

# Redeemer Happenings

## June 2025



*This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent (John 6:29)*

Jesus performed an amazing miracle feeding 5000 people with a few loaves and fishes. When the crowd goes looking for him, he knows it is because they want more to eat. So he tells the, “ Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life (6:27)

But again the crowd misunderstands. They think Jesus is telling them to do something more or try harder. So he clarifies: at its heart this “work of God” is all about believing in him, the One whom the Father has sent (John 6:29)

We might wonder-as perhaps the people in the crowd did that day– what the work of believing involves. Isn't believing just a matter of our minds? But Jesus seems to indicate that belief is something that requires us to be active not passive.

Let's see what that might be:

- ⇒ Believing in Jesus means that just as we would with any loved one, we seek to nurture our relationship with him. This is why listening him in prayer and reflecting on the Scriptures are so essential. It's why we need to do the “work” of setting aside time each day for him
- ⇒ The “work of believing requires that we trust in the Lord, even when we are suffering or when we are going through a trial. In those times we may be tempted to doubt God's love or care for us. That's when we need to actively lean into our relationship with Jesus making a point of turning to him as often as we can. It is also when we have to set aside our doubts and proclaim our trust in the Lord.
- ⇒ Along with trust the “work” of believing involves surrendering our lives to Jesus and placing ourselves in his capable hands. It involves actively believing that Jesus can handle any problem we encounter and that he knows better than we do what is best for us.

***Lord, help me to believe in you more deeply today!***

*The word among us, May edition*

It's CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC TIME!

**THIS** Sunday, June 1st at 11:00 am

on the Church Lawn & in the Place of Welcome

Everyone is invited! There will be food for all!

Gourmet Hotdogs & Make-Your-Own Sundaes

Plan to join in the great food, fellowship and fun!



Bring lawn chairs or picnic blankets

All are welcome!!

As we enter this GROWING season, we want to  
continue to GROW IN FAITH TOGETHER.



## OWLS SOUTHERN PICNIC

Wednesday, June 11

12 pm in the Fireside Lounge

No cost

RSVP by Monday, June 9  
to the  
church office.



Spring is a time of renewal and joy. The country side turns green, our favorite birds reappear and those who love gardening are actively planning and planting.

The ability to spend time outdoors leads to reflection.

As I reflect on the blessings of the past year I especially am reminded of our welcoming and loving church community. Each Sunday, and in countless moments throughout the week, we see how God moves in and through each of us. I see Redeemer members welcoming friends and strangers, gently uplifting the weak and weary and sharing the Good News with joy and generosity.

One focus of Stewardship is financial giving; however it is much more than this. It is the faithful offering of our whole lives - our time, our talents, and our treasure - to the work of God. Romans 12:6-8 states that

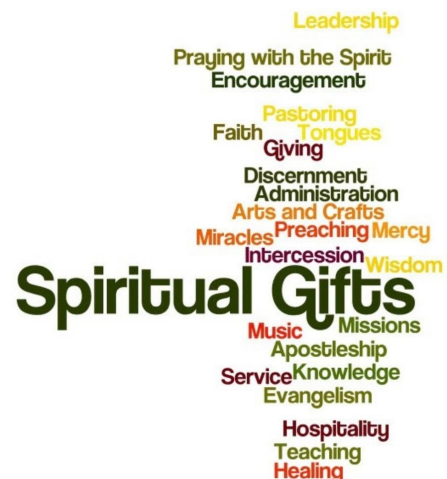
*"We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach, if it is encouraging, then encourage; if it is giving, then do it generously, if it is leading, then lead diligently; if it is showing mercy, then do it cheerfully."*

God has graced each of us with talents that we can use in service to others.

At Redeemer there are so many who are sharing their talents. This creates a strong, vibrant community of God. Stewardship encourages each of us to prayerfully consider how we might share our talents in the coming season. By sharing our talents we create a stronger community. In addition, sharing talents provides a more connected, impactful faith experience. You and your participation matter deeply to our community.

Thank all of you for the many ways you contribute to the life of this congregation. Your presence, prayers, service, and gifts are deeply valued and make a lasting impact in our shared mission.

Jean Brehon





# gather

## A Magazine for WOMEN of ALL AGES

\* Note Subscription renewal info below

### Inspirational. Transformative. Reflective.

Gather with us for faith and action

**GATHER**, the magazine of Women of The ELCA (the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America) offers a mix of articles, Bible studies, theological reflections, devotions and stories of comfort and challenge that help readers grow in faith and engage in ministry and action. This publication inspires living and experiencing your faith every day. **GATHER** connects Christian women of all ages with like-minded others who are committed to growing in faith and building the kingdom of God—next door and across the globe.

Check it out at [Magazine for Christian women - Gather \(gathermagazine.org\)](http://Magazine for Christian women - Gather (gathermagazine.org))

You can check out this year's summer Bible Studies (offered only online) at **Summer 2025: "Where two or more are gathered: Flourishing in relationships" by the Rev. Dr. Brooke Petersen**. September to May Bible studies are published in the Gather magazine that is mailed to your address.



If you would like to see what the magazines are like, you are invited to take a previous issue from the table below the cross in the Place of Welcome

**At Redeemer, this magazine is inspirational for all and the included Bible studies are the basis for our monthly gatherings that ALL women are invited to participate in.** There are three Redeemer Women & Friends groups/circles that gather to share in the Bible studies and fellowship. **Rebekah, Ruth and Naomi** groups meet at various times each month. Times and places are announced and in print in the weekly updates and monthly newsletters. For further info, call or email the church to be connected. **All are welcome!**



**IT IS NOW TIME TO RENEW OUR GATHER subscriptions for the 2025-26**

**year!!** We are asking for a **QUICK** response **by THURSDAY (June 5)** if you wish to renew your subscription. Please **EMAIL or PHONE** the church to let us know if you **WISH TO RENEW (or don't)** so that we can get our group order in.

**NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS are also invited!** by emailing or calling the church by June 5th. For further information contact Monica in the church office or Elaine Akre (306-220-8074).

#### **PAYMENT FOR YOUR SUBSCRIPTIONS:**

This year's cost is **\$40.00 Canadian**. Payments can be made (**marked "GATHER"**) by:

- ♦ Etransfer of \$40.00 to redeemer.luth.stoon@sasktel.net
- ♦ Cheque for \$40.00 to REDEEMER LUTHERAN by mail or in your offering
- ♦ Or \$40 cash in an offering envelope

**We look forward to another year of gathering, as women, in faith and action!**



Rebekah Circle Bible study will be held on  
**Tuesday, June 17 @ 7:00 pm. in the Fireside Lounge.**

Pastor Trent is our leader

**All women welcome**



**Men's prayer breakfast**

Saturday, June 21 at 8am

Smitty's in Market Mall

Tyler Greig, student at University of Saskatchewan and member of our congregation is looking for a 2 bedroom apt close to the university.

If you know of any available apartment please contact the office.

Tyler would really appreciate it.



**Lutheran Theological Seminary Saskatoon** welcomes all to celebrate our 2025 graduates **tonight, Friday, May 30 at 7pm**. Convocation 2025 will be held in person at Christ Church Anglican and also livestreamed at <http://www.youtube.com/live/DHKYxF3xuQ> (see further details on the poster)



**ALSO as part of tonight's convocation ceremony , we, at Redeemer celebrate with Pastor Harold and Elaine Hesje who will be receiving Honorary Doctorate degrees for their significant contributions to the church and the community. We are blessed to have been recipients of many of their gifts throughout their many years at Redeemer!**



The University of Emmanuel College-  
College of Emmanuel & St. Chad,  
the Lutheran Theological Seminary Saskatoon  
and St. Andrew's College

are pleased to invite you to the

Joint Convocation Ceremonies  
of the  
Saskatoon Theological Union

**Friday, May 30, 2025**

7:00 pm

Christ Church Anglican  
515 28 Street West  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Livestream:  
<https://www.youtube.com/live/DHKYxF3x-uQ>

*Reception to follow*



# What Is Stephen Ministry?

Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ (Galatians 6:2, NRSV).

Stephen Ministry offers a proven and effective way to organize, equip, and supervise a team of congregation members—called *Stephen Ministers*—to provide high-quality, one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people in the congregation and the community experiencing life difficulties.



## Who's Involved in Stephen Ministry?

Stephen Leaders are church staff, lay leaders, and pastors trained to provide ongoing leadership for their congregation's Stephen Ministry. They are equipped for this key role through the Stephen Leader Training Course offered by Stephen Ministries St. Louis.



Stephen Ministers are congregation members trained by their Stephen Leaders to offer care to people who are hurting. A Stephen Minister typically has one care receiver at a time and meets with that person once a week for about an hour.

Care receivers are individuals in the congregation or community who are going through a crisis or life difficulty. Potential care receivers first meet with a pastor or Stephen Leader, who assesses their needs



or care and matches them with a Stephen Minister. The caring relationship lasts for as long as the need persists.

## The Blessings of Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry multiplies blessings throughout the church and community.

- Congregations carry out Christ's commandment to "Love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12 RSV) in a powerful and practical way.
- Pastors have a team of gifted, trained, and committed lay caregivers ready to minister to hurting people.
- Laypeople nurture and use their gifts in meaningful ministry, growing spiritually as they serve others.
- People who are hurting have a caring Christian presence to provide emotional and spiritual support.

In short, Stephen Ministry helps carry out the mission of the church.





## FINANCIAL UPDATE



There was a surplus of \$10,244.25 for the month of April 2025 and a surplus of \$7,135.83 for the year to the end of April 2025, before the fund account revenues and expenses. The general fund giving for April 2025 was \$33,236.18 and for the year to the end of April 2025 it was \$100,181.86. 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](mailto: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.

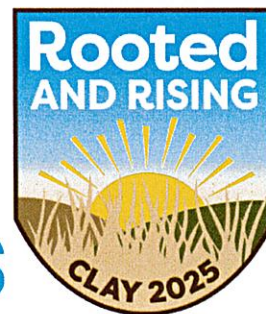
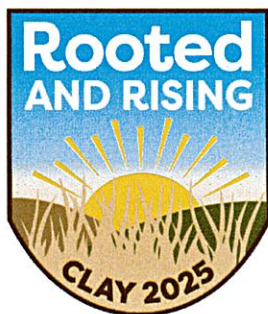
Ron Litzenberger



Registration for CLAY 2025 IS NOW OPEN! If you and your Home Team haven't registered yet, you can do so now and take advantage of the early bird rates.

Please visit : [www.claygathering.ca](http://www.claygathering.ca)

Stay up to date with CLAY news by giving their Facebook and Instagram a follow.



# Volunteers Needed

We are looking for many volunteers to help out this August at CLAY, the National Youth Gathering

## We need help with :

- First Aid
- Crowd control/event management
- Spiritual care
- Ushering

## Location :

St. John's Anglican, Knox United and Zion Lutheran

## Date :

August 21 - 24, 2025



We are looking for all kinds of volunteers! Do you have a way you want to help that isn't listed above? Just let me know!

For more info, check out the website below or contact Deacon Gretchen at [gpeterson@elcic.ca](mailto:gpeterson@elcic.ca)

[www.claygathering.ca](http://www.claygathering.ca)



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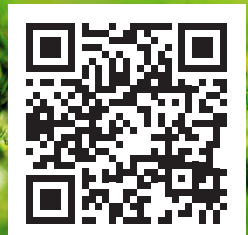




**Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
***Moon Lake Golf & Country Club***

905 Valley Road, Saskatoon, SK

**Raise Funds  
Play Golf  
Change Lives!**



**For more info contact:**

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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](http://redeemersaskatoon.ca)



Join Us On  
**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](http://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.