



Augustana Church PREVIEWS

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W E L C O M I N G C E L E B R A T O R Y I N S P I R I N G A D V E N T U R O U S I N M I S S I O N

In Canada, **Red Dress Day**, also known as the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and Two-Spirit People, is observed on May 5. The day honors and brings awareness to the thousands of Indigenous women, girls and two-spirit people who have been subject to disproportionate violence in Canada.

The National REDress Project is honoured annually on May 5th. It was originally designed and installed in 2010 by Manitoba based Métis artist, Jamie Black to be a stark visual reminder of the violence perpetrated against thousands of Missing and Murdered Indigenous women, children, and 2-spirit peoples in Canada; many of whom still are missing.

In honouring this day, communities are encouraged to hang red dresses in public spaces as a poignant reminder of the violence that continues to be perpetrated against Indigenous women, children, and 2-spirited peoples. The hanging red dresses are also symbols of the resilience Indigenous women, children, and 2-spirited peoples and their communities demonstrate in the face of continued systemic barriers to equality and racist attitudes that make them more vulnerable to violence.

The results of a National Inquiry to the extent of Murdered and Missing Indigenous women and children and 2-spirited peoples in Canada was tabled in 2019. It reported that the crisis constituted a “genocide” of Indigenous people. This crisis continues to this day. In May 2023, as further testimony to the continued ongoing crisis of violence against Indigenous women and children and 2-spirited people, the House of Commons unanimously backed a motion declaring the deaths and disappearances of Indigenous women and girls a “Canada-wide emergency.” The declaration called further for the funding for a new system to alert the public when someone goes missing.

We will mark this day in worship on May 5th. As we come together as followers of the path of Jesus, the peace maker and justice seeker, we respectfully and humbly join this national time of witness to remember the precious lives that have been lost. And we open our hearts to raise the voices, and attend to the stories of grieving families, as we honour the lives of these missing and murdered Indigenous women and children. We further call on God’s grace to help us to create equitable systems and safety, and to transform harmful racist attitudes that all, especially Indigenous women, children and 2-spirited peoples may know God’s love and live safely and well in God’s world. *Pastor Kirk*

(adapted from an into to worship by Diane Meredith & Jonathan Neufeld (Canada), 2024. Mennonite Church Canada)

Sask Synod (ELCIC) 2024 Convention



Date: May 30-June 1, 2024

Place: Elim Church, 419 Slimmon Road, Saskatoon

Theme: *"One Body, One Spirit, One Hope."*

The 2024 Synod Convention to be held May 30 – June 1, 2024 at Elim Church, Saskatoon. The theme is *"One Body, One Spirit, One Hope"* shared with the LWF General Assembly that was held in Krakow, Poland in 2023.

Highlights will include guest speaker Rev. Dr. Gordon Jensen, workshops, honouring ordination anniversaries and retirements, and *the election of a new bishop*, with plenty of opportunities for food and fellowship as well as decisions for the business of the church.



Rev. Dr. Gordon Jensen served as the Professor of Reformation History and Theology and Academic Dean at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Saskatoon for over 20 years. He served as a parish pastor for 14 years prior to teaching. He holds a PhD in historical theology from the University of Toronto, along with a MDiv from the Lutheran Theological Seminary and a BA from the University of Alberta. His primary research interests are Luther's theology of the cross and its implications for parish ministry, Luther's Catechisms, and the ecumenical implications of the 1536 Wittenberg Concord. He is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and serves as the official ELCIC observer on the Anglican Church of Canada-United Church of Canada dialogues.

VISITOR REGISTRATION: <https://form.jotform.com/240944912960259>

FRIDAY COMPLETE DAY (includes all meals) **\$75.00CAD**

SATURDAY COMPLETE DAY (includes all meals) **\$75.00CAD**

Friday Night BANQUET ONLY **\$30.00CAD**

If you encounter difficulties filling in the online form, please contact the synod office at 306-244-2474 for assistance. **DO NOT** print and mail the form to the synod office.

QR CODES for WORSHIP

You may have noticed some changes in our service since Easter – specifically in the use of technology. QR codes at the back, a deacon reading from a tablet at the front, and, if you've watched some services online, the occasional use of some extra cameras (such as for the procession on Palm Sunday). Big changes, but also nothing mandatory! Stick with me, and I'll walk you through them.

The QR codes at the back lead to 2 places, depending on which one you scan. The one labeled, "WiFi" will, as suggested, connect you to Augustana's wireless internet which is again available throughout the building.

The other QR code will take you to <https://solo.to/augustanasaskatoon> - feel free to check it out! This is a website that has links to this week's complete service order and sermon, as well as our congregation's YouTube to save for later, our website and Facebook to stay connected when you leave the building, and a link to our Canada Helps page in case someone would like to help support our ministry that way.

These sermons and service orders are what I've been reading on my tablet during the services! It lets me resize the text so I can read it without my glasses – somehow I keep misplacing them before the service! And, it keeps me from needing to try and balance the books when my hands are stiff – making my life much easier!

Please know, we will never make technology necessary to participate at Augustana. Bulletins will still be printed, and hardcopy and large print sermons and service orders will still be available on request. But we also want to make technology available for the opportunities and accessibility it brings.



If you have your own device, feel free to scan the QR codes any time you're in the building. If you have old devices you aren't using anymore, we would appreciate if you would consider donating them to Augustana. They will be cleared of all personal information, reset, and made either available to borrow for services or used by our livestreaming team to enhance our online services.

Thanks so much for worshipping with Augustana!

Deacon Alexa Wallace



Racial Justice WORKSHOP

Looking for a way to start conversations on addressing racism in the church and Canadian society?

Sign up for an upcoming online Racial Justice Workshop.

Carmen Ramirez (she/her), ELCIC's Assistant to the Bishop for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion will hold two workshops on racial justice. These are intended to be taken together.

REGISTRATION

ELCIC members Free
Presbyterian members \$50

Sign up early as each session will be capped at 50 participants.

SESSION 1 — MAY 9, 2024

11:30 am EST to 2:00 pm EST

SESSION 2 — MAY 9, 2024

3:00pm EST to 5:30pm EST

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Augustana services are in-person and live-streamed, and worship recordings can always be accessed through the YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCua4E9ZVxIZ4Wfmct0ZLnBA/videos>

Or on the Augustana website <http://augustanasaskatoon.net/worship-resources>

To participate in the **10:30 AM live-streamed worship service** please go to the Augustana YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCua4E9ZVxIZ4Wfmct0ZLnBA/featured>

Once there, click the play button on the player in the browser to open the live player

Date	Tech Support	Ushers & Communion Assts	Lector & Prayers	Coffee Clean-up & Set-up
May 5	Bryan T. (Greg F-N. <i>bu</i>)	Josh & Gabriela Lindenbach & family (<i>Pat Blakley</i>)	Wayne Carlson	Sheila Mogk & Noreen Donald
May 12	Katie O. (Karen W. <i>bu</i>)	Wayne & Lorne Carlson	Margareth Peterson	Bob & Linda Jarock
May 19	Greg F-N. (Bryan T. <i>bu</i>)	Echo Fettes & Tyrel Rink (<i>Katie Ottley</i>)	Katie Ottley	(?) & (?)
May 26	Karen W. (Katie O. <i>bu</i>)	Edith & Lorne Carlson	Larry Trenouth	(?) & (?)
June 2 Confirm.	Katie O. (Bryan T. <i>bu</i>)	Larry Trenouth & (?) (<i>Katie Ottley</i>)	Paul Weatherington	S.U. Linda Catton C.U. (?)



Please prayerfully consider assisting with altar guild or any of the worship roles and signing up when the clipboard is passed around on a Sunday. Also, if you need to trade with someone for a worship role, please let the church office know as soon as possible. Thank you!

Calling Young Adults to Support a Just Transition



KAIROS Canada

faithful action for justice

KAIROS is seeking young adults to participate in its [Strengthening Voices for a Just Transition](#) project. This project aims to nurture up to 12 changemakers to help guide us through the next stages of the energy transition. Our goal is to strengthen just transition policies and programs with principles from Indigenous peoples, young people, and those most affected by the climate crisis.

We are looking for applicants between the ages of 18-30 from the following four locations:

- Edmonton, AB (Treaty 6 Territory and within the Métis homelands)
- Saskatoon, SK (Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis)
- Sarnia, ON (traditional territory of the Anishinaabeg)
- Sydney, NS (unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People)

This project welcomes a diversity of lived experience and knowledge and encourages Indigenous people, Black people, people of colour, and international students to apply. All are welcome. [Learn more.](#)

KAIROS will provide each young adult participant with:

- Opportunities to learn from climate policy experts, Indigenous leaders, and climate justice advocates from the Global South;
- Workshops to strengthen advocacy and community skills;
- A platform for community-building and exchange with other participants;
- A certificate of completion;
- Letter of reference from KAIROS staff; and
- A modest honorarium

[APPLY NOW](#)

Deadline to apply has been extended to 11:59 p.m. PDT on Monday, May 20.

Help us spread the word about the call for applications by forwarding this to a young adult you know or by sharing these posts on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#). Thank you!

If you have any questions, please contact me at blorimer@kairoscanada.org.

Sincerely,

Beth Lorimer
Ecological Justice Program Coordinator
KAIROS Canada
tel: 416-463-5312, toll-free: 1-877-403-8933
blorimer@kairoscanada.org

Council Notes

Pat Blakley, Council Chairperson

Hello Augustana Church Family,

Church Council met on April 17, 2024 and discussed the Value Statements that were developed over the winter and options for ensuring the financial stability of the congregation. Regarding the Value Statements, posters will be developed which will articulate them so that they can be used by the congregation and committees as well as clients of the church. Council will be adding them to the agenda so that can be used intentionally when we are making decisions.

Church Council has also been discussing potential options for improving the financial status of the congregation. The Financial Steering Working Group has presented a range of options to Council which has included renting portions of the basement for office space as well as the Fellowship Hall and kitchen to selling the 1209 rental property. Thanks to Merv for completing an inventory of the available spaces.

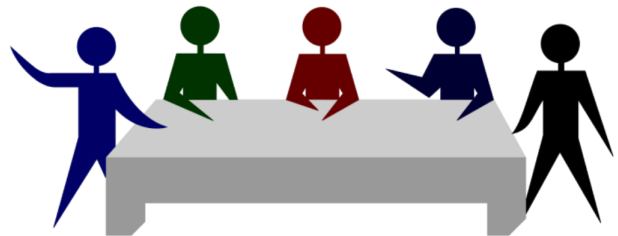
Council has decided to initiate the process for renting the three offices which are adjacent to the Chapel. Over the next month we will seek assistance to determine the current rental fees for the offices of this size. If any members of the congregation have the skillset to assist with this or are aware of a property management business, please contact Karen, Merv or myself.

Additionally, if you know of potential renters, please advise us so that we can ensure that information regarding the offices can be provided to them. We hope to offer the offices to rent for September 1. Renters will be expected to have values consistent with our Value Statements. In order for this endeavor to be successful, we likely will require a property manager as this cannot be added onto Lorene's current responsibilities.

If you have any questions or concerns that you would like to be brought to Council, please feel free to contact me.

Blessings,

Pat Blakley, Church Council Chairperson



2024 Augustana Church Council:
Chairperson — Pat Blakley
Vice-Chairperson — Larry Trenouth
Secretary — Katie Ottley
Treasurer — Karen Wallace

Members:
Shelley Apolonia
Echo Fettes
Merv Johnson
Monica Johnson



“O LIVING BREATH”

AUGUSTANA CHOIR CONCERT



• MAY 24TH 7:30 PM •

• AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH •
• 1201 Broadway Avenue S. •

Enjoy a program featuring choral, organ, and other instrumental music. A Coffee Reception will follow.
Admission is free.

Proceeds from the evening's Free Will Offering will raise funds for *Prairie Harm Reduction*, as well as repairs to Augustana's digital organ.

Donations over \$20 will receive a tax receipt
if addresses or emails are provided.

For more information contact Deborah Buck, dbuck@sasktel.net
or 306-652-0379

From the Treasurer's Desk

Karen Wallace



First and foremost thank you for the support you have shown to council over the past few months – most particularly in passing the deficit budget presented at the AGM.

You have demonstrated an understanding of our financial position and a willingness to take steps to get us back to a balanced budget.

At this point in the newsletter you will have had the opportunity to read our council chair's report wherein she has outlined some possibilities for increasing our income.

In this you can help as well.

Might you have a few minutes to help prepare spaces for rental?

Or perhaps you are aware of someone who is looking for office space to rent?

Or perhaps you have some experience with commercial rentals and can lend your knowledge to the processes? Or perhaps you have always had a burning desire to coordinate projects involving contracts ... this is your opportunity!

If you feel you have the time and energy to do any of these things please let any member of council know – we are going to need help.

Our financial situation has not changed significantly since the beginning of the year. Our projected deficit for the year was a bit more than \$24,000 and we have been experiencing about a \$2,000 shortfall each month.

If you have time please take a look at the "Comparative Financial Report" as of March 31st. You can see that at the end of the first quarter (of the fiscal year) our total income and our total expenses are 25% of what was forecasted or budgeted.

Although this suggests that we are "on track" it also means we should end the year with the projected deficit of \$24,000. As we are all aware this is not sustainable.

I've mentioned previously the option of PAR and I know many people have opted for that – it makes for easier budgeting for both the giver and receiver.

I have also asked previously for individuals and families to consider if they have the means to increase giving. If this is a possibility for you then, thank-you.

If it is not a possibility for you then thank-you for giving it some thought.

Thank you for your continued support and for allowing me to remain on council,

Karen Wallace

AUGUSTANA FINANCIAL UPDATE

(as per Accountant / Treasurer reports)

	To Mar. 31, 2024	To Mar. 31, 2023	2024 Budget
INCOME			
Offerings, Rental	54,425	43,591	220,071
EXPENSES			
Worship (Pastoral, Music, Supplies, etc.)	27,315	27,007	112,855
Learning (Educ., Conferences, Subscriptions)	1,825	1,461	4,511
Witness (Health Cabinet, Youth Group)	42	174	1,450
Service (Benevolences)	5,986	6,030	26,740
Support (Staff, Utilities, Bldg Costs, Audit, etc.)	25,408	25,936	99,950
Total Expenses	60,575	60,605	245,535
Funds Increase (-Decrease)	-6,150	-17,014	-25,464
 <u>Augustana Financial Position</u>			
	As at Mar. 31, 2024	As at Mar. 31, 2023	
Funds beginning of Year	48,567	77,125	
Funds End of Month	42,418	60,111	
	As at Mar. 31, 2024	As at Mar. 31, 2023	
Affinity Credit Union Chequing Account	25,354	13,289	
Canadian Western Bank Account	11,891	1,294	
Credit Union Term Deposit	10,626	40,000	
Canadian Western Bank GIC	0	10,255	

Expenses estimated (April): 18,169

Income estimated (April): 23,689

Pray, and let
God worry.
 Martin Luther

Health Notes

HEALTH FAIR 2024

We had three presentations at our Health Fair with each one providing unique information to support our learning and for reflection. Our recent health survey helped to determine the information available at the Health Fair.

William Brooks joined us from the Saskatoon Council on Aging. He spoke to some of the changes that support aging in place including remaining socially connected, planning for changes in mobility, and identifying supporting services. The Saskatoon Council on Aging provides social activities, such as Hub Clubs, buddy programs such as support with technology, maintaining physical activity through their Globe Walk, and resources for Caregiver support. A link to the directory of services for Saskatoon, as well as information on SCOA and the available programs is provided below.

[Directory of Services and Social Activities for Older Adults — Saskatoon Council on Aging \(scoa.ca\)](https://www.scoa.ca)



Leanne Mathieson joined us from LutherCare Communities. Her presentation focused on a process for deciding when it might be time to move to more supported living.

“How do you know when it is time to move? Sometimes the need to move is obvious. Perhaps you have been thinking about moving already. Like all important decisions, these steps take time. They may involve many conversations with supportive friends and family. While there may be some excitement in moving to some place new, there is also grief. It's an emotional process so don't be surprised if you feel a whole host of emotions while going through it.

When thinking about whether your home is still the right place to be, questions can help us to navigate the process. They cause us to reflect on our values, beliefs, and needs; their answers help to guide us in our decision making. The following questions are starting points:

- What are your days/nights like? Are you finding that you are lonely, anxious, or bored.
- Thinking in terms of a holistic approach to aging and accommodation, are your physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual needs being met where you are currently living? In what areas may you be lacking?
- Is your home beginning to be too much?
- Are you finding that the way you eat has changed? Maybe it has become more of a challenge and effort to cook for one or maybe you can no longer prepare the meals you way you want to.
- In terms of your health, have you recently received a diagnosis that may impact your current living situation? Or is a pre-existing condition due to change in time? Does it impact you living independently? What would you need to age in place?



HEALTH FAIR 2024 (con.)

When future planning, I always tell people that just as they likely wouldn't let someone else pick out a car for them to drive, so why would they let someone else pick out their next home? Our homes are our sanctuary. In the future, what does your sanctuary look like. Plan while you can and live your life on your terms.

Want to know more about Luthercare Communities? Please contact Eldon Duchscher, Director of Marketing and Communications, at (306) 649-6360 for details.”

[Directory of Services and Social Activities for Older Adults — Saskatoon Council on Aging \(scoa.ca\)](https://www.scoa.ca/)



Our own Linda Catton and Heather Ward reviewed how to take your blood pressure at home. Linda also provided a blood pressure clinic. Thank you Linda.

[2024-Updated-Blood-Pressure-Measurement-Postcard.pdf \(hypertension.ca\)](#)

Additional information was provided through pamphlets from a variety of organizations including the Alzheimer's Society of Saskatchewan, and the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission.

Katie Ottley was present during the discussion portion of the Health Fair to review the Go Wish cards – a tool for supporting advance care planning for health care.

The Saskatchewan Health Authority website provided below has information on advance care planning (*My Voice* workbook at the bottom of the web page), the Yellow Sleeve (a document that can be kept in a plastic envelope on your fridge for paramedics or family members), and appointing a health care proxy (forms are available on the webpage).

[Advance Care Planning | SaskHealthAuthority](#)

Thank you to the J.O.Y. Group for supporting the Health Fair. Thank you to the Health Cabinet members Shelley Aponia, Linda Catton, Linda Jarock, Heather Ward and Pastor Kirk for organizing the Health Fair 2024.



PRAIRIE HARM REDUCTION

Addiction is any compulsive behaviour over which a person has lost control and which continues despite negative consequences, whether or not the behaviour is illegal. It can strike anyone who is in pain, and our society seems to breed much pain. Vulnerable people such as children, women, and seniors suffer disproportionately from addictions and other health problems. While workaholics are rewarded financially and compulsive shoppers are encouraged to consume, people addicted to particular substances are criminalized. Jailing people for mental health and addictions problems is the most costly and self-defeating way of addressing these issues. Even though Saskatchewan had one of the best formal harm reduction policies in a study by Hyshka et al, Saskatchewan Health fails to fund harm reduction.

Prairie Harm Reduction (PHR) is a community-based, non-profit organization in the heart of Saskatoon. Mission: to improve the quality of life for all members of our community through gold standards in harm reduction, emphasizing local action with national impact.

In October 2019, Prairie Harm Reduction was proud to announce that Saskatchewan's first Safe Consumption Site would open. The PHR team continues to work tirelessly to ensure that the site remains open and available to those who need a safe place to go, all in the absence of provincial funding.

In 2021-22: 1,009 different families and 571 different individuals were supported; 4,590 naloxone kits were distributed; and 50,947 coffees were served.

PHR serves individuals who are at risk and affected by HIV and hepatitis C by removing barriers to services and pursuing innovative and evidence-based outcomes.

PHR provides members of the community a safe environment to drop in with outreach support (Support Services and Family Support Programs). PHR also provides educational programs and resources on several topics including, but not limited to, HIV, HCV, harm reduction, service navigation and engaging with people who use drugs, and provides naloxone training to anyone. In addition, PHR has Needle Patrollers who pick-up needles throughout Pleasant Hill, Riversdale, and Mayfair neighbourhoods.

Prairie Harm Reduction currently has zero provincial funding. As a result, PHR relies on your support for the operation of the safe consumption site and all other services. Harm reduction saves lives.



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MAIFEST 2024

Saskatchewan Hall at the WDM

Come & join us anytime, from 130 pm - 430 pm

Traditional German Spring Celebration hosted by:

'The Concordia Junior Alpenrose Dancers'

& 'The KulturGarten Saskatoon'

Free Admission to Live Music & Dance performances.

German Kuchen & Refreshments, available for purchase.

CASH only



German Canadian
Club Concordia
of Saskatoon Inc. 1957



Announcements and Upcoming Events

ALZHEIMER SOCIETY OF SASKATCHEWAN

Learn How to Reduce Your Risk of Dementia

Thursday, May 16th, 2024

7:00-8:00 PM via Zoom

Did you know that **40%** of dementias can be prevented?

This presentation will give you the information you need to start thinking about your brain health and know that there are changes you can make to your lifestyle to reduce your risk of dementia.

Being proactive and adopting preventative strategies can play a pivotal role in promoting long-term brain health and reducing the likelihood of cognitive decline in the future.

[Click here to reserve your spot](#)

Please note: attendance for this event is limited.

Although this is a free event, all guests attending must be registered in advance to receive a link to attend online.

AUGUSTANA ELW

ELW bible study and meeting will take place on **Monday, May 27th at 2:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall.

All women are invited and encouraged to attend.

THE BRIDGE

Current Needs are:

Fresh Vegetables (carrots, potatoes, onions, celery)

5kg Chicken Stock

5kg Beef Stock

Men's clothing

Men's & Women's Underwear (size S-L)

The Bridge on 20th Fellowship Centre, 1008-20th Street West

CAMP KINASAO SUNDAY WORSHIP

From May 19th until September 1, join Camp Kinasao for worship at 11 AM followed by BBQ lunch.

Visit <http://www.kinasao.ca/about-kinasao/sunday-worship> for a list of pastors and cinnamon bun dates.

CHOIR CONCERT

Augustana St. Timothy's Choir presents a concert of sacred music, "**O Living Breath**", **Friday, May 24th at 7:30 PM** in the Augustana sanctuary. This program featuring choral, organ and other instrumental music will raise funds for Prairie Harm Reduction, as well as repairs to Augustana's digital organ.

A coffee reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Admission is free; those wishing to make a donation are welcome to contribute to a free-will offering, with donations over \$20 receiving a tax receipt if addresses or emails are provided. For more information contact Deborah Buck.



CLWR BIBLE STUDIES

Did you know that [Canadian Lutheran World Relief](#) (CLWR) has created Bible studies to help congregations delve deeper into themes of injustice and compassion by engaging with Scripture and considering how God calls us to act together? These studies can be adapted for your congregation's needs and are free to use. We have been adding a new study to the collection monthly and each one focuses on a unique topic, while exploring local, national and global connections. The most recent study, based on 2 Kings 5:1-14 focused on health and is available now to download when you [click here](#). Check out clwr.org/bible-study for more!

CLWR PLACEMATS FOR CHILDREN NOW AVAILABLE!

Great news! We heard your requests and were excited to create a CLWR themed placemat for children to enjoy! Use these placemats at your VBS this summer, at a family focused church event or within your children's ministries. Placemats include fun activities to engage children in the work of CLWR and there is no cost to order them. Please email Heidi Van Schaik at heidi@clwr.org with your requested quantity and mailing address if you'd like some to use within your congregation.



CONGREGATIONAL DIRECTORY AND PHOTO UPDATE

After a rather long pause we will be resuming the taking of photographs and collection of information to support an updated directory and photo wall.

Beginning on May 12th and running until June 30th we will be ready to take your picture right after the service concludes. You will find us near the front row of pews! *Alexa & Karen Wallace*

2024 ELCIC 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. [Registration is now open!](#) Visit our website at nationalworshipconference.org and follow us on Facebook [@nationalworshipconference](#) for updates regarding the keynote speakers, workshops, and Friday evening hospitality options!

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 multicultural and Indigenous heritage. Together we will explore our own experiences, biases, and hopes for new ways of being the church! **Early Bird Registration (Before May 31): \$475/person. Registration after June 1: \$525/person.**



Artist: Wilfrid Dieter, Ignite Media

STONES CRY OUT: *Praying with the Land*

ELCIC/ACC National Worship Conference
July 18-21, 2024 – Regina, Saskatchewan

GERMAN CANADIAN CLUB CONCORDIA OF SASKATOON INC.

May 18, Saskatoon Western Development Museum

Enjoy delicious food and beverages, dance performances by German and Austrian Shuhplatter groups from across Western Canada and music by Prairie Stardust.

Cocktails 5:30PM Dinner 6:30PM Performances 8:00PM Dance 9:00PM

Adults \$60; Children (4 to 10) \$40; Children under 3 free

To purchase tickets email:

concordiaalpenroseyx@gmail.com



2024 MAIFEST



Enjoy delicious food and beverages, dance performances by German and Austrian Schuhplattler groups from across Western Canada and live music by Prairie Stardust.

Saturday 18th May

Saskatoon Western Development Museum

Cocktails 5:30 | Dinner 6:30 | Performances 8:00 | Dance 9:00

Adults \$60 | Children \$40



TO PURCHASE TICKETS EMAIL
concordiaalpenroseyx@gmail.com



J.O.Y. GROUP

Mark your calendars and plan to attend a most interesting and informative afternoon with the J.O.Y. Group on **Thursday, May 16th at 2:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Our special guest speaker for the afternoon will be **Courtney Tuck-Goetz** from the **Western Development Museum**. Her presentation will include highlights from the WDM's 75 years of Saskatchewan History and will look at the WDM's journey from inception to their landmark anniversary in 2024. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

LTS EASTER APPEAL

During this season of Easter, we invite you to consider supporting LTS with a gift to our Grace Fund for Faculty or our General Fund. We also welcome Planned Giving, a wonderful way to support us into the future. With your gifts, LTS continues to be a strong Lutheran voice, training church leaders in an ecumenical context.

2024 MAIFEST TRADITIONAL GERMAN SPRING CELEBRATION

May 5, 1:30 – 4:30 PM, Saskatchewan Hall at WDM

Hosted by **Concordia Junior Alpenrose Dancers** and the KulturGarten Saskatoon.

Free admission to live music and dance performances.

German Kuchen & refreshments available for purchase. Cash Only.

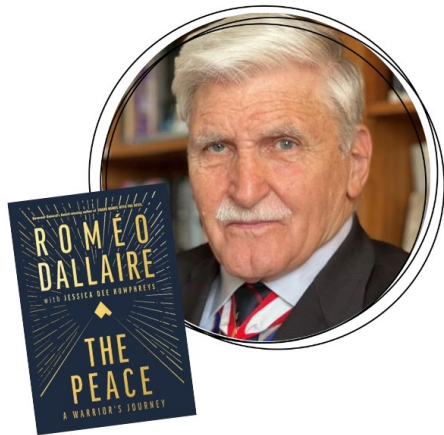
FAITH COMMUNITY

CANADA

BEST FOR LAST TOUR

FIFTY YEARS

MAY 31 SASKATOON, SK CIRCLE DRIVE ALLIANCE	JUNE 15 GRANDE PRAIRIE, AB PEOPLES CHURCH
JUNE 7 CAMPBELL RIVER CAMPBELL RIVER BAPTIST	JUNE 29 WINNIPEG, MB CALVARY TEMPLE



MEN'S BOOK AND BREAKFAST CLUB

The **Men's Book and Breakfast Club** meets each Wednesday morning for about one hour beginning at 8 am. In mid-May we will finish reading our current book *The Peace: A Warrior's Journey* by Romeo Dallaire. We will then take our summer break, with the next book discussion to begin in September. The Book Club reads both fiction and non-fiction books. They are not always directly related to theology or spirituality but we generally discuss them through a spiritual lens. We often choose books that are available through the Saskatoon Public Library's Book Club in a Bag program, in which case it is not necessary to buy the book. We meet by Zoom most weeks but may get together at a restaurant occasionally for breakfast, discussion and exchange of books. If you are interested, contact Bryan Tastad..

MENTAL HEALTH WEEK: MAY 6 TO 12

PEOPLE IN NEED

The large **blue bin in the Narthex** is available for you to drop off food items at any time for the Food Bank/**People in Need**. Thank you very much for your support in this endeavour. A large number of the surrounding community use the bin for food supplies.

QEXCA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Your Queen Elizabeth-Exhibition-Haultain Community Association meets quarterly, at **7:00 PM.**, usually on the first Tuesday of September, December, March and June. These meetings are open to all residents of your Community and school families. (qexca.ca/governance/) The next Community Meeting (qexca.ca/community-meeting/) will be **Tue. June 4**, at Queen Elizabeth School.

RACIAL JUSTICE WORKSHOP

If you're looking for a way to start conversations on addressing racism in the church and Canadian society, you can join our online **Racial Justice Workshop**. ELCIC's Carmen Ramirez, Assistant to the Bishop for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion will hold two workshops on racial justice. These workshops are intended to be taken together. **Session 1 is on May 9th from 9:30 AM to 12 Noon** and **Session 2 is also on May 9th from 1 to 2:30 PM**. Registration is **free to all ELCIC members**. To register for Session 1, please [click here](#). For Session 2, please [click here](#).

**The less I pray, the
harder it gets; the more I
pray, the better it goes.**

MARTIN LUTHER

SASKATCHEWAN SYNOD CONVENTION 2024

May 30, 31, and June 1 at Elim Church, Saskatoon.

Two more volunteers are needed to help with registration at Synod

Convention The volunteers will be divided into two morning and two afternoon shifts with one short evening shift on Thursday (so the time commitment is not overwhelming): coffee times and meals will be provided during the shift.

Responsibilities will include checking delegates against lists provided for every business session and the beginning of convention, handing out registration packages, name tags for visitors, and providing information to delegates. Contact Anna-Marie at askogsrud@sasksynod.ca or by telephone at (306) 244-2474.



If you wish to attend the convention as visitor, please register as soon as possible!!

Please indicate which day(s) you plan to attend - this is for the catering team to know the numbers for meals. If you are planning to only attend the banquet on Friday, do not register for the whole day, or conversely, if you are planning to register for the whole day, do not pay extra for the banquet.

FRIDAY COMPLETE DAY (includes all meals) **\$75.00**

SATURDAY COMPLETE DAY (includes all meals) **\$75.00** Friday Night BANQUET ONLY **\$30.00**

VISITOR REGISTRATION LINK: <https://form.jotform.com/240944912960259>

The link to the Bulletin of Reports can be found [here](#).

SOCIAL AND ECOLOGICAL JUSTICE WORK: FROM DISCERNMENT TO ACTION

If your congregation is interested in deeper engagement in God's mission to love and heal the world, you are invited to join a webinar on *Engaging Your Parish in Social and Ecological Justice Work: From Discernment to Action* on **May 7 at 12:00 PM**. In this webinar, you will be equipped with the tools to help you and your congregation prayerfully discern and engage in work on social and ecological justice. You will learn more about the tools offered in the [Parish Engagement Resource](#) for social and ecological justice. For more information and to register for this event, please [click here](#).

SPIRITUAL GROWTH GROUP

The **Spiritual Growth Group** meets twice a month on Tuesdays at 8 AM. In May, we will meet on May 7 & 21. We continue to discuss *A Hidden Wholeness* by Parker Palmer. If you are interested to know more about the group contact Heather Kleiner or Noreen Donald.

Our Welcoming Statement

We are a Christ-centred, welcoming community.

We commit ourselves to modeling Christ's unconditional love in our worship, learning, fellowship, friendship, and service to others.

Just as God welcomes and cares for us, so we welcome everyone to participate in all aspects of our community, without regard to sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, race, culture or ethnic background, physical or mental abilities, family or economic status, gender, or age. We pledge to ourselves and all others that we will strive to live as a reconciling people in our life together and in our outreach to the world.

Our Mission Statement

Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Church is a family in Christ. We gather to worship God and to celebrate God's grace received through faith. We are Christians who proclaim the universal lordship of Jesus Christ and, as Lutherans, we believe that we receive salvation through faith, not through our own works.

Our congregation aims to serve God and use our different talents in Christian service in our community and the world. Through the Holy Spirit, we draw closer to Christ, spreading His good news and sharing His love through word and deed to foster the continual growth of the church.

Prayer Changes Things

Prayer Net: God hears our prayers. Prayer is a gift God has given to us for sharing joys and sorrows. Intercessory prayers, prayers for others, are offered as we follow Christ's example.

The Prayer Net involves volunteers who feel called to the ministry of prayer and are committed to pray for those who ask for special prayer or for those whose needs have been made known to us. To activate the Prayer Net, contact any person on the list; that person will then pass the prayer request to other members. The confidential nature of information shared is respected. When a request is received or need is known, prayer will be offered as soon as possible and continue to be held up until told otherwise.

THE PRAYER NET

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Michael Diegel

Noreen Donald

Marie Ebbert

Alice Hamp

Heather Kleiner

Ev Knoll

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Please remember all those in need of our prayers:

Ron & Marlene Belke, Curtis Carlson, Daniëlle Carlson, Edith Carlson, Kevin & Linda Catton, Gayle Dixon, Alice Dzus, Ron Fast, Don & Shelby Gwozdz, Alice Hamp, Lisa Hamp, Scott Hamp, Audrey & Ed Hedlin, Brodie Jenkins, Adrienne Kinchen, Evelyn Knoll, Mildred Lesser, James & Karin Lissel, Marie Lovrod, Doris Lundmark, Lyssa Martin, Sharon & Gord Morley, Bruce Nordstrom, Linda Richmond, Evelyn Schumacher, Jim & Tannis Sharp, Scott Ulmer, and Deanna White.

May all be strengthened in the knowledge of God's grace, and the healing power of the Holy Spirit. We also pray for those who grieve at this time.

May they be comforted by the promise of God with us.

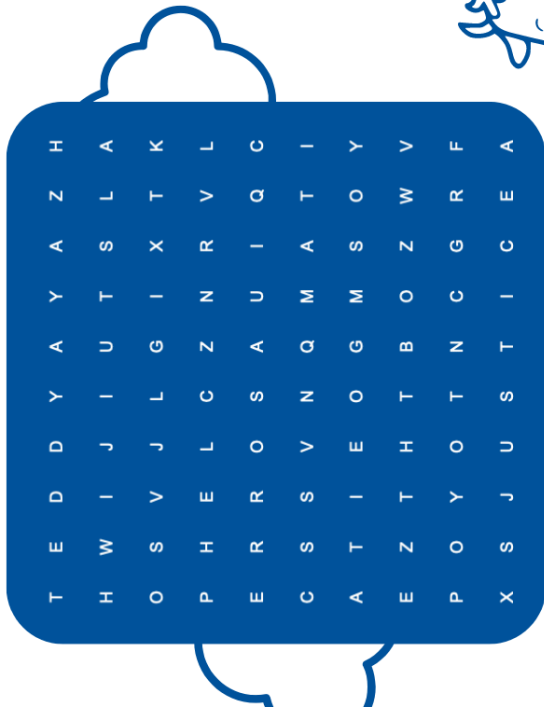
This month we pray for the 7 Saskatoon ELCIC (SE7C) churches - Augustana, Good Shepherd, King of Glory, Redeemer, Resurrection, Trinity, Zion — as we seek to find ways to be in mission together in our city, exploring how we can all work together for the mutual benefit of all.

Monthly Manna (Canadian Bible Society)

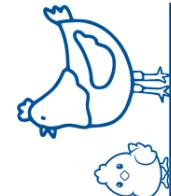
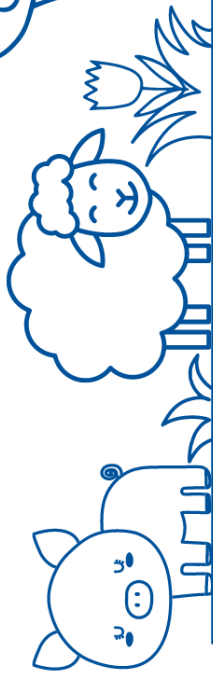
✝ Day 8: "For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things." Psalm 107:9 (ESV)

✝ Day 18: "And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you." Ezekiel 36:26a (NIV)

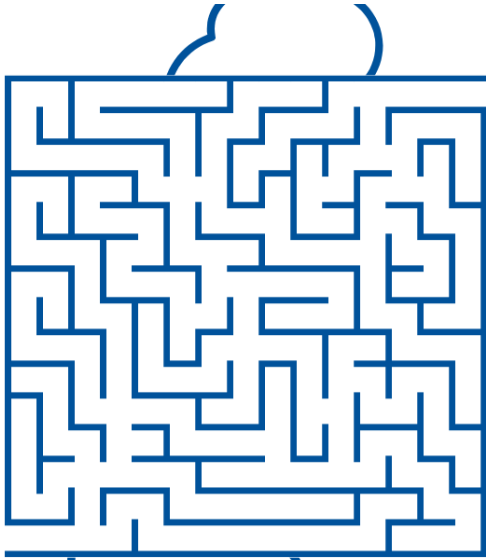
✝ Day 31: "Praise the Lord; Praise God our Saviour! For each day he carries us in his arms." Psalm 68:19 (NLT)



Can you find these words in the grid? COMMUNITY, DIGNITY, DIVERSITY, HOPE, JUSTICE, LOVE, PEACE



Help the farmer find her animals by guiding her through the maze!



For I was ----- and you gave me food, I was
thirsty and you gave me something to -----,
I was a stranger and you ----- me.



—Matthew 25:35





Augustana church council would like to thank:

✝ The members of the **Altar Guild** for their work setting up the sanctuary through Lent & Easter, and for their many efforts throughout the year (**Sandra Cey, Noreen Donald, Marie Ebbert, Marilyn Fowlie-Neufeld, Dawn Ingram, Sharon Morley, Margareth Peterson, Linda Stauffer**).

✝ The members of **ELW** for providing so much assistance in set-up/clean-up for several meals in the months of March and April.

✝ **Deacon Alexa Wallace** for her leadership/planning of the Lenten Lunch & Learns, and **Michael Diegel, Alexa, Katie Ottley** and the **Health Cabinet** for presenting.

✝ **Deborah Buck** and the **Choir** for the beautiful Lenten & Easter music.

✝ **Lorene Jewitt**, for going above and beyond during Easter holy week.

✝ The tech team (**Greg Fowlie-Neufeld, Katie Ottley, Bryan Tastad, Alexa Wallace, Karen Wallace**) for their work in making services accessible to those who cannot attend in person.

✝ The volunteers who count the offering (**Sandra Cey, Lyle Mang, Sharon Morley, Linda Stauffer, Ruth Zuk**).

✝ **Merv Johnson** for going above and beyond in his commitment to maintaining the church property.

✝ **Chris Martin** and **Pastor Kirk** for shovelling the sidewalks on the day of the Health Fair in April. (Snow contract runs from Oct. to March.)

DAILY BIBLE READING

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| 01 John 14:1-14 ★ | 16 Psalm 1 |
| 02 Acts 10:34-48 | 17 Psalms 5-6 |
| 03 Psalm 98 | 18 Psalm 7 |
| 04 Psalm 101 | 19 Ezekiel 37:1-14 ★ |
| 05 Psalm 102:1-14 | 20 John 15:18-16:4a |
| 06 Psalm 102:15-28 | 21 John 16:4b-22 |
| 07 Psalm 47 | 22 John 16:23-33 |
| 08 Psalm 93 | 23 Isaiah 6:1-8 |
| 09 Acts 1:1-11 ★ | 24 Romans 8:1-17 |
| Sirach 24:1-22 ✨ | 25 Psalm 29 |
| 10 John 17:6-19 | 26 Matthew 28:16-20 |
| 11 Proverbs 23:15-25 | 27 Deuteronomy 5:1-21 |
| 12 Proverbs 31:10-31 | 28 Leviticus 23:1-14 |
| 13 Acts 1:12-26 | 29 Isaiah 56:1-8 |
| 14 Acts 2:1-21 | 30 Psalm 81 |
| 15 Acts 2:22-47 | 31 Luke 1:39-56 ★ |



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Augustana Previews

Please feel free to submit items for the newsletter to publicize events or activities in your group.

Digital pictures from events would be great!

Information for the June 2024 Newsletter should be submitted by May 23, 2024.

Email: augustana@sasktel.net

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 8 AM Men's Book Club (Zoom) 7 PM "The Living Room" NA Group	2 10 AM Forever in Motion 7 PM Choir	3	4 3 PM "The Tea 'Room" AA Group
5 Easter 6 10:30 AM Worship & Holy Communion	6 7 PM AFG (AI Anon grp)	7 8 AM Spiritual Growth Group (Zoom) 10 AM Forever in Motion 11 AM Health Cabinet	8 8 AM Men's Book Club (Zoom) 7 PM "The Living Room" NA Group	9 10 AM Forever in Motion 7 PM Choir	10 11 AM LTS Grad Service, Resurrection	11 3 PM "The Tea 'Room" AA Group
12 Easter 7 10:30 AM Worship	13 7 PM AFG (AI Anon grp)	14 10 AM Forever in Motion	15 8 AM Men's Book Club (Zoom) 7 PM "The Living Room" NA Group 7 PM Church Council	16 10 AM Forever in Motion 2 PM J.O.Y. Group 7 PM Choir	17	18 3 PM "The Tea 'Room" AA Group
19 Pentecost 10:30 AM Worship & Holy Communion	20 7 PM AFG (AI Anon grp)	21 8 AM Spiritual Growth Group (Zoom) 10 AM Forever in Motion	22 8 AM Men's Book Club (Zoom) 7 PM "The Living Room" NA Group	23 10 AM Forever in Motion 7 PM Choir	24 7:30 PM Choir Concert "O Living Breath"	25 3 PM "The Tea 'Room" AA Group
26 Holy Trinity 10:30 AM Worship 1 PM Cello Recital	27 2 PM ELW 7 PM AFG (AI Anon grp)	28 10 AM Forever in Motion 7 PM Condo Meeting	29 8 AM Men's Book Club (Zoom) 7 PM "The Living Room" NA Group	30 10 AM Forever in Motion 7 PM Choir Synod Convention	31 Synod Convention	Synod Convention