

Redeemer Happenings

October 2023



Two stories, two verses—The God-given capacity for world changing, God-given kindness

On the prairie, we will soon feel that cool wind that announces that other days are coming. But most of us are still savouring some time away, closer to creation.

Not so recently, I was visiting with my 90 year old mother—of blessed memory. She told me : “ I need you to take me to the bank”

But with her somewhat limited vision and in the complicated world of ATMs I wondered how it would go for her. So I held back near the entry and watched her make the way-maybe the same way she did when she had sent me off to school so many years ago.

She made her way to the teller, and then set her white purse on the ledge. I drew a little nearer. Then, I heard this: “I have two cheques to deposit and I will need to take some money out as well”

The young woman on the other side of the glass paused, then opened the purse, found the cheques, did some paperwork and handed my mother some money. Then she said: “ Would you wait for a moment, mom?” And then she made her way out from behind the counter, bent down to my dear little gray-haired mother and gave her a prolonged hug. Then she smiled, waved good-bye and went back to work. And I wiped tears from my eyes.

This little story brings to my mind two verses from Genesis 1– a story of creation. We might have expected the Hebrew people to have included a story at the beginning of their Bible that told of the special origin of their own people– as God’s chosen people. But our Biblical narrative in Genesis 1 has a much wider vision:

Then God said: “ Let us make humankind in our image according to our likeness” So God created humankind in his image and in the image of God he created them, male and female he created them (Gen 1, 26-27). Which human beings are made by God? All of them. Every colour, every language, every religion,



every variety. What marks them all? They are made in God’s image. Everyone is an image of what God is like. And while we of course know of the capacity of each of one of these human beings to hurt and destroy each one, truly carries the God-given capacity for world changing, God-given kindness.

As we focus our eyes on the beauty of creation, let us keep our eyes open too, for all the God-given kindness in the world. And when we see it, tapping us gently on the shoulder or coming around the corner for a hug, let us give praise to God.

Bishop Sid Haugen, Canada Lutheran Jul/Aug edition

*The magazine features 2 stories, I shared only one

THINGS TO BE THANKFUL FOR

- The taxes I pay—because it means that I am employed.
- The clothes that fit snugly—because it means I have enough to eat
- The mountains of laundry—because it means I have clothes to wear

Okay, let's be honest. Have you ever been thankful for taxes, extra weight or loads of laundry? Me neither.

But it is an interesting concept. It does make you think, doesn't it? We should be looking for reasons to be thankful—even in the stuff that would not ordinarily fill our hearts with gratitude.

And we should impart that same attitude into our family members. We would all be happier if we take that stance in life.

So when your car brokes down, be thankful you have another one or it is an opportunity to walk!

It is really about looking for that silver lining in every gray cloud.

Find that silver lining today.

“Lord I praise YOU for the good and not so good things in my life . Amen



THE BIBLE IN BUENOS AIRES

Lutheranism and the Hebrew Scriptures

Lecture by Dr. Mercedes Bachmann

Wednesday, October 4th - 7:00 pm
Redeemer Lutheran Church, Saskatoon

812 Preston Ave S, Saskatoon, SK S7H 2V2
Coffee fellowship to follow

This lecture will also be live streamed:

<https://www.youtube.com/@redeemerlutheransaskatoon130/streams>



Dr. Mercedes Bachmann has a PhD in Old Testament from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC). She taught for almost twenty years at the ecumenical school of theology in Buenos Aires (ISEDET) and has one published book, *Women at Work in the Deuteronomistic History* (SBL, 2013), and several articles and book chapters. Currently she directs the Institute for Contextual Pastoral Studies for the United Evangelical Lutheran Church (Argentina-Uruguay) and teaches online for her alma mater and for other schools.



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Calling All Women...



REBEKAH CIRCLE Tuesday, October 17 at 7p.m Redeemer Fireside Lounge

Contact person: Sherry Halstead 306-222-2981

Our study is found in the September/October issue of Gather Magazine

Session Two - Holy places: Sanctuary

Further information can also be found at: Magazine for Christian women - gathermagazine.org



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

Who are the “After People”?

Stephen Ministers are the “after people” Who are ready to come alongside you – or your friends, or your neighbors, coworkers, or relatives and provide comfort and support for as long as “after” is needed.

But “after” What?

Stephen Ministers are trained to journey with you after a divorce, a devastating diagnosis, a death of a loved one, losing a job or after the birth of a new baby, a move to long term care and more.

If you would like a visit from a Stephen Minister or feel that you are being called to take the Stephen Ministry training please contact Pastor Hugh Farmer at 306-221-9484 or speak to a Stephen Minister in your congregation. A new Stephen Ministry Training will be starting later this fall.



Men’s Prayer Breakfast will be **Saturday, October 16, 8:00am @**

Redeemer Lutheran Church ALL men are welcome to attend!



CHRISTIANS ARE CALLED TO BE GOOD STEWARDS OF THE EARTH.

A barren, suffocating world, where life as we know it, is over. This is often the premise of Hollywood's latest SCI-FI blockbuster, or the setting of a novel that soared to the top of the bestseller list.

Rarely do we consider the possibility of such a disaster happening in our lifetime, but according to most recent reports on the effects of climate change, it's clear that there is no longer an option to deny the human contribution to climate change. To address climate change, we need to change our greenhouse effects on the world and we need to do it now! As Christians, we have a sacred calling to protect creation and mitigate the harmful effects of humans.

The UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change predicted in 2010 already that the planet will reach a crucial tipping point around 2030, with the average surface temperature rising by 3 degrees Fahrenheit. We are living the effects of GLOBAL WARMING at present and predictions are, if we do not change our expectations and habits drastically, we are racing towards "closing time".

A NASA report details that a 1 degree F global change is significant, because it takes a vast amount of heat to warm all the oceans, atmosphere and land by that much. During the last Ice Age, a 5 degree change was enough to bury most of the earth under a towering mass of ice.

The implications of such a drastic rise in temperature, all but guarantees devastating wildfires, extreme drought, rising sea levels, global pandemics and famine for billions of humans and animals. Sounds familiar? Climate change on the scale that we already experience today, is nearly universally agreed upon by scientists, to be a result of human induced increased greenhouse gas emissions. These emissions are caused by buildup from burning of fossil fuels, such as coal and oil. The results is the trapping of these gasses in the atmosphere, creating an enhanced greenhouse effect and rising global temperature averages.

Yet despite many credible studies, only about 28 percent of evangelicals in the USA acknowledge that human activity is the primary cause of climate change. Politics seem to play a massive roll in churches in the States. By comparison, 60 percent of the general population believe that human activity causes climate change, according to The Morning Call (a Pennsylvanian newspaper). The New York Times reported recently that only 31 percent of people identifying as Republicans, recognize the human effect on climate change.

Scripture is permeated with examples of God commanding us to tend to His creation. It's one of the first things God asked of us in Genesis 2:15, after the creation of mankind, to work in the Garden of Eden and to watch over it. It's history how this turned out! Some other examples can be found in Jeremiah 2:7 and Deuteronomy 11:2 of how God looks over His creation.

Sitting back and doing nothing, because one day Christ will return and make all things new, is the antithesis of the gospel. Ignoring our duty to the earth based on that reasoning, is a misguided attempt at passing off our apathy as faith.

We must trust that God can handle the “long term” and rejoice in the fact that one day there WILL be a new earth, untouched by humans. But we need to realize that we have a responsibility to the ONLY earth we have now! Our dominion over the earth should never be confused as permission to abuse or abandon it.



We are so lucky to welcome Elsa Graupe two hour OWLS group.

Elsa will be talking about Attending Folk school in Norway And the activities she did while she was in school.

Elsa travelled throughout Norway and will speak on places she went throughout it and talk about being in Copenhagen.

[October 19, 11 am](#) in the fireside lounge. Lunch to follow. \$10

Kind regards,

Naomi Anderson



Please Join the Herman Family as they

celebrate 80 Years of Birthday Blessings and

Thanksgivings for Ed Herman.

Where: Redeemer Church Hall

When: Sunday October 8th 2-5pm

Lunch served at 3:30.

Let Gwen know you are attending herg.e@sasktel.net or 306 244 4853

FINANCIAL UPDATE



For the month of August 2023, we had a small deficit of \$792.23 before the fund account revenues and expenses. For the year to date, there is a deficit of \$8,031.58. Envelope giving was \$18,411.62 for August 2023. The envelope giving for the year to date is approximately \$17,000 less than budgeted and expenses are approximately \$19,500 less than budgeted to August 31.

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/>

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](#)

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

Ron Litzenberger



FALL FEAST AT REDEEMER

Give your name to Ed Miller or call the office

When: Saturday, Oct 21 @5:30

Cost: \$15

Etransfer to: eamiller99@gmail.com

We can also have it delivered to your door.



Oktober Fest Fundraiser

Where: Zion Lutheran Church

When: Saturday Oct 28

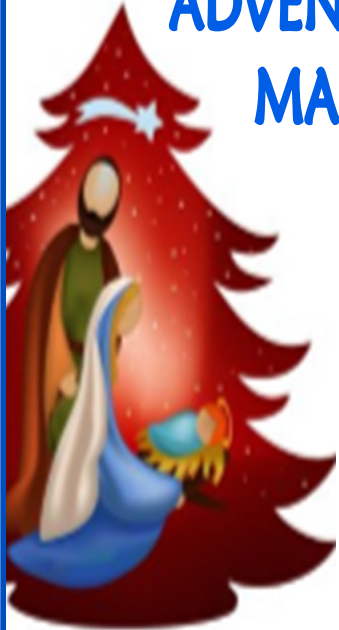
LuMinhos is holding an event with food and entertainment.

Silent auction/Christmas baking table

Interested in being part of it

Connect with Renate at 306 343 0156 / hisrib@sasktel.net

ADVENT - CHRISTMAS MARKET & TEA



At Redeemer Lutheran
812 Preston Ave.

November 25th
10:00am – 3:00pm

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

Come & join the “JOY” of the day!!

- ◆ Proceeds from the Tea, Baking and “New to You” Christmas Sale will go towards an Advent Mission.



Beginning Oct. 1 we are ready to welcome donations of **Christmas decorations and décor (in useable condition)** that you are ready to part with for our “New to You” Sale Table. Please drop off at the north end of the Place of Welcome. Thank you!

CALLING ALL CRAFTS PEOPLE OF REDEEMER & your FAMILIES & FRIENDS

HOW MIGHT YOU BE PART OF OUR MARKET?

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

- ◆ Being a “vendor” of your **handmade creations**—crafts, sewing/quilting, baking, woodworking, jewellery & more!
We are now taking bookings for tables (\$10) **It is time to book your table.** (tables are limited)



- ◆ **Sharing some of your traditional Christmas baking** with our Bake-Sale Table or Advent-Christmas Tea.

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



To participate in the Sale or join our team, **SIGN UP** on the front door of the Place of Welcome. For further information or to book a table, please call Elaine Akre (220-8074), Marlo Wilson (291-8212), or the church office (374-7585).

Join us for the celebrations at our **November 25th**
2023 ADVENT-CHRISTMAS MARKET



20th Annual

POWER BREAKFAST

WHERE

Luther Riverside Terrace
915 Saskatchewan Cres W
Saskatoon, SK S7M 0M7

WHEN

Thursday, Oct. 19
7:30 A.M. - 8:30 A.M

JOIN US

Enjoy complimentary
breakfast and
entertainment.
Freewill donations in
support of LutherCare
Foundation

SPACE IS LIMITED

Reserve your seats by calling
(306)649-6364, or email
foundation@luthercare.com by
Oct. 10.





Spiritual Care

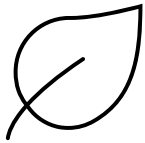
Looking for meaningful volunteer work? Would you like to engage in meaningful visitation? We are looking for volunteers who can assist in our faith-based programming.

Lori James

306-649-6369



LutherCare Communities requires screening for all volunteers.



GoForth Hub Club



Come for a fun, relaxing afternoon – enjoy the activities
and make new friends!

Monday, October 2, 2023 from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.

at Calvin-GoForth Presbyterian Church

1602 Sommerfeld Ave. (Holliston neighbourhood)

In partnership with the Saskatoon Council on Aging, the GoForth Hub
Club will take place on the first Monday of each month.

Each afternoon will include

- Time to socialize
- An opportunity to have your blood pressure checked
- A brief exercise time with age-appropriate activities
- Entertainment
- Refreshments

October 2 – Presentation - Behind the Scenes of a National Geographic Expedition to
the Amazon

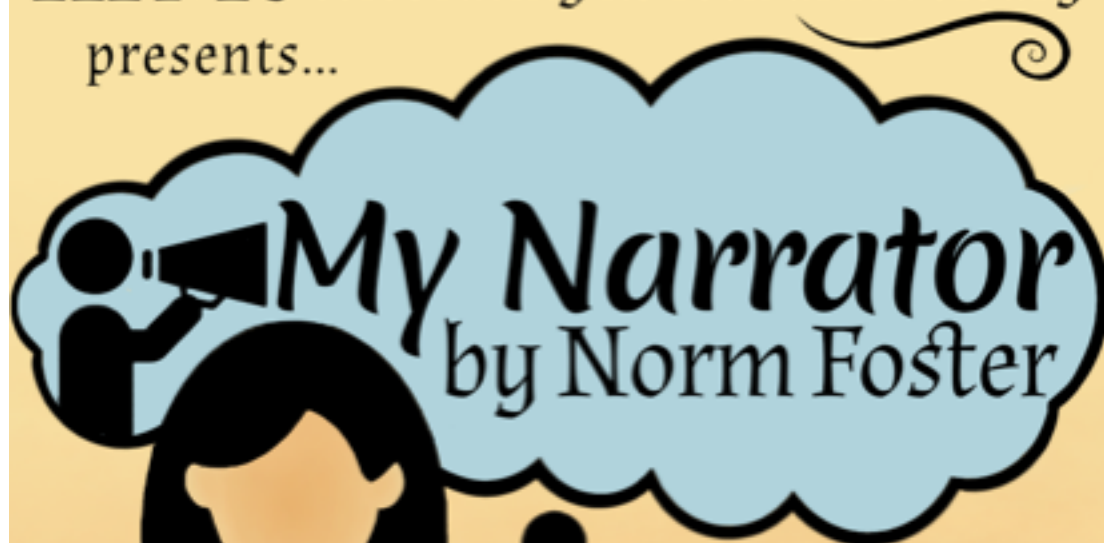
Alex Pelletier, PhD student at the U of S will share his experiences.

Fully accessible – Free parking

Please note: **Masks are required.** (COVID protocols observed)

For more information contact Sheila Cameron-Hopkins (306-955-9119)

HFMC celebrating its 10th anniversary
presents...



... a Comedy about
Love and Life

Design by: Jay

An exciting
fundraiser to help
pay for our building!

Thursday, Oct 26 at 7PM	\$15	Show Only
Friday, Oct 27 at 7PM	\$25	Dessert, Coffee & Show
Saturday, Oct 28 at 6PM	\$50	Full Dinner Theatre

For tickets contact 306-242-4500 or email
office@hamptonfreemethodist.com

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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

Join Us On



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.