

Westminster United Church

Week of January 29, 2023 – Announcements

Westminster Staff:

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Financial Update:

Operating expense each week: \$4,070.00
Offering for Local- by mail, e- transfer or drop off: \$2575.00
Offering this week PAR local: \$768.00
Offering for - M & S by mail, e transfer or drop off: \$142.00
Offering this week PAR: M & S: \$130.00
Outreach Ministries PAR plus donations: \$178.00

Sundays Scripture Readings:

Micah 6:1-8
Matthew 5:1-12

Saskatchewan Pastoral Charges Held in Prayer:

Beechy, Big River and Borderlands (Coronach, Rockglen). May they continue to lighten people with God's compassion, light, & love.

Coming Events

Sun Jan 29	3:00 p.m.	Finance Meeting
Tues Jan 31	1:00 p.m.	Book Study
Mon Feb 13	2:00 p.m.	Anniversary Unit Mtg
Tues Feb 14	1:00 p.m.	Book Study
Tues Feb 21	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting

Stewardship Second:

It's not about how much you have – how much money, how much stuff – it is about how you use what you have to heal, feed, shelter, comfort, bless, and love.

Darrell will be away from Friday, February 3 until the afternoon of Monday, February 13. Leading in worship both Sundays and on call for emergency pastoral care is Laura Sundberg. Laura can be reached at 306-527-6543.



Annual Meeting and Reports

The 2023 annual meeting will be held on Sunday, March 12. This is a significant event in

the governance of our church. At this time our membership reviews the past year activities and makes decisions that will determine how our church functions in the next year. We would appreciate getting any year end reports sent into the church office by the end of January so they can be ready for distribution prior to the Annual Meeting.

The 5 top Fundraising ideas to come out of last Saturday's workshop are:

- Increase the number of suppers
- High Tea on the chancel
- Online auction and silent auction
- Teas
- Spring Fling Carnival



If you would be interested in helping with any of these, please contact the office.



Items are still being collected for the Mother and Baby Welcome Bags.

Essential items needed are: newborn/size 1 diapers, diaper cream, baby wipes, nursing pads, baby blankets, baby shampoo, menstrual pads, 0–3month

onesies or sleepers, gift for mom (hand lotion, lip balm, socks, candle...) and large, reusable bags. Items will be collected until Tuesday, January 31. The Regina Native Outreach Ministry has a goal of preparing 25 bags four times per year.

“Do good; seek justice” (Isaiah 1:17): Regina Ecumenical Worship Service Sunday, February 5, 2023 at 3:00 pm

The Regina Council of Churches invites you to a city-wide ecumenical worship service at New Hope Lutheran Church (370 McIntosh Street N) on Sunday, February 5th at 3:00 pm. The Rev. Dr. Ali Tote, Assistant to the Bishop, ELCIC Saskatchewan Synod, will be the homilist.

The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated by churches around the world in January or at another time of year. The 2023 theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, “Do good; seek justice” (Isaiah 1:17), was prepared by the Minnesota Council of Churches. The international theme and materials call Christians to recognize that the divisions between our churches and confessions cannot be separated from the divisions within the wider human family.

SINGERS: A joint choir will rehearse on Saturday, Feb. 4 at 10:30 am at New Hope Lutheran Church. Contact the director, Joyce Wilson at isolwil99@gmail.com or 306-545-7144 for details.



For more information about the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, see <https://weekofprayer.ca>



Stewardship

The United Church of Canada tells us stewardship is:

- how we spend our time & share our talents & gifts
- how we care for our bodies & make healthy choices
- how we set our priorities around our treasures, financial and material

• how we care for the environment & practise our faith
As we move forward in our faith journey here at Westminster, we need to seriously think of how we fill the needs of church home. Those needs are the building and contents, the people, the staff it takes, and how we reach out into the world in love. We need your help to do this!

We would like to form a Stewardship Team of 5 to 6 people who know a little bit about finances (not a lot), someone who can write wonderful words and others who would put together a campaign with resources from the United Church and to offer Minutes of Stewardship during worship. The bulk of the work would happen around the Stewardship campaign time and then a few meetings throughout the year. We don't want this to be a difficult task, but a task that is faithful in carry out God's mission in the world.

If you are interested, please contact, Marjorie 306-586-6451 or Darrell 306-757-6444.

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...EVERYTHING we think, say, and do after we say "I believe"