

Augustana Lutheran Church

Lutherans and Anglicans worshipping together

ANNOUNCEMENTS

10:30 AM, March 17, 2024

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<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83025714114?pwd=hdb1xwpcyg7oXPX1KsS1ldr9lpvzMZ.1>

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FILM SERIES ON GAZA

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Prairie Centre for Ecumenism AGM with guest speaker **Bishop Sid Haugen**, Saskatchewan Synod, ELCIC. The meeting will be held, **Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 7:30pm** at Queen's House Retreats and Renewal Centre, 601 Taylor Street West. Refreshments and fellowship to follow the meeting. If you are unable to attend in person, a zoom link will be available to participate online. Please email admin@pcecumenism.ca for further details.

J.O.Y. Group Presentation on Thursday, March 21st at 2:00 PM

Our special guest speaker for the afternoon will be Cindy Lewans, Associate Chaplain at Sherbrooke Community Centre and Central Haven, whose topic will be "**Spiritual Care for Those Living with Dementia.**" Cindy will look at:



- Defining dementia; understanding the key characteristics; how it affects family and friends; and the changes which occur in the brain.
- How to approach and communicate with someone who has dementia.
- Spiritual needs; common issues.
- Helpful responses and tools.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

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Saskatchewan Synod Convention 2024 set for May 30, 31, and June 1 at Elim Church, Saskatoon. In order to prepare for the convention, we need your help securing volunteers to ensure the experience is positive for all attendees. **We are asking that a representative from each congregation sit on the planning committee.** They would act as liaison and would be given updates. The committee plans to meet one evening a month until the convention. Second, we are looking for volunteers to help during those three days. The volunteer positions are for greeters, stewards, meal hosts/hostesses, registration desk attendees, and ushers. If interested contact the church office and this information will be provided to the Synod Arrangements Committee. Thank You.

LuMinHoS (*Lutheran Ministry in Hospitals of Saskatoon*): The latest issue of our newsletter the *Caregiver* is available to read at this link [March 2024 Newsletter](#) We thank our faithful supporters for their prayers and financial donations for this valued hospital ministry. And we wish you many blessings in your Lenten journey.

Augustana ELW Bible Study & Meeting, Monday, March 25th at 2:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. All women are invited and encouraged to attend.

This Easter, we invite you to participate in the **MICAH Mission Remember Me Campaign**, to remember those affected by the justice system. On April 28th, collect donations in the amount of \$5 in support of our programs and services. Or you can individually donate to Canada Helps.

March 28th: Maundy Thursday Potluck & Service with Holy Communion starting at 5:30pm. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

March 29th: Good Friday Tenebrae Service of Shadows at 7:30pm.

March 31st: Easter Sunday Service at 10:30:am with Holy Communion. Refreshments to follow the service. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

On **Holy Saturday (March 30th)**, there will be a **Kid's Easter Vigil**. We gather to talk about the whole story of God's saving love from the very beginning, to especially the events leading up to Jesus' death and resurrection. There will be egg hunts, snacks, crafting, sidewalk chalk, storytelling and other shenanigans. Feel free to invite friends. It is intergenerational, so all ages are welcome. **We will meet from 1-2:15pm.**

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