

Westminster United Church

Week of April 21, 2024 – Announcements

Westminster Staff:

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Financial Update:

Offering for Local- by mail, e- transfer or drop off: \$1013.00
Offering this week PAR local: \$921.00
Offering for - M & S by mail, e transfer or drop off: \$67.00
Offering this week PAR: M & S: \$151.00
Outreach Ministries PAR plus donations: \$1062.00
To E-Transfer: wucfinances@gmail.com

Sundays Scripture Readings:

Romans 8: 31-39a "God's love in Christ Jesus"

Saskatchewan Pastoral Charges Held in Prayer:

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

Stewardship Second:

There is a direct link between following Jesus and using our resources, including our money, to care for those in need.

Westminster Meetings & Services

Sun, Apr 21 – Worship Service 10:30 am
Spring Roast Beef Dinner 4:30-6:00 pm
Mon Apr 22 - Faith Study 1:00 pm

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

RNOM Mother & Baby Welcome Bags Only 1 ½ weeks left to contribute.

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.



Money collected last Sunday from the lunch was \$649.45 after expenses to go to Regina Anti-Poverty Ministries. \$337.85 in loose offering will be going to the Regina Native Outreach Ministry for the baby welcome bags.

A Huge Thank You to everyone who enabled Westminster to host the Regina and Area United Churches last Sunday. There was so many good comments about the whole service which we can really appreciate. From the cleaning of the church to making the sandwiches, Westminster people did an awesome job! So, thank you, thank you, thank you!

*SO VERY
thankful
INCREDIBLY
grateful.
UNBELIEVABLY
blessed.*

HUGE THANK YOU to all who donated Rummage and Baking, and helped out at our Spring Rummage & Bake Sale -it was a HUGE SUCCESS! We raised over \$5600. **The Spring Raffle Winners** were: #1 Patio Time Pot: Margaret French, #2 Gardening Pot: Karen Tudor, and #3 Fresh 22 Bunny Hug: Shannon Reiss. Congrats to the Winners!

Congratulations

THANK YOU to those who donated dainties/cookies and helped at the **April 14 Sunday Service luncheon.**



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

**59
Weeks Left**



COMING UP: Mother's Day Tea and Bake Sale, Saturday, May 11, 2-4PM at Fellowship Hall. Please bring your family and friends. Admission by Donation. If you can help with this event, we will have a Helpers Sign-up sheet in the Narthex/Fellowship Hall this Sunday. Your support and help is greatly appreciated.

**Film: I plowed the Sacred Soil
When: Saturday, April 20 at 1 pm**

Final reminder of the movie showing at Westminster, "I Plowed the Sacred Soil" at 1pm. Come and learn about how members of the Peepeekisis Cree nation shared stories of their family ties to the File Hills Farm Colony experiment and the impact it has on their communities today. A Q&A time to follow the 78-minute movie.



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 and outreach. This link will take you to our website:

<https://rcgit.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>

Together for the love of creation: Earth Week 2024

Walking in Creation, I am filled with a love for all that surrounds me.... This abundant life is hurt and threatened by our greenhouse gas emissions and consequent warming of the planet. Livelihoods around the world are being disrupted. We need to summon a fierce love and act together. During Earth Week, April 21–28, let's show up For the Love of Creation.

—Moderator the Right Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne

The Board of Evangelism and Social Calling

Focused on the kind of society we must create in this country if men and women are to be faithful to God and good to each other and to their children. For example, one remarkable report on family life in 1936 pointed out that frequent childbearing was a source of poverty and stress in family life. The Board called on the government to establish clinics "to advise married couples on methods of controlling the frequency of child-birth." The statement is remarkable in many respects. It was adopted by an all-male Board, which did not stoop to the customary platitudes about women and the glorious calling of child-birth. Instead, these people linked poverty and childbearing at a time when giving information on family planning to poor people was a criminal offence. What's more, it would be another 33 years before the distribution of birth control devices would become legal in Canada.

In this report of the church, as in many others, there is an unavoidable theme: human life is valuable. God has demonstrated this in the incarnation. People deserve human dignity. People are created equal, including men and women. This perspective has led the people of the church in communities across the country to put energy into building organizations that enhance human dignity.

From: 65 Years of the United Church of Canada

