

Redeemer Happenings



November 2024



HOPE IN GOD

Jeremy didn't realize what he was getting into when he arrived at the university for his three-year course and asked for the cheapest dorm room available. "It was awful," he recounted. "The room and its bathroom were terrible." But he had little money and little choice. "All I could do," he said, "was think, *I have a nice home to go back to in three years' time, so I'll stick with this and make the most of my time here.*"

Jeremy's story mirrors the everyday challenges of living in an "earthly tent"—a human body that will die (2 Corinthians 5:1), operating in a world that is passing away (1 John 2:17). Thus we "groan and are burdened" (2 Corinthians 5:4) as we struggle to cope with the many difficulties life throws at us.

What keeps us going is the certain hope that one day we'll have an immortal, resurrected body—a "heavenly dwelling" (v. 4)—and be living in a world free of its present groaning and frustration (Romans 8:19-22). This hope enables us to make the most of this present life God has lovingly provided. He'll also help us to use the resources and talents He's given us, so we can serve Him and others. And that's why "we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it" (2 Corinthians 5:9).

Leslie Koh, Our Daily Bread

The Lord will fight for you; you need only

To be still

Exodus 14:14



Congregational Meeting Nov. 17 after worship

RLC Leadership encourages your attendance at this meeting that will address two matters as outlined in our previous communication.

Coffee and cookies will be available in the sanctuary

There will be a secret ballot to decide whether our representatives from the Amalgamation committee should continue in further discussions. ***As we wish to have everyone's input, this ballot will be available to members if they are unable to attend the meeting.***

Please contact Monica in the office if you wish to vote this way.

The other matter involves the congregation voting by show of hands on a couple motions pertaining to the financial audit that is required for the church finances. Congregational approval is necessary to allow changes to wording of the bylaws regarding the audit and to engage a different accounting firm to do the audit.



Generosity

How might you remind yourself daily of God's generous love for you?

For our November GIFT gathering we will be focusing on *Generosity*— this month's Faith Practice.

Generosity is freely sharing with others the many gifts God has given us. Our God is an abundantly generous God!

YOU are invited to join us **NEXT SUNDAY, Nov. 3** at 11:00 in the Fellowship Hall following worship!

EVERYONE is WELCOME!!

ALL AGES - Children & Parents, Grandchildren & Grandparents, Youth, Students, Young Adults, Older Adults, Seniors....

Join us as we CONNECT with all generations, HEAR and EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD through activities and song, CREATE, PLAY & EAT! - a special treat of "**TACOS IN A BAG**" prepared for you and ready to eat and enjoy!



ALSO at this gathering, there will be gifts of Children's Bible Story Books (for pre-schoolers and kindergarten) and Children's Bibles (for Gr.1-6) generously available for children in our community to have at home. There will also be Youth Bibles for Youth who are new to Confirmation at Redeemer. It is our prayer that these Bibles and resources will provide opportunities for families to grow together in Faith as they explore God's generous gifts in scripture and in daily life!



Good news .

The radiation and hormone treatments worked on my prostate cancer ,PSA unreadable. Another blood test in 6 months. My radiation oncologist was so exited he said Shirley and I should go out and celebrate as he was going to celebrate.

I have been bladder cancer free for ten months. Thanks for all your prayers. God listens and works. Our God is an awesome God.

Thanks a million 🙏🙏🙏

Bernie Karstad



ADVENT - CHRISTMAS MARKET + TEA

Redeemer Lutheran Church
812 Preston Ave. Saskatoon

November 23 10:00am – 3:00pm

LOCAL ARTISANS AND CREATIVE CRAFTS PEOPLE

Jewelry Sewing Baking Quilting Handwork
Woodworking Cards Wreaths & more!

PLUS an Advent-Christmas Tea Room for a quiet taste and feel of the season.

AND a "new to you" Sale Corner of Christmas décor items



WE ARE NOW WELCOMING 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!



WE STILL HAVE ROOM for a few more craftspersons TO BE PART OF THIS MARKET to SHOW and SELL YOUR hand-made creations. Table

space is limited so save your spot soon. To book a table (\$10/table) or for further info, please call or text Marlo Wilson 306 291 8212 or Elaine Akre 306 220 8074 or call or email Monica in the church office 306 374 7585 / redeemer.luth.stoon@sasktel.net by October 25th.

**Just 3 weeks away!
Check out ways that you may be part of our our MARKET DAY!**

A FEW MORE CREATIVE VENDORS

BAKING DONATIONS

New to You CHRISTMAS Decor

Sign up on front door or contact the church office.

Peace is speaking up for those less fortunate.

Peace is the resolution of: personal arguments, political disagreement, countries at wars

Peace is taking time this month to breath, to pray and to let go of the things that worry you the most. Remember that this peace that is offered is from God.

Lyrics based on John 14:27

My peace I give unto you

It's a peace that the world cannot give

It's a peace that the world cannot understand

Peace to know, peace to live

My peace I give unto you

DEATH CAFÉ MEETING DATES

November 5

December 17

Time: 10-noon



Stephen Ministry



As I entered the church a couple Sundays ago, I noticed an abundance of funeral cards on display. My first thought was that it reminded me that I am part of an aging congregation. Secondly, I thought we really have a lot of families that need some care right now. Many congregations face a decline in attendance due to a number of factors, but the one that is foremost in my heart is the aging population. How do we best serve the long serving and faithful members and the families of our congregation? With the compassion and care we have always provided. Over the past 28 years, Stephen Ministers have walked with so many of our congregants through illness, death, grief and rebuilding lives. Even Stephen ministers and leaders themselves have cared for each other during times of grief and struggle. How do we differ from a church visitor? We do go through intensive training. We have honed our skills on listening, empathy, Christian caring, prayer, interpersonal skills and improved self-confidence. This not only help us help others, but gives us a better understanding of what others may REALLY be experiencing and how best to care for them. We are not there to provide solutions, advice or promises of cures, but rather to WALK with them during their journey, to empathize and to really listen. In January 2025, we are planning to train a new class of Stephen Ministers and we truly pray you are called to join us. This training has not only helped us help others, but it has helped each of us in our personal growth to be better caring Christians in our every day lives'. If you have any questions or concerns about the training or would like to sign up for the training please contact me at any time.

Your servant in Christ,

Fran Seidler
Stephen Leader
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RUTH CIRCLE

Bible study on Nov. 21
2 pm in the Fireside Lounge

ALL women welcome



Naomi Circle

November 26, 2pm at St. Volodomyr, 3108 Louise Place

Lovina Walper will be our hostess. Please phone her @ 306-374-9796 if you have questions about the facility or how to get there.

We will be using the study from the September/October issue of Gather: Receiving Grace: A study of Ephesians, Session two: God's Power Works in Us.

Pastor Trent will lead the study.

ALL ladies are welcome to attend. Please phone Becky @ 306-230-5695 if you need a ride or have any other questions.



Rebekah Circle June Bible study will be held on
Tuesday, November 19 @ 7:00 pm. in the Fireside Lounge.

Sherry Haslstead is our leader

All women welcome



OLDER BUT WISER LUTHERANS

CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

12:00 PM FIRESIDE LOUNGE



THERE IS NO COST FOR THIS EVENT BUT SEATING IS LIMITED

RSVP TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY MONDAY, DEC. 9



When? Saturday, Nov 16

Where? Smittys

Time: 8am

FINANCIAL UPDATE



There was a surplus of \$13,102.08 for September 2024 before the fund account revenues and expenses. There is a surplus for the year so far to the end of September 2024 of \$15,339.13. The general fund giving for September 2024 was \$27,139.54 and \$213,518.42 for the year to the end of September 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 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



PRAIRIE CENTRE FOR ECUMENISM

40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION BANQUET

**COME CELEBRATE
WITH US! 40 YEARS
AND BEYOND!**



**22nd November 2024
5:30pm**



**Good Shepherd
Lutheran Church
1215 McKercher Drive,
Saskatoon**

About Our Event

Please join us in sharing good memories and our hopes for the future as we celebrate our 40th anniversary.

**TICKETS
\$35 EACH**

To purchase tickets -
admin@pcecumenism.ca
(306)653-1633

Celebration Highlights

Sharing memories

Come and hear memories and dreams for the future!

Delicious Food

Enjoy a delectable spread of food and refreshments throughout the event.

Silent Auction

Bid on exciting items for a chance to win fantastic prizes.

CONTACT US

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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

THE SECRET OF A HAPPY LIFE IS GIVING GOD:

1. *The first part of your day*
2. *The first priority to every decision*
3. *The first place in your heart*



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.