Redeemer Happenings March 2025







Lenten Services

March 5. Ash Wednesday at King of Glory @ 7:30pm

March 12. Lent 1 @ Augustana 5:30 pm

March 19 Lent 2 @ Resurrection 5:30 pm

March 26 Lent 3 @ Good Shepherd 5:30 pm

April 2 Lent 4@ Trinity 5:30pm

April 9 Lent 5@Redeemer 5:30pm

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Prayer Services

Come join us as we prepare ourselves during this journey of Lent

Wednesdays in Lent, 8:30am March 12, 19,26, April 2 and 9th Light breakfast to follow



St. Stephen's Anglican Church 10 Grosvenor Cres

Thankyou to our host congregations:

St. Stephen's Anglican Church

Ukrainian Catholic Parish of the Dormition of the Mother of God

St. Philip Neri Roman Catholic Church

Grace Westminster United Church

Redeemer Lutheran Church ELCIC

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Find Your Community

The Redeemer Lutheran Church (RLC) community, our Pastor, Leadership Team and **VOL-UNTEERS** work at **centering** our faith on our Lord and Saviour – Jesus Christ. We remain a caring community as evidenced by regular attendance, inter-generational events and a host of outreach community events. Proverbs 27:17 in the Good News Bible states "**People learn from one another, just as iron, sharpens iron.**" The saying that no man is an island expresses the opinion that humans do badly when isolated from others; we all need communities of some sort to stay grounded.

Our Annual Congregational Meeting happens soon as we look back at 2024 and plan for 2025. In 2024 Pastor Trent, our Leadership Team, Committees and a host of **VOLUN-TEERS** continued to plan and put those plans into action. Whether your week starts or ends on a Sunday, our Sunday Services, both in person and online, show a community in action. Before service there are always, the Early Birds; you know the ones, they come to visit, catch up with others and greet all comers. During service, those present and online, hear the Good News. After Sunday services we encourage people to stay for a coffee, cookie, conversation and join our monthly inter-generational events.

Two of our biggest and welcoming and community events each year are the Church Garage Sale/BBQ and the Fall Feast. With January behind us and maybe only 2-3 months of cooler weather left , committees are already at work planning our **Church BBQ and Garage Sale for Saturday 2025 MAY 10.** While funds raised during the BBQ help offset some yearly expenses, the community created by volunteers and participants worth so much more!

The Amalgamation Committee continues its work in 2025 with periodic updates for RLC with more updates to come before the snow goes! Notwithstanding what may come of the inter-church discussions we at RLC must continue our ministry with Time, Talents and Treasures. Drilling down beyond the generous time and talents members gave in 2024, the following 156 Giving Units supported RLC's Ministry with financial contributions that led to a balanced budget:

6 gave between \$0 and \$99

29 gave between \$500 and \$999

33 gave between \$2000 and 3999 and

shall follow us all the days of our lives.

5 gave over \$10,000

27 gave between \$100 and \$499

44 gave between \$1000 and \$1999

12 gave between \$4000 and \$9999;

Our Sunday Service remains RLC's time to "re-charge our batteries" for the days ahead.

We provide a safe haven for worship and hospitality in the presence of God. In community we are not alone in life's challenges. Surely goodness and mercy

God Bless, Stewardship Committee

Your RLC Budget for 2025

Our Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM) happens later this spring. Our 2025 budget will have increased costs for staff, utilities and more. In recent time we have not canvassed the congregation regarding church finances.

A couple of weeks ago during announcements, a Stewardship Message requested that our families and friends consider updating their **Family Unit Giving** for 2025.

If you are on Pre-Authorized Donations (PAD) to modify your monthly giving, it takes

Three easy steps:

<u>Contact our RLC office by email redeemer.luth.stoon@sasktel.net</u> or in person;

Request to update your Pre-Authorized Donation (PAD); and

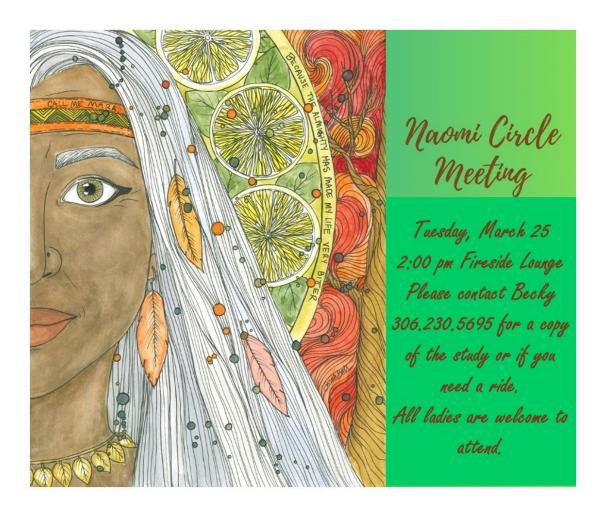
Return to the RLC office, a completed and updated PAD form.

RLC will take care of the rest!

If you are happy with your PAD amount and find it within your means to top up giving, from time to time, that can happen too. You may do an e-transfer to redeemer.luth.stoon@sasktel.net. You can also make use of offering envelopes found at the place of welcome or near the collection plate.

We are a community of God. We work to support one another and our community at large. Thank you for reading this message and your continued support of God's work.

Stewardship Committee





Rebekah Circle Bible study will be held on **Tuesday, March 18** @ **7:00** pm. in the Fireside **Lounge.**

Deanna is our leader

All women welcome



Men's prayer breakfast

Saturday, March 15 at 8am

Smitty's in Market Mall



There was a deficit of \$5,344.51 for the month of January 2025 before the fund account revenues and expenses. The general fund giving for January 2025 was \$18,675.00. The 2024 financial statements that have been reviewed by Laskowski, Wright and Baker LLP along with a 2025 budget will be available for discussion at the congregational annual meeting. 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



OWLS (Older but Wiser LutheranS) MARCH LUNCHEON

Wednesday, March 19, Noon

Please RSVP to the church office (306.374.7585) by Monday, March 17.









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The Royal Canadian College of Organists:
Masterclass & Concert Program

Jean-Willy Kunz in Concert

First Organist-in-Residence of the Orchestre symphonique de Montréal

Sunday, March 16, 2025 7:00 pm Knox United Church 838 Spadina Crescent East, Saskatoon

Admission by cash donation (\$25 recommended/\$15 for students)

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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





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.