

# Redeemer Happenings

## November 2023



### Jesus the Seeker

At first, we might think that Zacchaeus initiated this encounter with Jesus by climbing the tree. But he didn't. Jesus himself, "the Son of Man" who came "to seek and to save what was lost" sought out Zacchaeus (Luke 19:10)

Jesus' timing is perfect: He knows just the right hour to reach a heart that is longing for him.

So he called out, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house" (Luke 19:5). When Jesus found this man sitting up in a tree, he was like a shepherd searching for his wayward sheep.

Jesus called Zacchaeus by name, just as a shepherd calls his own sheep by name. Jesus' desire to be a guest in the tax collector's home reminds us of his invitation to all of us; "I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me" (Revelation 3:20)

Jesus honored Zacchaeus with a request to be his guest. Touched by Jesus' graciousness, the tax collector acted quickly and decisively—no holding back on his part or wasting time! He "came down quickly and received him with joy" (Luke 19:6)

Recognizing something special about Jesus, Zacchaeus immediately brought him home. And with that spontaneous eager response, Zacchaeus' life was changed forever.

Like Zacchaeus we are all sinners— we have all done things we are not proud of. Yet Jesus seeks us out and looks at us in the same way he looked at Zacchaeus. He sees our potential, he sees us with eyes of love. We often think of what we must do for God: obey the commandments, love our neighbor, and fulfill religious obligations. But Jesus' look of love precedes all of this. Everything we do comes in response to his grace.



The question is, will we allow Jesus to look us with love? As we do, his gaze can melt our hearts and move us to respond as Zacchaeus did, with immediacy, exuberance, and hope.

*The word among us, October edition*



This is the Time... November 2023

November, the month to remember, to reflect. The eleventh month of the year where the season is quietly changing. When the sun hides sooner; shadows are longer; darkness spreads across the sky as the land is setting to rest.

The World and the Church have set aside dates of reflection in November, these days are:

**All Saint's Day: November 1**

As we reflect on all the Saints that have gone before us, we realize there are many paths that have crossed our journey. On this day, we stop and think of all those we miss: Grandparent, Parents, Uncles, Aunts, Children, Siblings and Friends.

Memories and reflections are: precious; rewarding; sad and grieving; happy and loving; a blessing.

Here is a small list of reflections and memories that may help you to think of someone from your past that you honour, respect, miss, love and forever cherish

- Family photos
- War medals and uniforms
- Aroma of pipe tobacco
- Fresh cookies or bread baking
- Grandma's pantry of spices
- Testing old family recipes
- Homemade jam
- Your Parrent's hug or advise
- Taking a ride in a vintage vehicle
- Traveling back to your favorite place – homestead, vacation spot

**Remembrance Day: November 11**

Reflections on this day of promises never to forget the Men and Women who gave of their lives for our freedom; family, neighbors, loved ones, who may or may not have come back after signing up to protect our freedom. How do we honour their lives for this freedom?

Lest We Forget... R.I.P. Never Forgotten, Always Remembered...

So, as we watch the season change, and the earth sets to rest... This is the time...

To create memories that reflect the thing you did, the people you helped, or those who helped you.

To smile; to cry; to laugh as you remember and share with the next generation.

To thank God for the good memories, and ask for peace as you reflect on the past.

In closing here are the lyrics to the song; This is the Time: by Billy Joel

We walked on the beach beside that old hotel  
They're tearing it down now, but it's just as well  
I haven't shown you everything a man can do  
So stay with me baby, I've got plans for you

This is the time to remember  
'Cause it will not last forever  
These are the days to hold on to  
'Cause we won't, although we'll want to

This is the time  
But time is gonna change  
You've given me the best of you  
And now I need the rest of you

Did you know that before you came into my life  
Some kind of miracle that I survived?  
Some day we will both look back and have to laugh  
We lived through a lifetime and the aftermath

This is the time to remember  
'Cause it will not last forever  
These are the days to hold on to  
'Cause we won't although we want to

This is the time  
But time is gonna change  
I know we've got to move somehow  
But I don't want to lose you now

Sometimes it's so easy to let a day slip on by  
Without even seeing each other at all  
But this is the time you'll turn back and so will I  
And those will be the days you can never recall

And so we embrace again behind the dunes  
This beach is so cold on winter afternoons  
About holding you close is like holding the summer sun  
I'm warm from the memory of days to come

This is the time to remember  
'Cause it will not last forever  
These are the days to hold on to  
'Cause we won't although we'll want to

This is the time  
But time is gonna change  
You've given me the best of you  
But now I need the rest of you

# YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR PIECES & PEOPLE & PIZZA

**NEXT Sunday, Nov. 5 at 11:00**  
in the Fellowship Hall

**EVERYONE IS INVITED** to be part of this time of connecting in community. Bring yourself, friends, students, family, children, grandchildren—all ages!!

**Join us as we gather around the tables for sharing, songs, activities and a family-style PIZZA LUNCH.**



ADULTS... SENIORS...  
CHILDREN... YOUTH... POST  
SECONDARY STUDENTS...  
GRANDPARENTS...  
GRANDCHILDREN... ALL  
AGES are WELCOME!!

**COMING SOON to REDEEMER and YOU ARE INVITED!**

## ADVENT - CHRISTMAS MARKET & TEA

November 25th

10:00am – 3:00pm



◆ Featuring hand-made crafts, crocheting, rosemaling, woodworking, sewing, beadwork, jewelry, baking, quilting & more!

◆ Bake table and “New to You” Christmas Decoration Sale Table

◆ An Advent—Christmas Tea with tea, apple cider, coffee and Christmas sweets

**MARK THIS ON YOU CALENDAR and  
COME & JOIN US FOR the “JOY” of the day!!**



We are now collecting donations of traditional Christmas baking and Christmas decorations and décor (in useable condition) our for our bake sale table and “New to You” sale area. Please drop off decorations at the north end of the Place of Welcome or call for pick up. Thank you!

★ Proceeds from the Tea, Baking and “New to You” Christmas Sales will go to our 2023 Advent Project of providing “**Blessing Bags**” and other gifts for homeless people in Saskatoon, especially during the coming cold months. Watch for more Advent announcements and details coming next week.



## **Naomi Circle—Tuesday, November 28**

**2:00 pm @ St. Volodymyr, 42—3108 Louise Place**

For information on St. Volodymyr, please contact Lovina Walper 306-374-9796. If you need a ride, do not hesitate to contact Becky Wilson 306-230-5695. We will be using the November study in the Gather magazine. If you need a copy of the study, contact Becky. All ladies are welcome to join us!

## *Calling All Women...*

**REBEKAH CIRCLE Tuesday, November 21 at 7p.m Redeemer Fireside Lounge**

Leader: Julie Tenashuk

Our study is found in the November issue of Gather Magazine

**Session Three - Holy places: Pilgrimage**

Further information can also be found at: Magazine for Christian women - [gathermagazine.org](http://gathermagazine.org)



Men's Prayer Breakfast will be **Saturday, November 18,**  
**8:00am @ Smittys's**

ALL men are welcome to attend!

One of the best lessons you can learn in life is to  
master how to remain calm

Catherine Pulsifer

Dear Friends,  
We at Zion want to thank you for opening your doors and hearts to us this past summer. It was a wonderful experience for us to share your table, and we hope and pray that we will have many more such opportunities. May God continue to bless your ministries.

Glenn Barth  
Council Chair for  
Zion Congregation



**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.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE



For the month of September 2023, we had a surplus of \$9095.40 before the fund account revenues and expenses. For the year to date, we have a small surplus of \$868.80. Envelope giving was \$23,505.44 for September 2023. The envelope giving for the year to date is approximately \$16,000 less than budgeted and expenses are approximately \$22,000 less than budgeted to September 30.

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 [redemer.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.

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

Ron Litzenberger



**Luther Tower Tenants' Association**

# **Fundraising Bazaar**



**Tower Dining Room  
on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
1223 Temperance Street**



**Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**(Doors open at 1:00 p.m.)**

## **Everyone Welcome!**

**Tables featuring: Baking, Crafts, Jewelry,  
Knitting, and Woodworking.**



*For further information, please contact:*

**Lorraine (306) 652-2497**

*or*

**Beatrice (306) 384-2633**







# 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.**

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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)

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](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.