Announcements Sunday, February 18, 2024

First United Church Swift Current, SK

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Upcoming Meetings & Activities

- Monday, February 19 Please note that the church office will be closed for the Family Day holiday.
- Tuesday, February 20 Membership & Pastoral Care, 10:00 a.m. in the Cypress Lounge
- Wednesday, February 21 Lectionary Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. in the Chinook room and on Zoom
- Wednesday, February 21 Boutique & Garage Sales, 11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, February 21 Creation Station, 1:00 p.m. in Creative Art Space
- Wednesday, February 21 Choir practice, 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- Thursday, February 22 Coffee Time, 10:30 a.m. in Cypress Lounge
- Thursday, February 22 Winter Book Study, 1:30 p.m. in the Grace Library & on Zoom
- Thursday, February 22 Stewardship, 4:30 p.m. on Zoom
- Friday, February 23 Lenten Movie, 2:00 p.m. in the Burnham Room

Recordings

of past Sunday services are available on the <u>church website</u>.

First United Church is responsible for Meals on Wheels

for the month of April. Please contact Sharyn Erne at 306-741-7346 if you would like to participate.

Four Birds: Lenten Study

You are invited to join us for a four week Lenten Study beginning **Tuesday, February 27th at 2pm.** In this study we will be calling forth four birds as we trace the pattern of Cosmic Love in the life, death and rising of Jesus. Our journey will be guided by the Dove, Eagle, Pelican, and Phoenix. If you are interested, please contact the church office. The study will be facilitated by Annette Taylor & Mary Anderson and will be offered in a hybrid mode (both in-person and on Zoom).

Friday Matinee - Movies for Lent!

Friday afternoons come to the Burnham Room to watch the Oscar-nominated movies that Annette will talk about in her sermon the following Sunday. Feb. 16 at 1:30 p.m. – *Oppenheimer* (note early start time!) Feb. 23 at 2 p.m. – *Past Lives* Mar. 1 at 2 p.m. – *American Fiction*

Mar. 8 at 2 p.m. – *Barbie* Mar. 15 at 2 p.m. – *The Holdovers*

Ministerial Lenten Services

at St. Olaf Lutheran Church

Thursday 12:00 p.m. worship followed by lunch at 12:30 p.m.

Date	Worship	Lunch
Feb 22	Community Baptist	to be determined
Feb 29	First United	First United
Mar 7	The Salvation Army	The Salvation Army
Mar 14	Christ the Redeemer	Christ the Redeemer
Mar 21	St Olaf Lutheran	St. Olaf Lutheran

Lenten Pigs (M&S Givings)

During Lent, many of us are reminded once again to examine our lifestyles and ask, "What can we do for others?"

Lent is a good time to commit to giving money to a project that helps those in need like the Mission and Service Fund. As a congregation, watch for a special M&S envelope in your Easter Letter.

As a Sunday School, parents are encouraged to involve the whole family by setting up a piggy bank (Lenten Pig) to collect coins during the season of Lent. Please sign out your Lenten piggy

bank with the Sunday School or office to encourage youth involvement. Please return envelopes and pigs by April 7th (the Friday following Easter).



"Spring is in the Air" Online Auction

The Outreach Committee is organizing an online auction to raise funds for our **Refugee Sponsorship Fund**. We will be accepting donations starting now until **Friday, March 1st**. Popular auction items are gift cards, baking, gift baskets, window washing, puzzles, books, and preserves. The online auction will run from **noon Monday, March 18th to noon Monday, March 25th**. Please bring your items to the church and we will take a picture and store it for you. Thank you for your support.

Annual General Meeting Sunday, March 3, 2024

Potluck lunch with meeting to follow.

Annual Reports have been sent out by email. If you prefer a printed copy, there a few available by the sanctuary or in the church office.

Baked Items for CMHA

You are invited to bring baked items for CMHA to the church on

Monday, February 26th or Tuesday, February 27th

Office hours are 9:00 a.m. to noon & 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

They are looking for any kind of baking such as

cookies, muffins, pies, dainties, tarts or cakes.

If you are not a baker but would still like to help out,

granola bars, Ziploc sandwich baggies, and individual portions of pudding, yogurt and breakfast oatmeal are also appreciated.

CMHA would also appreciate donations of plastic containers (sour cream or yogurt) to send home leftover food with their clients. 500 ml and 750 ml containers work the best.

World Day of Prayer Service

Friday March 1st at noon

at St. Olaf Lutheran Church (followed by lunch)

DID YOU KNOW?

• Canada is a landfill nation with about 97% of the country's waste sent to landfills. (Leader Post Dec. 2)

 Swift Current Landfill Operation recycling includes all metal taken out of box springs, cement crushed and recycled, asphalt recycled.