kids were baptized and confirmed here, my dad’s funeral service was here. You have been there for all of my most important life events. Thank you for allowing me to walk with you for some of yours. You all hold a very special place in my heart. *Becky*



Men’s Prayer Breakfast will be **Saturday, September 16, 8:00am @ Smitty’s in Market Mall.** ALL men are welcome to attend!



## **WELCOME BACK SUNDAY**

**Join us next Sunday, Sept. 10**  
as we return to Redeemer for

**10:00 WORSHIP**

**11:00 BBQ LUNCH**

**& TIME TO CONNECT**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**



We would like to announce the formation of a new women's circle—the **Naomi Circle**. In discussions with different people it became apparent that there was a need for another circle, one which might better meet the needs of some who find it difficult to get out, especially in the evening. We thought it might be fun to hold it in different facilities where there are members of Redeemer who would welcome a Bible Study and bring it to them. We currently have a plan to have 5 bible studies in the coming year—please refer to the schedule below. We would also like to have a “buddy” system where we could offer people rides who would like to attend but can't get there themselves. We came up with the name of **Naomi Circle** because it would be a nomadic circle made up of women with great faith! If you would like to read more about Naomi please refer to this link: [Naomi: An Example of Steadfast Faith - Groundwork Bible Study \(groundworkonline.com\)](https://groundworkonline.com/naomi-an-example-of-steadfast-faith-groundwork-bible-study) We will follow the bible study in Gather magazine for the appropriate month.

Any women who are interested are welcome to attend! If you would like a ride, please do not hesitate to contact Becky @ 306-230-5695. We will be most happy to arrange one for you. If you would like more information on the facility hosting the bible study, please get in touch with the appropriate contact person listed below.

DATE	STUDY LEADER	LOCATION	CONTACT
September 26, 2:00 pm	Audrey Miller	The Bentley 1622B Acadia Drive	Gretchen Roesler 306-974-4955
November 28, 2:00 pm	Pastor Trent	St. Volodymyr 42—3108 Louise Place	Lovina Walper 306-374-9796
January 23, 2:00 pm	Mary Ann Nostbakken	Redeemer	Becky Wilson 306-230-5695
March 26, 2:00 pm	Pastor Heather	Aspira Hunter Village 250 Hunter Road	Winnie Gellner 306-249-2414
May 28, 2:00 pm	Pastor Harold	Luther Heights 1802 Alexandra Avenue	Elaine Hesje 306-652-4524



Rebekah Circle September Bible study will be held on **Tuesday, September 19@ 7:00 pm. in the Fire-side Lounge.** Audrey Miller will be our study leader. All ladies are welcome to attend.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE



For the month of July 2023, we had a surplus of \$4,997.70 before the fund account revenues and expenses. For the year to date, there is a deficit of \$7,239.35. Envelope giving was \$20,120.20 for July 2023 and is approximately \$17,500 less than budgeted and expenses are approximately \$17,100 less than budgeted to July 31.

When we return to regular church services at Redeemer, an offering plate will be 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](mailto:redemer.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/>

### 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 your donation. Please contact the church office if you would like to take advantage of this giving option.

Please note that you may also 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](https://www.cra.ca/gifts-of-publicly-traded-shares-and-stock-options)

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

Ron Litzenberger



# Trust Jesus



Those two words, Trust Jesus, became the participants' responses during Vacation Bible School (VBS) this summer. The kids showed amazing faith during their journey with their shouted responses. The seeds sown by our VBS

leaders, took root during the VBS week, and cannot help but bless the rest of us going forward. We all must Trust Jesus.

Our farmers and gardeners have started harvesting crops from the seeds sown earlier this year. Not all crops turned out as good as hoped and prayed for.

Redeemer Lutheran Church (RLC) owns the little yellow house next door and we too, planted seeds at the property this spring. The summer heat and lack of rain, took its toll on the planted potatoes. Watering the plants helped but nothing replaces a good general rain. While our potato plants did not provide a bumper crop, we will have something to harvest. Farmers remain eternal optimists. They plant seeds each year with the hope of a bountiful harvest and Trust Jesus to provide. We pray for a safe harvest for all.

RLC will be ramping up its ministerial activities come September. We welcomed visitors from Zion Lutheran during the month of July and worshiped at Zion Lutheran during August.

One Fall Activity that we planned is our Fall Feast, cooked by the men of RLC no less! This will be our second annual Fall Feast with a format very similar to last year's smashing success. The designated date is **Saturday, 2023 OCT 21**. We Trust Jesus, that many will participate. We plan to have a delivery and/or meal pick up option available for those who cannot attend in person. If all goes well, most of the potatoes in our meal will have come from RLC's little garden next door!





**As we begin a “new year” in ministry together at Redeemer and in our community, we are excited to be preparing for monthly intergenerational events that will happen immediately following 10:00 Worship on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month. We will begin on October 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**You may be wondering “*What is intergenerational ministry?*”**

**Throughout the years at Redeemer, we have experienced a wide variety of gatherings, events, worship and more that involved all ages - from many generations. Now we are hoping to create new opportunities for all generations, from children to seniors, to continue connecting and experiencing growing in God’s family together.**

**An organization, known as *GenOn Ministries* defines intergenerational ministry as nurturing Christ centered community by bringing together two or more generations in planned and purposeful settings, where all are mutually invested.**

*Many faith communities are discovering the joy of all ages joining together on the spiritual journey. The mingling of innocence and maturity, playfulness and reverence create a bold and bigger vision of the church as the body of Christ. Intergenerational experiences provide opportunities for building relationships with God and the church community, and a chance to open wide the arms of Christ to every person.*

*Intergenerational Ministry Fosters Spiritual Formation. Throughout scripture, faith is an intergenerational reality. The young and old learn from and care for each other. They challenge one another to release their assumptions, think differently, and to practice compassion. Even today, thousands of years later, we read the scriptures told and retold by our spiritual ancestors. It turns out that Bible reading itself is intergenerational.*

*No matter one’s age, we are all teachers and learners. How much deeper is a faith that is rooted in the experience of those who have lived before and in the experience of one’s own life? And how much value is in the life and developing ideals of a culture that has grown up after your own identity and perspective has hardened some? It’s as though we plant seeds in each other’s hearts and minds that give way to growth, beauty and even more seeds we can then plant in the world.*

**Over the years, many of our gatherings and activities have tended to be in “same or similar” age groups and we have grown in those settings. For some, there have been other opportunities and reasons to spend time with younger and older folks in our families, communities and life’s situations: Grandchildren/grandparents, aging parents, time spent visiting in seniors homes, worship, VBS, volunteer roles ... And now, in the coming months we are anticipating some new intergenerational connections through new opportunities to gather again with all ages and grow together in God’s family through learning, playing, creating, praying and eating together.**

**Watch for coming details about the first gathering on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> immediately following worship!**

**ALL are welcome!**





## ADVENT - CHRISTMAS MARKET & TEA



**Coming to  
Redeemer Lutheran  
812 Preston Ave.  
November 25th  
10:00am – 3:00pm**

- ♦ A market of hand-made crafts, handwork, baking, woodworking, sewing/quilting & more!
- ♦ Advent—Christmas Tea
- ♦ Bake table and “New to You” Christmas Sale Table

Proceeds from the Tea, Baking and “New to You” Christmas Sale will go to our 2023 Advent Mission. (Details coming)

Mark this date on your calendar and plan to join in the “JOY” of the day!! 

### HOW MIGHT YOU BE PART OF OUR MARKET?

We are looking for Creative crafts people and bakers of Redeemer & friends to help make this market happen by:



- ♦ Booking a table to share and sell your handmade creations—crafts, woodworking, sewing/quilting, baking, handwork & more!



- ♦ Sharing some of your traditional Christmas baking as donations for our Bake-Sale and Advent-Christmas Tea.



- ♦ Adding to our “New to You” Christmas Sale Table by donating Christmas Décor (no longer used in your home and in good condition for a “new” home.)

- ♦ Joining our team to help with serving in the tea room, bake sale, set-up, sales at the “New to You” Christmas décor table.

**We are now taking bookings for tables (\$10/table)  
Sign Up on the front door of the Place of Welcome.  
OR for further information or to book a table, please  
call Elaine Ake (220-8074), Marlo Wilson (291-8212),  
or Monica at the church office (374-7585)**

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The interdenominational worship committee for Saskatoon hospitals is looking for volunteers to assist with weekday worship services. Since the pausing of denominational volunteers in 2020, our list of contacts has become very short! Would you prayerfully consider volunteering?

There are immediate opportunities for musicians to provide worship music, leaders to plan and lead worship, patient porters (to wheel patients to and from service), and communion assistants (when holy communion is celebrated). Training and support to navigate in the hospital worship environment will be provided. For more information, please contact Pastor Richard Engel, interdenominational worship coordinator, at 306-229-1663 (call or text) or, email at [chaplain@luminhos.org](mailto:chaplain@luminhos.org).

Put on your walking shoes

For the Annual LuMinHoS Walk-a-thon

Saturday, Sept. 16 at 10 a.m., starting at Zion Lutheran Church

323 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. S., Saskatoon



Please mark your calendar and plan to be part of our walk-a-thon.

Get in shape while gathering pledges!

Pledge forms will be available on the LuMinHoS Website by August 1st.

Join us for a beautiful walk along the banks of the South Saskatchewan River.

Please remember to bring a bottle of water.

Can't get out to walk in person? Walk the halls or the malls, consider walking the halls of your building or if you're a mall walker then that can count too.

Whether or not you decide to walk in person or do a virtual walk, LuMinHoS looks forward to your generous support.



**September 16, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. starting from Zion Lutheran Church, 323 4<sup>th</sup> Ave S. Saskatoon**

**Participant's Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**The Walk-a-thon will involve a scenic loop on a portion of the Meewasin Trail  
This Fundraiser will support the Ministry of LuMinHoS; make copies as needed.**

**When complete donor information is provided (name, address, phone #) tax receipts will be issued for donations of \$20 or more.**

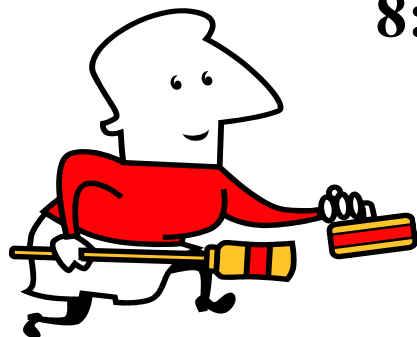
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<b>Total</b>					

**Bring completed pledge sheet and money to the walk or visit [www.luminhos.org](http://www.luminhos.org) to donate**

**CRA charitable registration number 119025997 RR0001**

# Saskatoon Church Curling League

**8:45pm Wednesdays  
Curl Sutherland**



*The Saskatoon Church Curling League is a Christian curling league for people from Saskatoon and area churches who together enjoy curling on a weekly basis. This is a non-competitive, friendly, social, open league that includes various skill levels and ages (any beginners and in-experienced curlers are welcome!). We maintain an atmosphere of good clean fun! Join as an individual and we will find you a spot on a team or join as a partial or complete team; the choice is yours. Any combination of team formats are welcome...men, women, mixed. Please consider joining us for a fun way to exercise all winter long!*

**Join us on Wednesday evenings 8:45pm starting in  
Wed Sept 27, 2023 through to March 2024**

**We are curling at the Sutherland Curling Club  
141 Jessop Ave Saskatoon Ph: 374-8400  
Web: [sutherland.curling.io](http://sutherland.curling.io) Register online or call in asap  
For more information call, text or message  
David and Rhonda Kitsch at 306 230-9771  
Email: [rdkitsch@sasktel.net](mailto:rdkitsch@sasktel.net)**

**Join today and be prepared to have fun!**

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## Office hours

Monday to Thursday 9am-12pm & 1-4  
(Friday afternoon office is closed)

A Community of  
Life & Love,  
Hope & Healing



We're on the web!  
[redeemersaskatoon.ca](http://redeemersaskatoon.ca)



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](http://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.