

Redeemer Happenings



January 2025



Here we are at the beginning of a new year and you might be asking yourself what the new year will hold. You might even find yourself feeling uneasy about the future.

But John encourages us not to be afraid. Why? Because we know the truth. Because we have received “the anointing that comes from the Holy One” (1 John 2:20). And the Holy One is the Father’s only begotten Son full of grace and truth. Even though we don’t know what the coming year might hold, we can cling to this truth and that can prepare our hearts for whatever happens.

Remember that *God is with you. Jesus the Word of God, is* unchanging. He was with the Father in the beginning (John 1:2). He will be there when time draws to a close. And he is with you now. In fact, he who was at the beginning and brought all thing to be is still bringing things into being. He is still creating new virtues, new insights and new strength in you.

Remember , too, that Jesus is the “*light of the human race*” (John 1:4). That means you can trust him to illuminate your path and lead and guide you along the way. He is your hope in darkness. He is your way through confusion. He is your steady beacon when you are uncertain. His light can never be overcome by darkness.

Finally-and best of all– remember that Jesus has made you a *child of his heavenly Father* (John 1:12). This is no small thing! In faith, you can approach God himself as your loving father and receive his protection, his support, and his strength. Even when you feel too weak to come to him, he will incline his heart toward you and take you into his arms.

So lift up your heart and walk boldly into the new year.

Our Daily Bread December edition

May God bless you with a RENEWED SPIRIT as you begin your new year

Ezekiel 11:19



EVERYONE is invited to join us
THIS SUNDAY, January 5th
the **12th DAY OF CHRISTMAS**
for our first **GIFT INTERGENERATIONAL**
GATHERING of 2025

EPIPHANY!!! ARISE!!! SHINE!!!
YOUR LIGHT HAS COME!!!

Gather with us at 11:00 following worship
for a time of **STAR & LIGHT** activities,
scripture & songs & a pizza lunch.

Gluten free pizza available as needed.

*Arise! Shine! For your light has come, and the glory of the Lord
has risen upon you Isaiah 60:1*

*But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we
have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his
Son, cleanses us from all sin. 1 John 1:7*



Rebekah Circle June Bible study will be held on
**Tuesday, January 20@ 7:00 pm. in the Fireside
Lounge.**

Sandra is our leader

All women welcome

DEATH CAFÉ GATHERING RELOCATION

**Place: Angie & Hugh Farmer place 63 Grosvenor cres-
cent**

Date: Tues January 14

Time : 10 am

Cookies and coffee will be served!



SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

IN EPIPHANY

Growing by God's grace in the Light of Christ

TUESDAYS AT NOON: Bible Study

Discuss the upcoming Sunday Lessons and help shape the sermon. Bring lunch. In the Narthex.

WEDNESDAYS AT FIVE: Evening Prayer

Pray with the ancient Service of Light and the Great Litany. Meet at the Font.

THURSDAYS AT ELEVEN: Cross and Culture

Connect what you are reading/watching/writing/crafting/ singing/playing with Christ in gentle pastoral conversation. In the Library.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
323-4th Avenue South
Saskatoon, SK

Stewardship is...



...EVERYTHING we think, say, and do after we say "I believe"

Find Your Center

People who believe in God, center their lives around the Bible's teachings. Are we perfect; definitely not. Do we strive to be better people for our families,



our community and the world; we try. While we endeavor to keep in touch with our church community on more than our online and in person Sunday Services, we know that we have not reached everybody. As members of our greater church community, you can help by widening the circle and keeping people centered on our mission.

We are into the time of the year where the world celebrates Jesus's birth and the teachings of Christianity. In 2024, the community at Redeemer Lutheran Church (RLC) focused on various outreach efforts while continuing to use the church as our center of operations. The many, behind the scenes angels made every Sunday Service, something to look forward to.

Borrowing from an article I read this year, the poet Robert Browning wrote, "A man's reach must exceed his grasp or what is heaven for?" Society faces challenges every day, month and year. One can become overwhelmed when we ever present needs in the world. Perhaps a better coping strategy is to recognize the positive outcomes we achieve every day throughout our community?

December is traditionally RLC's biggest "giving" month. We give of our time, talents and treasures with Food Bank, Salvation Army, Canadian Lutheran World Relief, Luther Care Communities other organizations. Yes, the need remains ongoing but remember to recognize what you have and continue to give.



This is the January 2025 Stewardship message. Your leadership team is working on our 2025 budget and "giving" is always a consideration on the income side of the budget. May your continued charity for RLC and your community continue throughout 2025 and beyond.

God Bless

Your Stewardship Committee

FINANCIAL UPDATE



There was a surplus of \$2,681.00 for the month of November 2024 before the fund account revenues and expenses. There is a surplus for the year so far to the end of November 2024 of \$8,444.24. The general fund giving for November 2024 was \$19,365.00 and \$251,589.42 for the year to the end of November 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

Lost ring on Christmas Eve Service at 7pm.

If you have any information please

Call the office.



SASKATOON SHRINE CLOWNS PRESENT



ANNUAL Clown Feast

WHERE: SHRINE CLUB - 1021 SASK. CRES

WHEN: JANUARY 31, 2025

*** MOOD ENHANCEMENT 5:00 PM**

*** SUPPER AT 6:00 PM**

COST: \$20 FOR ONE // \$35 FOR TWO

KIDS 10 YEARS & UNDER FREE

Etransfer, cash or cheque for tickets to:
Ed Miller (eamiller99@gmail.com), (306)230-2809,
or snail mail to 419 Coldspring Cres., Saskatoon,
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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.