

Augustana Lutheran Church

Lutherans and Anglicans worshipping together

ANNOUNCEMENTS

10:30 AM, October 22, 2023

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Luther Tower Fall Bazaar, Saturday, Nov. 4, 1-3 PM, 1223 Temperance Street in the 22nd Floor Dining room. Baking, Jewelry, Knitting, Woodworking and Crafts will be featured as part of the fundraising. For more information contact Lorraine at 306-552-2497 or Beatrice at 306-384-2633.

Redeemer Lutheran will be hosting an **Advent-Christmas Market and Tea on Saturday, November 25th, 10 AM – 3 PM.** A market of hand-made crafts, handwork, baking, sewing/quilting & more, including a collection of “new to you” Christmas items for sale. We are looking for creative crafts people to be part of this market by showing and selling your hand-made creations. We are now taking bookings for tables (\$10/table) We hope to have all tables booked by the end of October. Table space is limited. For further information or **to book a craft table, please call Redeemer at 306-7585 or email redemer.luther.stoon@sasktel.net.** Proceeds from the Tea and “New to You” Christmas area will go towards an Advent-Mission project.

The Micah Mission - a non-profit, ecumenical grassroots organization in Saskatoon supporting those who are currently incarcerated or coming out of correctional institutions **is seeking Volunteer Board Members.** Board Members provide oversight and are important stakeholders in decision making as we plan for our future, supporting our community. The time commitment would be approximately 1 hour via Zoom each month. No experience is necessary. Board Members must be 18 years or older with a clean police record. Please consider joining us as a Lutheran Representative on our Board. For more information please contact: deborah@themicahmission.org.

To Give Away: Frontloading Kenmore Elite Washer in good shape. And 2 Twin beds with frames, boxsprings and mattresses. Also in good condition. Looking for a new home for all items as soon as possible. Contact Laurie-Ann at 306-370-3371.

Contributions to Queen Elizabeth School totalled \$555.81. Thank you for your support. We hope to do this again in the Spring.

Dear members of the ELCIC,

Your bishops are writing to you today with heavy hearts, full of concern for the war between Israel and Hamas. We grieve deeply with the people of Israel and Gaza whose lives have been horrifically impacted by unspeakable violence.

As you may know, we were all in the region last January. We are concerned for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, a church whose Bishop Ibrahim Sani Azar, pastors and people we have come to know and care for. We are concerned for other churches in the region especially the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem.

But now, we are particularly concerned for the people of Gaza and the West Bank who are receiving harsh reprisals as a result of the horrific massacre by Hamas in Israel. We are concerned for hospitals that are being bombed, most tragically the Al Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza, run by Diocese of Jerusalem with partnerships in cancer care from The Lutheran World Federation's (LWF) Augusta Victoria Hospital in East Jerusalem.

The LWF, with member churches around the world including in the Holy Land, released a statement condemning all attacks by all parties on civilians in Israel and Palestine. They expressed grave concerns about the targeting of civilians and civilian infrastructure, called for a release of hostages, urging all parties to uphold International Humanitarian Law.

We are concerned about the rise in antisemitic and anti-Islamic words and actions in our communities and across the world. We pray that all people of faith may embody peace rather than incite hate.

Please join us in prayer and concern for the region. For those who mourn their dead on both sides of the conflict. For the hostages and their families, afraid for their lives. For those who have been maimed and injured. For those who have lost their homes. For those who have not been able to move to safety. For the opening of a humanitarian corridor into Gaza. For a peaceful solution to this war. That the war may not escalate into neighbouring countries.

"God of peace, we pray for peace between Israel and Hamas. We pray for leaders on both sides that their hearts would be changed and there would be a peaceful ending to this war. God of comfort and strength, we pray for all those who have suffered in this war – those who mourn, the injured, those who live in fear. We pray for those who continue to try to provide aid and medical care – workers who risk their lives. Bring us all hope, bring us all strength, bring us all peace. In your holy and life-giving name we pray, Amen."

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Susan Johnson, ELCIC National Bishop

Rev. Kathy Martin, British Columbia Synod Bishop

Rev. Dr. Larry Kochendorfer, Synod of Alberta and the Territories Bishop

Rev. Dr. Sid Haugen, Saskatchewan Synod Bishop

Rev. Jason Zinko Manitoba/Northwestern Ontario Synod Bishop

Rev. Dr. Michael Pryse, Eastern Synod Bishop