

First Baptist Regina Weekly News

For the Week of June 5, 2022

Pentecost

מעשיו הנפלאים של אלוהים
神のすばらしい働き
τα θαυμαστά έργα του Θεού
کارهای شگفت انگیز خداون
ईश्वरस्य अद्भुतानि कार्याणि
чудесные дела Божьи
the wonderful works of God . . .



Suddenly we can understand.

Pentecost, in the Christian calendar, celebrates the pouring out of the Holy Spirit on all Christians. At the first Pentecost Jews had gathered in Jerusalem to observe the Jewish Pentecost, an early harvest festival. They came from "every country under heaven," which perhaps justifies my including Japanese in the languages above. Suddenly they could all understand one another, as they all declared in their own language the wonderful deeds of God.

Perhaps we are a little afraid of the Holy Spirit. Perhaps we associate him with extrovert displays of irrationality. But the Holy Spirit is none other than the Spirit of Jesus, who left us with a mandate to carry on his work. The Holy Spirit comforts and encourages us as we reach out to others, waiting at the same time for Jesus to return.

He lives within every Christian. He teaches us, he helps us to understand one another, he strengthens us when we are weak. He sheds light on the Scriptures we read. He fills us with love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. He even prays for us.

At times his presence can be dramatic. But mostly his work is unseen, as he transforms us all into the people God created us to be.

—Annabel Robinson

Katepwa Lake Camp (KLC) AGM – June 12, 2022

KLC is holding its AGM on June 12, 2022, from 7 to 8 pm. For more information, or for a copy of the financial statements, please contact Rosemary Ward [by email](#) or call the church at (306) 359-1450.

Special Dates Coming Up...

Happy Birthday to Pearl Bretz who will be 95 years young on June 13th. Phil and Pearl will also celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on June 10th. Best wishes to you both!

Ladies' Fellowship Breakfast

When: June 11th, 9:30 am

Where: Nicky's Cafe, 1005 8th Avenue



All ladies are invited to meet for a time of fellowship over breakfast on June 11th at 9:30 am. Please bring an object or a memory from your childhood to share. If you can make it, please contact Julie Rich or Debby Nelson, or call the church at (306) 359-1450, so we can give Nicky's an approximate number. Come and enjoy the fellowship!

Church Picnic – Sunday, June 19th

Once again, we can look forward to meeting together for a time of fellowship, games, music, food, and prizes! The picnic will be held on Willow Island from 3:30 to 6:30 pm. For more information, see [our website](#).

- Salad and dessert potluck
- Hamburgers, hotdogs, and beverages provided
- Bring lawn chairs or picnic blankets, plates and flatware
- Freewill offering to defray costs
- All ages welcome
- Wheelchair access available – please contact the church to make arrangements.



Please note that, since the church is supplying hamburgers and hotdogs, *we need to know how many are coming by June 14th*. Sign-up sheets are now available in both the east and west sides of the foyer. You may also sign up by [completing this electronic form](#) or calling the church at (306) 359-1450. Please state how many will be attending. If wheelchair access is required, please state that as well.

Backyard Barbecues and Patio Parties



We have heard a number of folks express their desire to gather socially around food and fellowship. If you would be willing to host either a barbecue or patio party this summer, please contact Pastor Kayely [by email](#) or by phone at (306) 359-1450. The number of barbecues and/or patio parties planned will depend on the number of people who are able to host one of these events.

Update on the Al Hussein Family

You may have been wondering about the status of the Al Husseins (our apologies for the previous incorrect spelling), the Syrian refugee family that we are involved with helping to come to Canada. There has been no news, so far, that the family is on its way. We will keep you informed.

We have received a number of donations for the family—thank you to everyone who has dropped off items at the church. Barb Ziolkowski has agreed to coordinate this effort. (Thank you, Barb!) If you are wondering what items are still needed, the committee has set up an online list, which Barb will be updating within the next week. To see the list, click here: [Al Hussein family list](#).

If you have items to donate, please call the church at (306) 359-1450 before you come, to make sure someone will be there to let you in. As well, *please let Barb know what you are donating so that she can update the list.*

If you would like to make a financial donation to help cover the family's expenses, please make your cheque out to the church, and mark "Refugee Fund" clearly on the envelope. For more information, contact Barb, call the church at (306) 359-1450, or [email the church](#).

Voice – Women's Novel Study

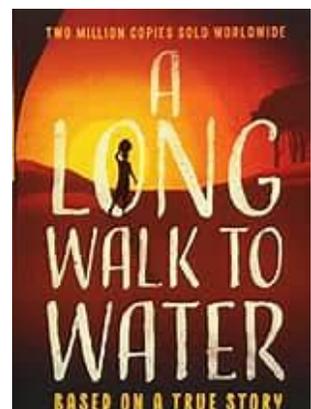
When: June 22, 5pm

Host: Julie Rich

Food: Potluck – bring an item to share

RSVP: Julie Rich

The novel chosen for the June 22nd study is "A Long Walk to Water," by Linda Sue Park. The book begins as two stories, told in alternating sections, about two eleven-year-olds in Sudan. One is a girl, in 2008 and the other, a boy, in 1985. The girl, Nya, is fetching water from a pond that is a two-hour walk from her home: She makes two trips to the pond every day. The boy, Salva, becomes one of the "lost boys" of Sudan, refugees who cover the African continent on foot, as they search for their families and for a safe place to stay. Enduring every hardship from loneliness, to attack by armed rebels, to contact with killer lions and crocodiles, Salva is a survivor, and his story goes on to intersect with Nya's in an astonishing and moving way. Includes an afterword by author Linda Sue Park and the real-life Salva Dut, on whom the novel is based, and who went on to found the organization, "Water for South Sudan."



For more information, visit [our website](#), contact Julie Rich or Bonnie Austring-Winter, email [the church](#), or call the church at (306) 359-1450.

What's happening at First?

Morning Prayer

Join us each morning, Monday to Thursday at 7:15 am to begin your day with scripture and prayer, via Zoom. Visit our [website](#) for the link.

Children's Ministry

The Godly Play and Oasis classes will be wrapping up for the year at the end of June. During the summer months, all kids are invited to attend a class on the Books of the Bible during the worship service. For more information, please contact [Pastor Kayely](#).

Youth Ministry

For information about our youth program, please contact [Pastor Chris](#).

Adult Ministries

Learning for Life (L4L): This class will resume in the fall.

Reading through the Pauline Epistles: This group, facilitated by Norma Holtslander has completed their study of the Pauline Epistles. They plan to start a new study in the fall. For more information, contact Norma or call the church at (306) 359-1450.

Dial-the-Sermon – (306) 992-1912



Know of someone with no computer and/or internet access and cannot come to church in person? Please let them know that there is an easy way to listen to a recent Sunday's sermon. Simply dial (306) 992-1912 (toll-free within the Regina area) on a landline phone or cell phone. This number takes you straight to the sermon recording.

COVID Measures

We are still waiting for COVID to slow down further. Over the coming weeks, we will continue to ask people to wear a mask on Sunday mornings and in larger groups. We will continue to evaluate this week by week.



The topic of conversation at the neighbourhood barbecue was the host's beautiful new lawn. It especially sparkled next to the dying brown patch of earth at the house next door. But the owner of the dry lawn had a ready excuse: "Look at what our gardener did!" he said. "He put the sod in upside down!"

Tithes and Offerings

Whether you are attending Sunday services in person or online, there are several methods that you can use to give your tithes and donations to the church:

1. Mail your gifts to the church or call and leave a message at (306) 359-1450 to arrange for an in-person pick-up. Please place your cheque in your regular offering envelope (or any envelope marked "Offering"), and seal that inside another envelope addressed to: First Baptist Church, 2241 Victoria Ave, Regina, SK S4P 0S4.
2. Establish a **Pre-authorized Remittance (PAR) Plan**. This will automatically transfer funds from your account into the FBC Regina account on a regular basis. Please email the church or contact the Treasurer if you would like to set up PAR, or change your commitment.
3. Make an [online donation](#):
 - Use a credit or debit card to make a donation from our website. (*The church is charged a small processing fee for each donation.*)
 - Use **Interac e-Transfer** to donate from your phone or computer to FBCRegina@gmail.com (*no fee or cost to the church*)
 - Use a credit card with a PayPal account via the **PayPal Giving Fund** (*no fee or cost to the church – 100% of your donation reaches us*)
 - Use a credit card or PayPal via **CanadaHelps** (*a 4% fee is deducted from the donation*)
 - Use a credit or debit card via **FBC ChurchTrac** (*the church is charged a fee of approximately 3% for each donation*)

PLEASE refer to our website at firstbaptistregina.ca for more specific information on these contribution methods. You may also contact the treasurer at (306) 775-1497 or email the church at main_fbcregina@sasktel.net for further details.



What does the word "contemplate" mean?" the college student asked his English professor.

"Think about it," the professor answered.

"Ugh!" the student groaned. "Can't you just tell me?"

"Do you believe in life after death?" the boss asked one of his employees.

"Yes," replied the employees.

"That's okay then," said the boss. "Because while you were at your grandmother's funeral yesterday, she popped in to see you."