

Redeemer Happenings

February 2024



It's FEBRUARY already and EVERYONE IS INVITED!

NEXT SUNDAY, FEB. 4 at 11:00am in the Fellowship Hall

Lent-in-a-BagTacos-in-a-Bag

Join in our monthly INTERGENERATIONAL time of connecting in community. Bring yourself, friends, students, family, children, grandchildren—**ALL ages!!**

Join us as we gather around tables for stories, songs, fun, activities and a family-style LUNCH.



REBEKAH CIRCLE

Rebekah Circle February Bible study will be held on **Tuesday, Feb 20@ 7:00 pm. in the Fireside Lounge.** Julie Tenaschuk will be our study leader. All ladies are welcome to attend.

We need to find God and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature—trees, flowers, grass grows in silence; see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence... We need silence to be able to touch souls

Mother Teresa

STEWARDSHIP

A Way of Life

Stretch the Light!

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; They are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness.

(Lamentations 3:22-23)

February has always been the shortest month, but during this month we have a Family Day, Valentine's Day and for this year a leap day.

So, I got thinking about what to watch for as we survived no snow in November, a brown Christmas and at least one week of -35 or colder days, and finally beautiful white snow in January.

I drive to work every morning leaving around 7:30 am and arriving back home again sometimes just before 6pm. So, in December and January I leave in the dark then come home in the dark.

But by late January and into February I can see the eastern sky brighten as the sun inches closer to the morning horizon and the sun waits just a little longer on the west horizon as I head over the College Drive overpass.

We all long for the warmer days and the brighter days and the sun to shine.

As I write, I think of these small glimmers of sunlight freely shared on all of us each day. This is a little extra warmth. This is a little extra hope. This is little extra dream. This is an extra hug. This is a stretched visit. This is an extra prayer. This is a little extra fresh start. Every day the sun is stretching its light on the horizon.

During the month of February, in Saskatoon we all gain one hour forty-six minutes and thirteen seconds of day length.

So...

Embrace the Light...

Bask in the Light...

Enjoy the Light...

Share the Light...

For it is Free for All!

From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord be praised.

Psalm 113:3

Hans Graupe

Stewardship Committee February 2024



**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING**

**March 17 after worship
Wear green!**

**ANNUAL
MEETING**



Men's Prayer Breakfast will be **Saturday, February
17 at 8am @ Smittys.**

ALL MEN ARE WELCOME

FINANCIAL UPDATE



The unaudited financial statements and trends for 2023 show that we had a surplus of \$29,071.32 before the fund account revenues and expenses. The surplus for December was \$19,678.25. The envelope giving for 2023 was \$282,339.75, about \$7,700 less than budgeted. Thank you to everyone who had so generously contributed to Redeemer's operations throughout 2023. Audited financial statements for 2023 will be presented at the next annual general congregational meeting.

The unaudited financial statements also show the amount of agency contributions that members had contributed to throughout the year. A total of \$12,394.25 was donated by members to agencies such as CLWR, Luminhos, the Salvation Army, Camp Kinasao, the Saskatoon Food Bank and others.

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

STEPHEN MINISTRY

As most of you know, Stephen Ministry is a very valuable ministry. Not only do we assist the Pastors in this caring ministry but we also offer amazing resources to help those in their journey of difficult times. One such great resource is the ***Journeying through Grief*** books. This is a set of four short books we offer people at four crucial times during the first year after the loss of a loved one. Written by Kenneth C. Haugk, the founder of Stephen Ministry, writes in a warm, caring style, with short, easy-to-read chapters. He walks alongside the reader through the grief journey, sharing helpful insights about grief, biblical truths, and stories that provide comfort and reassurance.

Some of the readers of this series have said:

“I thanked my pastor three or four times after receiving each book. They helped me understand what I was going through. It’s so nice to know that my congregation cares!” Phil

“The books are short and easy to read, and they’ve helped me see that what I’m thinking and feeling is normal during grief.” Jerry

“I keep each book close at hand and find myself reading certain chapters again and again. They confirm what I’m experiencing and help me know that I can make it through these dark times.” Sal



If you need that little extra help and guidance, reach out to a Stephen Minister for a resource. You will never know how effective they can be in your journey.

Stephen Ministry Team

Fran Seidler

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Death Café

Coffee – Cake & Conversations

It's about grief and bereavement – death and dying. Not your day to day coffee house conversation



Talking about death is

Morbid

Taboo

Weird

..... part of life



My name is Gabriele McClure and I am a retired CNA (Certified Nurse's Aide), specialized in Hospice Care. I experienced firsthand how difficult it is for people to talk about death and dying. It reminds us of our own mortality.

How hard it is to even say: My condolences. “ I don't know what to say”. Discussing death and dying is not your typical coffee shop conversation. My Husband and I had always been very open when it came to talking about the end of life. After he got his cancer diagnosis we sat together. We cried, we laughed. And we imagined what it would be like.... To die and being dead.

By facilitating the Death Café, my goal is to ease the hesitation and discomfort of talking about death and dying.

See you there....



Come and join us :

***Every 2nd Tuesday , starting Feb. 13, 2024
10am – 12noon @ Redeemer Lutheran Church***

***Every 4th Thursday, starting Thursday, Feb. 29, 2024
7pm-9pm @ Zion Lutheran Church***

For more information contact:

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HELP US CONTINUE TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY WARM! THE NEED IS GREATER THAN EVER IN SASKATOON!



With winter truly here, the need for warm clothing has increased in Saskatoon. We invite you to help keep people of all ages warm through donations of **WARM WINTER JACKETS, MITTS/GLOVES, TOQUES/HATS, WARM SWEATERS/FLEECES and WARM BLANKETS.**

You are welcome to drop them off in a bin in the **Place of Welcome at Redeemer** or at any **Saskatoon Fire Station**. We ask that donated items be “**Ready to Wear**” - **clean and in good condition (gently used or new)**. Items donated at Redeemer will be delivered to helping agencies each week.

Nonperishable, healthy **FOOD ITEMS** are also always needed and welcomed on an ongoing basis (See suggestion of most wanted items). Help us fill our **FOOD BIN** over & over!

THANK YOU FOR SHARING!

Most Wanted Food Items

- infant formula
- hearty soups and stews
- whole grain pasta
- whole grain cereals
- canned vegetables
- 100% real fruit juice
- canned beans and proteins

SASKATOON FOOD BANK & LEARNING CENTRE

202 Ave. C South
Saskatoon, SK S7M 1N2
P:306.664.6565 F:306.664.6563
www.saskatoonfoodbank.org

The infographic features a large grey spoon on the left and a large grey fork on the right. Each food item is accompanied by a small icon: a bottle of formula, a bowl of soup, a box of pasta, a bowl of cereal, a can of vegetables, a carton of juice, and a can of beans.



10th Annual Stair Climb Challenge

Friday, Feb. 9th, 2024 | 11 A.M.

Luther Tower

1223 Temperance Street

Complimentary lunch | Prizes for all participants

Limited spots available! REGISTER NOW or sponsor a climber:

E: foundation@luthercare.com

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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

I FIND JOY IN
EVERY DAY, NOT
BECAUSE LIFE IS
ALWAYS GOOD,
BUT BECAUSE
GOD IS.

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.