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MAY 2025 Newsletter

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

GUIDED BY THE SPIRIT

Embracing Renewal and Ministry in Times of
Global Uncertainty and Change

Embracing New Life and Renewal

Dear Resurrection Lutheran Church,

As we enter into the season of Easter and the promise of another summer, I'm thinking about the idea of renewal. We are a church of reformers born of the reformation, and as the world shifts and changes so too must we always be doing the work of reforming, speaking, and changing. The Easter season invites us to reflect on the themes of resurrection and new life, both in our personal journeys and within the wider community around our specific church.

Easter: A Season of New Beginnings

Easter is not just a day; it is a season that calls us to celebrate the triumph of life over death and light over darkness. In these times of global uncertainty and change, we are reminded of the endless possibilities that come with resurrection. Just as Christ rose anew, we too are invited to embrace transformation and renewal in our lives.

Charting: A Path Forward - What Needs Reform?

If I'm to use the word 'Renewal,' then I must lay out the foundation on which we will renew. Thankfully, this work is already done in our constitution (unless it's time to re-form that too...but I'll write for what is in place.) Our Constitution (In Article 3) outlines (1) worshipping, (2) learning, (3) witnessing, and (4) serving

as the nature and mission of this church. We are currently doing all these things in one way or another. Some of these things on our own, and some in partnership. But what else is needed? What passion or interest do you have that is left unexpressed? Diversity in a church body is a good thing. Living into our nature and mission should look diverse as smaller groups within the larger group form, grow, change, come to an end, reform, and on and on.

Challenge: Where do you fit in? Consider... Engage... Contribute...

Challenge: What are you called to do? What capacity for engagement do you have to give?

Process:

- (1) Call your Pastor! These conversations are the substance of renewal and collective action.
- (2) Let your Council members know what you are thinking. If we don't have something, we can try to create it, or if we are doing something that isn't needed, then we can work to re-allocate our efforts.

Abiding in the Spirit

As we journey together, we remain connected to the Holy Spirit, who abides with us at every step. We draw strength from our shared faith and support one another in our individual and collective endeavours. Together, we can renew the community that continues to reflect the love and grace of God.

I invite each of you to reflect on how you can participate in this season of renewal. Let us embrace the opportunities before us with open hearts and minds, trusting that God is with us every step of the way.

In hope and faith,
Rev. Sean Bell

CHURCH COUNCIL

Pastor Sean Bell (*ex officio*)
Esther Cherland, Vice-Chair
David Kirton
Brady Witt

Betty Harper, Chair (306-270-9186)
Bonnie Semenoff, Secretary
Elaine Leite, Treasurer

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Linda Simpson

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 8th; please forward any concerns/reports requiring Council response/review to Betty Harper by Thursday, May 1st.

PRAYER LIST



We pray for healing and wholeness for Emily Harper; Alannah Harper; Rose Schmid; Zoey Zalizniak; Chelsey Schaffel; Linda Lee Paulson; Ryan Pannell for healing and strength; Marilyn Bomersine for healing; Carl Cherland for healing; Declan Haugen for healing; Norm Ouelette for healing; Carrie Kiehn for ongoing medical treatments and Kristen Weingartner for healing and strength.

We also remember in our prayers:

- Missing and murdered Indigenous Women in Canada, the children and people buried in unmarked graves at Residential Schools and First Nations lands, all who have suffered the trauma of residential Schools.
- Those around the world impacted by the trauma of war, natural disasters, food insecurity, racism and those seeking refuge.
- World leaders, as well as those leading us in our own country, province, and city.

MINISTRY TEAM LUKE

Ministry Team Luke is on for the month of March. Judy Prociuk & Brenda Thiessen are Mark's Team Leaders. A sign-up sheet is on the back counter. Anyone, from any team, is welcome to sign up to help. There is a sign-up sheet for Worship Assistants and Musicians on the back counter as well.

FINANCE REPORT

Submitted by Elaine Leite

As of April 30th, the bank account balances were: Chequing \$6,871.52; Property Reserve Fund \$6,202.67; Social Justice \$292.90; Memorial Fund \$634.74; and Youth Initiatives \$333.34.

April Income includes: Givings \$10,770 (**\$1,95.57 under budget**); Loose offering \$207; Charitus Investment \$2,358.50; Benevolence \$205; Rentals \$300; Daycare Rent and Shared Costs \$3,960.13. **Total income: \$17,800.63.**

April Expenses include: Banking \$20.50; Charitus Investment Management Fees \$395.92; Canadian Lutheran World Relief \$100; Synod Benevolence \$675.00; Annual Convention Levy Fee \$459.90; Copier \$148.13; Telephone \$226.54; Office \$751.96; Website \$134.29; Confirmation \$187.86; Youth \$13.29; Insurance \$745.01; Kitchen & Cleaning Supplies \$68.89; Grounds Maintenance \$287.04; Maintenance \$427.72; Utilities \$1,793.66; Flooring \$8,045.92; Payroll: \$12,777.41; Stephen Ministry \$112.09; Altar Supplies \$62.11; Choir \$9.50; Musicians \$75; Brass Group (Palm Sunday) \$300.00. **Total Expenses: \$17,800.63**

The net income as of April 30, 2025: **-\$10,071.11**. Net income for the year **-\$8,967.58**.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Members: Brian Crawley, Bob Berikoff, Elaine Leite; Report submitted by Elaine Leite.

Maintenance completed in April:

- Carpet in Narthex and flooring in front entrance completed on April 7th and 8th. The installation went very well with no major repairs needed. Great job by AC Flooring! Cost same as the estimate of **\$8,045.92**.
- Green Drop hired to do the weed control and fertilizing this summer - **\$287.04**

Maintenance to be done:

- Q-Jay will turn on the sprinklers on May 21
- NexGen will be in to do the semi-annual furnace inspections on April 30
- Al-Kel Electric will do the annual fire system check in May.
- One ceiling fan in Fellowship Hall needs to be repaired.
- Lights in furnace room need to be repaired/replaced (Greg Rossman may be able to do this).
- Repair cement entrance at backdoor (trip hazard).
- Repair mic jack on the projector screen side of the altar.

To keep in mind: Possible replacement of 4 furnaces in the building – recent quote \$6,155 per furnace.

Deferred Maintenance (no funding available to do any of this work):

- Move Projector screen / add another one or maybe put in big screen TV's

- Paint the Sanctuary
- Replace carpet in Sanctuary, offices, meeting room and office hallway
- Replace broken kitchen window & seal the other kitchen window
- Install automatic door opener for front doors
- Install lighting in parking lot
- Resurface/sealcoat front driveway
- Repair front sidewalk
- Change lights in Sanctuary to LED (must be dimmable)
- Change lights in Meeting Room and Narthex to LED
- Repair foundation on southwest corner – not an immediate issue

RESULTS OF AMALGAMATION SURVEY

Amalgamation Committee Members: Redeemer: Bruce Grahn & Ron Litzenberger; Resurrection: Betty Harper & Elaine Leite; Zion: Alice Barth & Obert Friggstad.

The Amalgamation Committee meets again on May 13th to review the results of the surveys carried out in March and April at Resurrection, Redeemer, and Zion; next steps to follow.

SPRING CLEANING

Spring Cleaning – Starting May 5th, spring cleaning can be done on any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday throughout the month of May between 10 am and 1 pm.

The lists of items and spaces that need cleaning are posted just outside the Sanctuary doors.

Thanks for helping!



FLOWER BED CLEAN-UP & MAINTENANCE



We need your help with cleaning up the **flower beds** at the front of the church and with maintaining them throughout the summer.

If you can help, please talk to Elaine Leite.



MUSIC MOSAIC

featuring musicians from our Lutheran churches



& Musical Ensembles

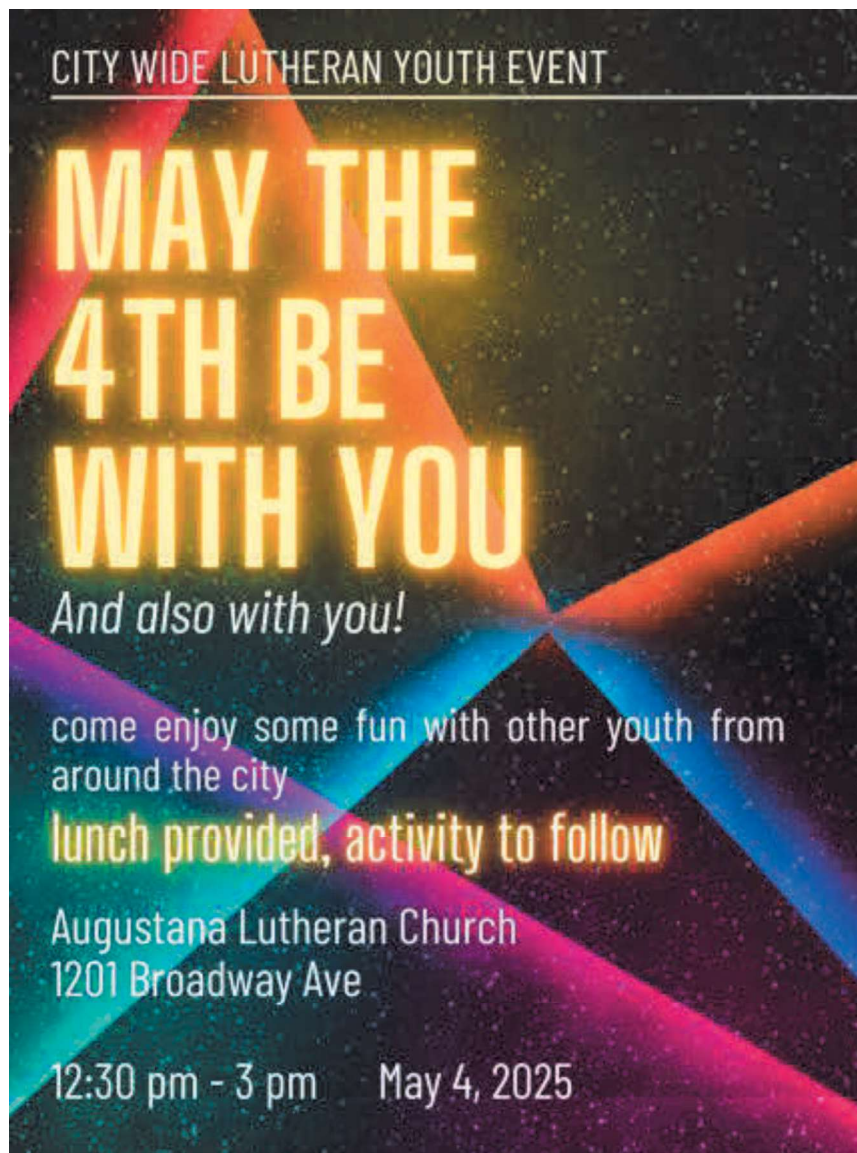


**Sunday, May 4
7:00 p.m.**

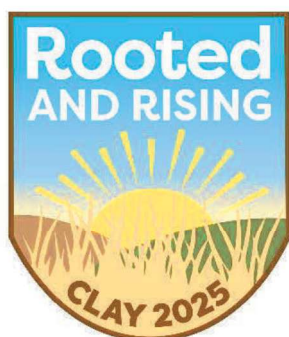
Redeemer Lutheran Church
812 Preston Avenue

fellowship and light refreshments to follow

offering received in support of LuMinHoS



- CLAY 2025 – Rooted & Rising – August 21-24, 2025 – Saskatoon



Participants at CLAY should be aged 14-19 as of December 31, 2025.

Stay up-to-date:

- **CLAY Website:** <https://claygathering.ca/clay-2025/>
- **Facebook** ([#claygathering2025](https://www.facebook.com/claygathering2025))
- **Instagram** (<https://elcic.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=995f38ab3f3a9fb43ccc1bc2d&id=80df8c9d60&e=061ad832b5>)
- **Newsletter:** <https://elcic.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=995f38ab3f3a9fb43ccc1bc2d&id=b8e9abbbf2&e=061ad832b5>

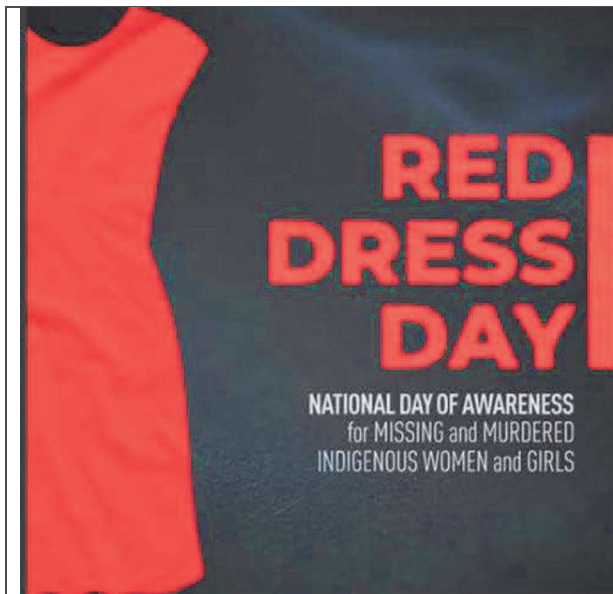
- **Registration is now open!** Home Team Leaders, get your information ready! You'll need full name & contact information for everyone attending, birth dates, emergency contacts, plus contact information for the church/diocese/synod/community your Home Team will represent.
- Register here: tinyurl.com/CLAY2025REG
- **Registration cost is \$450/participant.** Registration for the gathering includes all the programming for the whole event, supper on Thursday, lunches and suppers on Friday and Saturday; lunch on Sunday*

**Our goal is that all who want to attend can attend, so if the cost is a challenge, please speak with Pastor Sean. There will be fund-raising events to help us keep the cost manageable for everyone.*

- **CLAY 2025 – Call for Volunteers**

- In order to make CLAY run smoothly, we are in need of lots of local help and we hope you might consider helping in some way! Click [here](#) to look for areas you can help.

RED DRESS DAY – MAY 5, 2025



May 5, 2025, marks the 15th anniversary of the **National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and 2SLGBTQIA+ People**, also known as **Red Dress Day**. This day serves as a powerful reminder of the need to recognize and address the violence still faced by many in Canada.

To find Red Dress awareness activities in the City of Saskatoon, visit this page:

<https://www.saskatoon.ca/community-culture-heritage/cultural-diversity/indigenous-initiatives/indigenous-women-girls-and-two-spirit-people>

EDITOR REQUIRED FOR *ETERNITY FOR TODAY*

The ELCIC is looking for a new editor for its quarterly devotional publication, *Eternity for Today*. [View the full job description here.](#) The remote editor's role would begin on July 1, 2025. For more information or to apply for the posting, please email tgallop@elcic.ca or pwall@elcic.ca. The deadline for applications is **May 15, 2025**.

YOUTH LEADERS REQUIRED!

What I need: Churches to partner with me in providing oversight and space for a new youth initiative. Clearly I can't recruit and lead all the events from far away, but with local partnership, we can provide oversight, space, and support for Youth Leaders who are taking up this opportunity to grow, lead, learn, and make a difference in their communities. I need Rostered Leaders or Local Representatives of churches and organizations to partner with me.

Here is the Recruitment Pitch:

Are you between 16 and 30 years old and ready to make a real difference in your community? Under the visionary guidance of Bishop Ali and on behalf of the Synod Youth Coordinator (Rev. Sean Bell), I'm thrilled to announce an exciting new initiative designed to empower our next generation of leaders. As your Youth Coordinator, I'm looking to recruit dynamic local "Youth Leaders" from across Saskatchewan to join us on this journey of learning, growing, and leading together.

What's the Opportunity?

This isn't just about organizing events—it's about building a vibrant community where every young person has the chance to develop leadership skills while learning alongside their peers from across Saskatchewan. In this Youth Leader role, you will:

- **Collaborate & Learn:** Attend a weekly Zoom "huddle" with fellow youth leaders where you'll share ideas, receive guidance, and grow together.
- **Lead Local Events:** Organize and lead two community events per month that not only bring youth together but also foster a culture of mutual learning and support.
- **Earn While You Lead:** This paid position rewards your time and dedication—10 hours a month at \$15/hour, covering both planning/program time and weekly meetings.

Why Join?

Our initiative is designed to evolve into a distributed leadership network, meaning your involvement today could pave the way for a lasting impact tomorrow. We're starting with an initial group of 23 Youth Leaders, but this is just the beginning! As the program expands, there will be even more opportunities for collaboration and influence within local communities. Importantly, this effort goes beyond our Lutheran Churches—every community has youth, and all are welcome to join, ensuring that our events are diverse, inclusive, and reflective of the broader youth experience in Saskatchewan.

Ready to Learn More?

If you're excited about shaping a vibrant, youth-led future and want to explore how you can contribute to this groundbreaking initiative, please reach out. Whether you're interested in stepping up as a Youth Leader or partnering locally to support the program's growth, we want to hear from you! Together, we can transform the way our communities engage, learn, and lead. Let's build a brighter future—one event, one huddle, one partnership at a time.

For more details or to get involved, please contact the Synod Youth Coordinator:

Rev. Sean Bell

Email: pastor@resurrectionlutheranchurch.ca

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Care Receivers Share How Their Stephen Ministers Made a Difference

*Although my needs changed as I went from wife to caregiver to widow, my Stephen Minister's love and support remained a constant. She was **there at every stage of my journey**, helping me through some of the most difficult moments of my life—so I could begin to heal.*

Susan ●

*When things seemed like too much to handle, **my Stephen Minister brought normalcy and calm**. With him by my side, I knew I could make it from one week to the next. I could feel God's presence when my Stephen Minister was there.*

James ●



*My Stephen Minister was a consistent presence walking with me throughout my divorce. He would always show up, and **most importantly, he refused to give up on me**. I'll forever be grateful for the way he changed my life.*

Ralph ●

*When I was with my Stephen Minister, **I felt Jesus was with me**. I saw the love of God in her eyes while we talked and prayed, and it would fill me with such comfort and peace. It helped me know that I could make it through.*

Ashley ●

After the death of my mom, **I needed someone who would listen**—even to the same stories over and over—and who wouldn't be afraid to say her name or bring up her memory. That's who my Stephen Minister was, and I don't know how I would have gotten through it without her.

Molly ●

My Stephen Minister listens—really listens. **He doesn't judge me or tell me what to do** but walks side by side with me. I never realized how helpful and healing that can be. With his care and support, I'm making it through.

Brian ●

I'm blessed with an amazing Stephen Minister. She's been genuinely attentive and caring ever since she came alongside me. She's kind of fearless in that way—**she'll just be there without trying to fix me** or talk me out of my feelings as I struggle with what's happening.

Nancy ●

My Stephen Minister's weekly visits became an anchor in my life—something I could rely on when everything else was so uncertain. **She was a steady reminder of God's presence**, helping me know I was never alone.

Heather ●

When someone you love is terminally ill, people often pull back because they're scared and don't know what to say. But **my Stephen Minister stood with me through it all**—listening, talking, and helping me on the journey. It was so reassuring to know he was by my side.

Andrew ●

My Stephen Minister loves me, listens to me, cares for me, prays for me, supports me, and **gives me a safe, confidential relationship** where I can totally share my heart. No matter how much I have to unload on her, she listens to whatever is going on.

Celeste ●

I needed to know that there was one person in the world who knew the good, the bad, and the ugly about me—and still cared for me. Experiencing that through my Stephen Minister was **a tangible expression of God's love**. It changed my life.

Julia ●

Stephen Ministry showed me the face of Christ. **God brought me exactly what I needed** through the care of my Stephen Minister, and that demonstrated to me how God cares for each and every one of us.

Frank ●

- **Stephen Ministry** is a lay caring ministry being used by more than 13,000 congregations worldwide to increase care and outreach to hurting people.
- Through Stephen Ministry, congregations are able to equip and empower a team of laypeople—Stephen Ministers—who provide one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people experiencing grief, health issues, divorce, spiritual crisis, job loss, infertility, or other life difficulties. Since Stephen Ministry began in 1975, millions of people have received care from a Stephen Minister.
- Visit stephenministries.org to learn more about Stephen Ministry and see stories about the difference Stephen Ministers are making in people's lives.

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FOOD BANK WAGONS

Please be reminded that the Food Bank requires donations all year! Please continue to help fill up our wagons so we can help those in need. Non-perishable foods such as infant formula, soups and stews, whole grain pasta and cereals, canned vegetables, beans, and proteins, 100% real fruit juice. Other items needed: basic toiletries, dishes, and household cleaning supplies. Thank you for your continued support.



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday	Location	Presiding
Sunday, June 29	King of Glory	Michael Poellet
Sunday, July 6	Trinity	Mark Hedlin
Sunday, July 13	Trinity	Mark Hedlin
Sunday, July 20	King of Glory	Michael Poellet
Sunday, July 27	King of Glory	Michael Poellet
Sunday, August 3	Resurrection (Teams Luke & John)	Sean Bell
Sunday, August 10	Resurrection (Teams Luke & John)	Sean Bell
Sunday, August 17	Resurrection (Teams Luke & John)	Sean Bell
Sunday, August 24*	Trinity	Mark Hedlin
Sunday, August 31	King of Glory (Potluck Picnic)	Mark Hedlin

- King of Glory – 3318 Merritt Street
- Trinity – 419 Avenue E North

JUNE NEWSLETTER

Please forward items for the May newsletter to Betty Harper @ betty_harper@shaw.ca by noon on Wednesday, May 28, 2025.

Visit our website at <http://www.resurrectionlutheranchurch.ca> and like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/resurrectionsaskatoon

Church rentals are managed by Elaine Leite: resurrectionchurch@sasktel.net Newsletter items can be forwarded to Betty Harper at betty_harper@shaw.ca. In order to be published with the May 2nd Bulletin, please forward May Newsletter items by noon on **Wednesday, May 28th, 2025**.

MAY 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Church @ 10 am Communion City-Wide Youth Event 12:30-3pm Augustana Music Mosaic-7pm Redeemer	AlAnon-FH: 7-8pm Red Dress Day	Quilting-FH: 9-3	Artists-FH: 10-2 TOPS-FH: 5:45-8	Stephen Ministry FH: 7-9pm 01-May	Men's Breakfast-8am Lawson Smitty's 02-May	03-May
Church @ 10 am	AlAnon-FH: 7-8pm	Quilting-FH: 9-3	Artists-FH: 10-2 TOPS-FH: 5:45-8	Council-MR: 7pm 08-May	Men's Breakfast-8am Lawson Smitty's 09-May	10-May
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Note: Cleaners typically in on Sunday ~1pm and Thursday mornings before 10 am

Legend: FH: Fellowship Hall K: Kitchen MR: Meeting Room S: Sanctuary