

Westminster United Church

Week of April 14, 2024 – Announcements

Westminster Staff:

Minister: Darrell Reine he/him
Office Administrator: Julie Bass she/her
Caretaker: Ghezae Araya he/him
Organist: Rina Schmidt she/her
Choir Director: Sarah Keefe she/her
Sunday School: Kathleen Houston she/her

Our Contact Information:

Phone: 306-757-6444 Fax: 306-757-2102
Website: www.wucregina.ca
Office Hours: Tuesday- Friday 9 am- 3 pm
Darrell's email: da.reine@sasktel.net

Financial Update:

Offering for Local- by mail, e- transfer or drop off: \$2069.00
Offering this week PAR local: \$921.00
Offering for - M & S by mail, e transfer or drop off: \$391.00
Offering this week PAR: M & S: \$151.00
Outreach Ministries PAR plus donations: \$175.00
To E-Transfer: wucfinances@gmail.com

Sundays Scripture Readings:

Acts 2:42-47 (CEB) "Community of Believers"
2 Corinthians 5:13-17 "Being part of a new creation"

Saskatchewan Pastoral Charges Held in Prayer:

Tantallon pastoral charge continue to lighten people with God's compassion, light, & love.

Stewardship Second:

How can you bear witness to the resurrection with what you have?

Westminster Meetings & Services

Sun April 14 – City-wide Worship Service
M&P Meeting 12:00 pm
Mon Apr 15 – Anniversary Unit Meeting 1:30 pm
Faith Study 1:00 pm
Tues Apr 16 - Council Meeting – 6:30 pm
Fri Apr 19 – Building Use Group 10 am

Knitters Group – Tuesdays at 10 am
Choir Practice – Thursdays at 7 pm

Westminster United will be holding a Spring Roast Beef Supper on Sun, April 21



1. Come and go, sit down supper – Adults \$25, Children (5-12yrs) \$10, Under 5 is Free
In person come and go meal 4:30-6:00 pm.
2. A limited number of pick-up meals will be available to order at \$25 each. Pick-up time is 4:30 to 5:00 pm.

Call the church office at 306-757-6444 to order. ALL meals must be paid for by noon on Wed Apr 17 at the church office. Thanks to Charlotte's for catering.

Bring your family for Sunday Supper!

We still need helpers for the supper.

See the sign-up sheet outside the offices.



Wednesday, April 17 1-3 pm

Join others for an afternoon of fellowship and games in the lower hall. Refreshments will be served as well. If you have a favourite game to bring to share with others, please do so.

RNOM Mother & Baby Welcome Bags

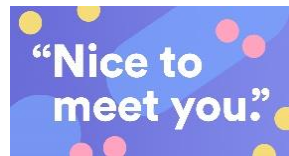
Collection period: April 1 to 30
Lists of items needed for the bags are located in the Narthex. Drop items off at the office during April. It's been a busy month with lots going on at Westminster, but please consider some donations to this worthy cause.

You can also help with the Mother and Baby Welcome Bag project by sending an e-transfer to: reginanativeoutreachministry@gmail.com.



It's that time of year again. The Regina CGIT are selling plants through Growing Smiles. It may still be chilly outside but it is never too early to start dreaming of warmer days in our gardens. The orders are due by May 9th, 2024, and the pick-up date is May 24th, 2024. We thank you for your support. Proceeds will be going towards CGIT programming outreach. This link will take you to our website: <https://rcgit.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>

If you would like a **name tag**, please contact Lorna MacKenzie. They are \$10 each. It makes a world of difference when greeting visitors and fellow members of our congregation.



Film: I plowed the Sacred Soil
At: Westminster United Church

When: Saturday, April 20 at 1 pm

This very important prize-winning documentary lifts up an ill-conceived notion to establish the File Hills Farm Colony on the Peepeekisis Cree Nation over 100 years ago. It was on the initiative of the Indian Agent on Peepeekisis who was overly ambitious to promote his own advancement as an Indian Agent. He recruited indigenous youth from other Nations thereby creating tensions that at a certain level continue to this day. Included in those "imports" was Fred Dieter patriarch of the Dieter family which eventually included four ordained ministers of the United Church of Canada. There will be Q&A and refreshments will be served.



Sunday April 14 - We will be hosting a Regina and area church service. Most congregations will be closing and some of their

folks will come here. Since we are hosts, a few things to remember:

- Someone may be sitting in your pew. So, lets just offer to sit with them.
- Refreshments after the service: Please join folks from other congregations and get to know them. You may even see friends or make new friends.
- We will be welcoming The Very Reverend Jordan Cantwell as the guest preacher. Darrell along with Joy Cowan and Jim Tenford have written and will be doing the liturgy.



100 Week Countdown to
100 years of the
United Church in Canada

60
Weeks Left

Although many people – including feminists – thought it was a superficial issue at first, the church soon began to think carefully about its use of masculine words and images. Back in the early part of the century, Nellie McClung had speculated that “There come times when human beings do not crave the calm, even-handed justice of a father nearly so much as the soft-hearted, loving touch of a mother, and to many a man or woman whose home life has not been happy, ‘like as a father pitieth his children’s sounds like a very cheap and cruel sarcasm.” In the eighties, thanks to a greater understanding of a whole variety of factors – the psychological implications of language, the frightening prevalence of child abuse, the long history of sexism in the church – many members began to believe that this was an important issue.

At the same time, the effort to avoid all-masculine references, or at least balance them with feminine images, threatened those who treasured the traditional male images of God. Many wondered about the theological implications. Meanwhile, ministers, choir directors and church writers and editors – like writers and editors in the secular field – wrestled with the sexual bias of the irascible English language. It was simple enough to open the church’s creed with “We are not alone” rather than “Man is not alone,” but not all language problems were solved so easily.

While facing feminist issues could cause division within a congregation, it could also win the attention and respect of outsiders. On Good Friday, 1979, Bloor Street United displayed a sculpture by Almuth Lutkenhouse called “The Crucified Woman” in the sanctuary. Some members were moved by the statue’s message of the suffering endured by women. Others were offended by its nakedness and the implication that God can also be visioned in feminine images.

But a visitor wrote a note of thanks: “...the face was so similar to that of a battered woman that I had counselled years ago that I was startled ... I have a sense of your caring for me and other women, even though you do not know me.”

From: 65 Years of the United Church of Canada