

Redeemer Happenings

August 2024



“I have come in answer to your prayer” (Daniel 10:12)

The Unseen King

Pilgrim is a musical based on The Pilgrim’s Progress, an allegory of the life of a believer in Jesus. In the story, all the unseen forces of the spiritual world are made visible to the audience. The character of the King, representing God, is present onstage for almost the entire show. He’s dressed in white and actively blocks attacks from the enemy, tenderly holds those who are in pain, and nudges others to good works. Despite his indispensable role, the main human character can’t physically see the King, only the effects of what he does.

Do we live as if the true King is active in our lives, even when we can’t physically see Him? In a time of need, the prophet Daniel received a vision from a heavenly messenger (Daniel 10:7) who’d been sent in direct response to his faithful prayers. The messenger explained that spiritual warfare had delayed his coming and angelic backup had to be dispatched (v.13). Daniel was reminded that even though he couldn’t see God, he was surrounded by evidence of HIS care and attention. “Do not be afraid you are highly esteemed” the messenger encouraged him (v.19). At the end of Pilgrim, when the main character reaches heaven’s door after many tribulations, he joyfully cries out for the first time, “ I can see the King!”

Until we see Him with our new eyes in heaven, we look for His action in our lives today.

Karen Pimpo, Our Daily Bread



**Hello to The Redeemer OWLS (Older Wiser Lutheran Senior)
On September 11th, noon, we will be hosting the first ever**

Redeemer OWLS High Tea.

Please wear your favourite hat, that means the men too.

Prize for best looking hat 🧢

**Please RSVP to Redeemer office by Monday, September 9.
Limited seating. \$10**



AUGUST WORSHIP at REDEEMER

Beginning Sunday, August 4 we will be welcoming our congregation and the Zion Lutheran congregation back to worship at Redeemer on Sundays at 10:00. What a joy it is to worship together throughout the summer!

As good hosts, we are encouraged to be mindful of making sure our guests have places to park near the church. For those of us who are able to walk a ways, let's save the parking area behind and directly in front of our church for our guests.

Redeemer folk who park close to the church for access and mobility reasons are welcome to continue doing that!



Women's SUMMER Bible Study

The women's ministry at Redeemer invites **all women** to a summer Bible study to be held **Tuesday August 20 at 7:00pm** in the Fireside Lounge at Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Please join us in a study led by Pastor Heather Anderson followed by refreshments and fellowship.

No RSVP required – just come!

A joint gathering by Redeemer, Augustana and Zion Lutheran women

FINANCIAL UPDATE



There was a surplus of \$3,322.99 for April 2024 before the fund account revenues and expenses. There is a small deficit for the year so far to the end of April 2024 of \$330.93. The envelope giving for April 2024 was \$35,902.11 and \$98,319.57 for the year to the end of April 2024. Thank you to everyone who has so generously contributed to Redeemer's operations.

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.

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

Ron Litzenberger



How do we approach someone who is grieving or going through difficult times? The first step can be the hardest and most awkward. If our words in greeting aren't right then it can either doom a caring relationship right from the start or set a relationship off on the wrong foot. Starting with a simple "Hello" is often a great start. But what happens next? It is important to connect meaningfully.

The following excerpt is from the book *Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart* by Kenneth Haugk

"...Here are some words almost magical in their effect. "It's great to see you." Just that. You were expecting something more profound? These words seem so simple, but they are profound in their effect. They have great power. They break the ice and connect you meaningfully with the other in an instant. Provided they're true of course---that in your heart you truly find it "good to see" the other person.

So far, you've said "Hello" and "It's good to see you". What's next? Your next move may not be words at all. It could be touch. How much touch depends on your relationship with the other person and what both of you are comfortable with. You may do no more than reach out to touch the other person's arm or shoulder or you may gather your friend into a warm hug.

So far, so good. You haven't sung any songs to the heavy-hearted one. You've greeted your friend, shared what is in your heart, and possibly touched him or her.

And if your friend still hasn't said anything? This isn't very likely because of how you have eased into the situation, but it could be so. More likely, the other individual has started to talk or maybe is shedding a tear. This is good. A great way to continue—and an almost surefire invitation to get the individual talking—is to say, "Fill me in on what's been happening?" or "Bring me up to date" or whatever other words you decide to use. Maybe you've noticed the "How are you?" isn't included here. This question is not totally off limits, but it often is not the best way to open a conversation, especially not the first time you visit with someone who is suffering. The immediate, unvoiced, internal response to *How are you?* could be *How do you think I am!*

Keep it simple.

"Hello"

"It's good to see you"

Possibly a touch.

"Fill me in on what's been happening".

Hurting people usually want to talk about their life situations. They will seize the opportunity to do so when given a chance. Your immediate goal is simply getting them to talk about what is concerning them right at that moment. That will be enough, if you allow it to happen. You don't have to think up perfect formula answers to questions. You don't have to theologize or psychologize or sing away the other's heavy heart. You couldn't do it anyway.

Sometime, probably earlier than later, it makes sense to say "I'm sorry" or "I'm so sorry you are having to go through this." Sharing your sorrow is another powerful act. Your sorrow connects with the other's sorrow. For that moment, at least, you have stepped in to share the burden and lighten the load of the suffering individual.

One of the most effective and caring ways for you to invite the other person to open up is for you to do just the opposite. Be quiet. Listen! Listening much more than talking leads to success in caring."

Submitted by,
Fran Seidler



Yes! On these HOT days of summer, we are thinking of cooler days and our

ADVENT - CHRISTMAS MARKET & TEA

that is returning to Redeemer on **November 23, 2024**. Mark it on your calendar and watch for coming details. This is another day of gathering in community at Redeemer. There will be local hand made **CRAFT CREATIONS** of many kinds, **TASTY TREATS**, a **"NEW TO YOU"** CHRISTMAS SALES AREA and an **ADVENT-CHRISTMAS TEA ROOM** — something for everyone!

This is early, but is an invitation for creators of handmade items to "save the date" and for those of us who have Christmas seasonal items that are ready for a new home, to save them for when we begin collecting in the fall. For further info, please contact Elaine Akre, Marlo Wilson or the church office.



"The Pied Pipes of Saskatoon"

Noon hour recitals on some
of Saskatoon's finest pipe organs
12:15 pm daily (Wednesday - 12:00 noon)

No admission – donations gratefully accepted

Monday, August 19 – *Christ Church Anglican*
Tuesday, August 20 – *Grace Westminster United*
Wednesday, August 21 – *Zion Lutheran (12:00)*
Thursday, August 22 – *Knox United*
Friday, August 23 – *St. John's Anglican*



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**9-4pm
daily**

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(Friday afternoon office is closed)

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redeemersaskatoon.ca



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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.