

Bread Crumbs April 6, 2023

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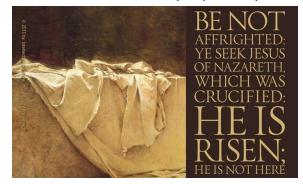
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Blessed Holy Week Blessed Easter

It is always a bit difficult to prepare this week's greeting for the newsletter each year. On the one hand. I do want to wish everyone a joyous and blessed Easter.. and pray that (in all

the ways you need it) you will feel the hope and recreating promise of hearing again that in Christ God shows us that they have power over *even death* – every kind of and feeling of death we will ever face.

On the other hand.. this newsletter comes out Thursday afternoon. And we haven't even yet gotten to/thru some of the most passionate and deeply



moving parts of the story. Bluntly.. you can't really have a resurrection without a crucifixion.. there is no real new life without real death. And yes.. depending on where you are today, it can oft be that what we hear again as the story of Jesus washing feet in humility & service.. as the story of Jesus offering us his own body & blood as tangible gift of love.. as the story of Jesus loving us with every breath He takes right up to His last.. maybe the parts the speak the most powerfully to us. As is true for our lives.. the deep truth of the story is found in God's willingness to come to us in both the hard & ugly times AND in the joys of resurrection & hope reborn.

So I guess what I really want/need to do is wish you BOTH an engaged & passionate Holy Week (encouraging you – as I do each year - to take time to "go there" & at least remember all that happens this week.. all it is meant to speak to us) AND.. a Joyous & resurrecting Easter. I pray as I always do.. that somewhere in the midst of it all you see & feel again all that God and God in Christ long for you to experience in these days – how

unquestionable & beyond-measure the love of God is.. AND.. the incredible hope & promise of life beyond death that Christ's resurrection promises us.

- Blessings to all... Pastor Stewart – April 6, 2023

Be well...Be Alive... BE HOPE!!!

Join us for Worship this Sunday at 9:30 am:

Join Bread of Life for Sunday Worship In-Person

We also welcome everyone to join us online via Facebook Live at 9:30. Services are recorded and will be available on our website afterwards.

Facebook Page – Join us online!
Webpage – Recorded services are posted

Are you curious about how you can support Bread of Life?

The methods you can use to give to Bread of Life include:

- Your offering during worship on Sunday mornings
- Cheques, or post-dated cheques (mailed or dropped off)
- Pre-Authorized Remittance (Click here for more information)
- By credit card or PayPal
- etransfer to breadoflife@sasktel.net (Please include your name and email in the notes for tax receipt purposes)

Holy Humour Sunday, April 16

It is in many ways.. the greatest practical joke of all time.. (that day when God let the Devil think he had finally "got one up" on God.. had finally managed to win the great tug of war over life & humankind). And of course.. as with all good jokes.. "timing is everything" and when the women went to the tomb that morning (three days after Jesus's death – the passage of time necessary for Jesus to be considered "really dead") they arrived



there to find the stone rolled away.. Jesus raised.. and death defeated. (You can almost hear God laughing that deep kind of belly laugh that is so infectious.)

Once more this year we will celebrate the 2nd Sunday of Easter as "Holy Humour" Sunday. And once again this year I need your help. Please send me all your **best/worst Dad/Mom jokes, pastor jokes, church jokes, profound jokes...** so that we are not so reliant on Pastor Stewart's lame sense of humour. Please send them to <u>pastor.stewart@sasktel.net</u>

Men's Breakfast

Join us on Saturday morning, April 29 at 9:30 at Living Spirit Centre for breakfast. All are welcome; breakfast preparation is provided by our BOL men's breakfast group. Guest speaker will be Robert Fry, agent for over 80 athletes and coaches in the CFL, NFL, and NHL. Rob will reflect on his professional life through the lens of his Christian faith. A group of BOL men met monthly for breakfast for several years until Covid hit. We feel like it's now time to emerge from Covid and enjoy our church fellowship again! Help us play a part in renewing our ministry! Please RSVP by contacting the BOL Office, or by contacting Larry Fry. We will be accepting freewill offering to cover costs.

We are looking for a few people who might like to get trained to help us out on Sunday mornings with getting the Worship out on Facebook/Internet.

- 1) Facebook Host this is a relatively easy job of putting greetings/announcements/assisting note into the comments section of the Facebook feed during the worship time. Brent Langenberger has been super faithful in looking after this for us EVERY WEEK during pandemic but I think it is time we step up to help him and enable him to take the occasional Sunday off. Please connect with Brent or the pastor if you would be willing.
- 2) Camera/Streaming host this is a slightly more "techy" kind of work but the Bread of Life services are relatively straightforward. This would involve being trained on how to use the camera and streaming equipment for Sunday's and/or other services that take place at Bread of Life. Let Pastor Stewart know if you would like to help out with this.

Indigenous Christian Fellowship Could Use Our Help!

Bread of Life will be assisting with community breakfasts served at ICF. When we help out with Indigenous Christian Fellowship's community breakfast, we aim to have four or five volunteers. ICF is at 3131 Dewdney Avenue. There are currently providing breakfasts in brown bags; if weather allows, people sit at the picnic benches outside; if weather is inclement, people will pick up the breakfasts and return home. We are one of several churches who help with these breakfasts. We aim to start at 8:30 a.m. and finish by 11:30 a.m. or noon. If you are able to help out, please contact David Bartolf at 306-566-2971 or dbartolf@saskpower.com

An Easter Appeal for FARDOUS and Family



if Your Donations are \$15,000 Matching Donations \$15,000

\$30,000 would complete fundraising for this family of 12

The Regina Lutheran Refugee Committee has a generous donor, who wishes to remain anonymous;

WILL MATCH
your donations
to the
FARDOUS Fund
at St. Mark's Lutheran
during
April 2023

Donations will be matched up to \$15,000

DONATE now by cheque or e-transfer to St Marks Lutheran Church, 3510 Queen Street, Regina, Sask. S4S 2G2 marking it

REFUGEE SUPPORT FARDOUS

All donations are tax deductable

Caring for Each Other in Times of Sorrow

Did you know that, most times when Bread of Life hosts a funeral, we are also asked to help serve a lunch for the family and guests to share after the service? This is often a very healing time where people get to share their memories of the person who has died, get to reconnect with each other and (of course) care for one another.

These days the church (we used to say "church ladies") don't actually make or provide the lunches – that has gotten a bit too complicated. Instead the family themselves purchases or arranges what they want served and we provide the people power to serve and clean-up

afterward. In the past we have had a few of our folks "at the ready" to help out in this way. But for a whole variety of reasons some have had to step back a bit.

If you would be willing to help out with these lunches - most especially if you would like to take on the role of coordinating them - please talk to Pastor Stewart or call the office and share your name. This is a very important ministry of our church and I thank you in advance for your willingness to share yourself in this way.

St. Paul's - Edenwold



April 9 ~ Stewart Miller April 16 ~ David Kaiser April 23 ~ Boyd Molder April 30 ~ Stewart Miller

We have resumed coffee fellowship time after church each Sunday! Please join us. Offering/donations will be accepted by eTransfer to stpaulsedenwold@gmail.com

The Living Spirit Centre

Whist for Seniors

... At Living Spirit Centre is on Tuesday mornings at 10:00. If you are unfamiliar with the game, we will teach you. For more information phone/text Rod at 306-535-2877 or email rodashley@sasktel.net

Did you know? Your feedback is a gift! If you have any comments, questions, or concerns regarding Bread Crumbs, contact breadoflife@sasktel.net. Bread Crumbs will now be delivered to your inbox on Thursday afternoons!

