

Augustana Lutheran Church

Lutherans and Anglicans worshipping together

ANNOUNCEMENTS

10:30 AM, January 7, 2024

Baptism of Our Lord

Offering & Income to date for Jan.: \$3,835

Expenses to date for Jan.: \$5,234

We gratefully accept offerings via e-transfer to augustana@sasktel.net (full name and address required for a tax receipt) or donate with credit card through Canada Helps (donate button on the Augustana website <http://augustanasaskatoon.net/>). OR sign up for PAR. Please ensure envelopes put in the offering plates have an envelope no. or address.

Please remember in your prayers:

Alice, Ann Jane, Audrey, Brodie, Bruce, Carrie, Carol, Danielle, Deanna, Doug, Elma, Evelyn K, Evelyn L & Evelyn S, Gayle, Jim S., Karen, Karin, Kevin, Linda, Lisa, Marlene & Ron, Mildred, Minnie, Nori, Ron F., Shelby & Don, Sharon, Gord & Natalie and all others that you keep in your hearts at this time. We remember especially Marie and family in the loss of her mother Evelyn Lovrod.

Annual Reports Due January 26th

These include reports from Council Chair, Pastor, Choir/Music Director, Worship, Altar Guild, Sunday School, Reconciling in Christ, ELW, Social Ministry, Health Cabinet, Augustana & NEST working together, Saskatoon ELCIC 7 churches, Property Management, and Treasurer.

SK SYNOD YOUTH GATHERING, February 9-11,

Camp Kinasao, Christopher Lake. For ages 12-17.

Retreat theme: "Catch the Fire!" (Acts 2)

Keynote Speaker: Pastor Ronald Shumba

To facilitate access, subsidies are available to cover the registration fee of \$115 a person. Bus transportation costs are also covered.

Lay and rostered leaders are encouraged to attend in support of their home team. Registration fees for leaders: \$75.00.

Come experience community, time in the Word & Creation, and a whole lot of fun. Bring a friend!

Daily Bible Reading Guides for 2024 can be found on the tract rack in the narthex as well.

The **2024 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU), Jan. 18 to 25th**, is on the theme "You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself" based on Luke 10:25-37. This year's theme was prepared by an ecumenical team in Burkina Faso. Local neighbourhood services and other observances include the following:

- Jan. 18-25, 7am WPCU services and breakfast, Saskatoon
- Thurs., Jan. 18, Prayer service and lunch at Queen's House
- Sun. Jan. 21, 3pm at First Mennonite Church, 418 Queen St.
- Ecumenical Youth event at Zion Lutheran Church, 323 4th Avenue, Saskatoon Sun. Jan. 21 at 5:30 PM
- Thurs., Jan. 25, Ecumenical Campus Worship at St. Andrew's College chapel

De Margerie Lectures on Christian Reconciliation and Unity

(Karen Petersen Finch)

- Wed. Jan. 24, 7pm, Re-imagining Lay People as Stewards of Doctrine (Campion College, Regina)
- Thurs. Jan. 25, 7pm, Doctrine as the Fuel of Renewal (STM College, Saskatoon)
- Fri., Jan. 26, 10am, The Eucharist - Where is Jesus? (Holy Spirit Parish, Saskatoon)
- Sat., Jan. 27, 10am, The Eucharist - Where is Jesus? (Christ the King Parish, Regina)

Mark Your Calendars for the 2024 National Worship Conference

The **2024 National Worship Conference** titled **The Stones Cry Out: Praying with the Land'** will be held on **July 18-21, 2024** in beautiful Regina, Saskatchewan. Gifted keynote speakers will help us to think and talk and pray about the ways in which we can transform our worship, in authentic ways, from language and image of empire and colonialism to one which recognizes our rich multi cultural and Indigenous heritage. Together we will explore our own experiences, biases, and hopes for new ways of being the church!

ELCIC Ableism Task Force/Homophobia, Biphobia, Transphobia Task Force/ Racism and White Supremacy Task Force

The ELCIC is looking for volunteers to fill a number of positions in the Ableism Task Force, the Homophobia, Biphobia, Transphobia Task Force, and the Racism and White Supremacy Task Force. Applications will be reviewed by the National Office. The ELCIC hopes to appoint 3 diverse and effective teams. [Apply online.](#) For more information, contact Carmen Ramirez, Assistant to the Bishop, Diversity Equity, and Inclusion, cramirez@elcic.ca