

# First Baptist Regina Weekly News

*For the Week of May 29, 2022*



What a joy it is to see the signs of summer! It's been a long, hard winter. Last week I could hardly believe that we were approaching the May long weekend.

But here we are. The migrating birds are returning. My heart has been thrilled by seeing a rose-breasted grosbeak outside the window, and a yellow-headed blackbird perched on the window ledge, so close I could have touched it. The birds

have all returned from different winter habitats. I found myself wondering if they too are happy to see one another again and if they compare notes about their adventures.

Our backyard is alive with the flowers that Reid has planted.

Simple things bring us joy. Take time to stare and wonder at the marvel of creation. Listen to the birdsong. Smell the flowers and taste the herbs. Enjoy the intricacy of everything he has made. Even a dandelion seed.

Let the sea resound, and everything in it,  
the world, and all who live in it.  
Let the rivers clap their hands,  
let the mountains sing together for joy;  
Let them sing before the Lord,  
for he comes to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world in righteousness  
and the peoples with equity. (*Psalms 98*)



The return of the seasons speaks to us of the faithfulness of God. He is utterly dependable. Take time to praise God!

—Annabel Robinson

## Ladies' Fellowship Breakfast

When: June 11th, 9:30 am

Where: Nicky's Cafe, 1005 8th Avenue

Ladies' Fellowship Breakfasts are back! 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 p.m. For more information, see [our website](#). Wheelchair accessible – call the church at (306) 359-1450 to make arrangements. Everyone is welcome!

## Voice – Women's Novel Study

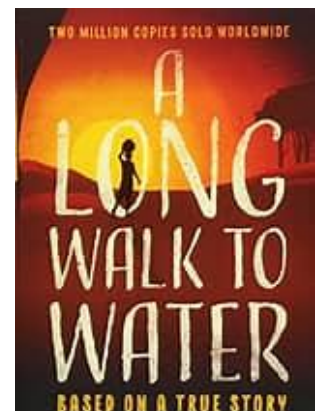
When: June 22, 5pm

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 Austrang-Winter, email [the church](#), or call the church at (306) 359-1450.

## Notable Music Dates Coming Up

### ***"Sing On!"* – Friday, June 3rd, 7:30 pm**

This concert will be presented by the Cantate Youth Choirs, directed by Deborah Nelson, and accompanied by Marlene Hinz. Featured will be the Cantate Senior and Apprentice Choirs and guest musicians. The concert will be held in our sanctuary. Free will offering. Everyone is welcome!



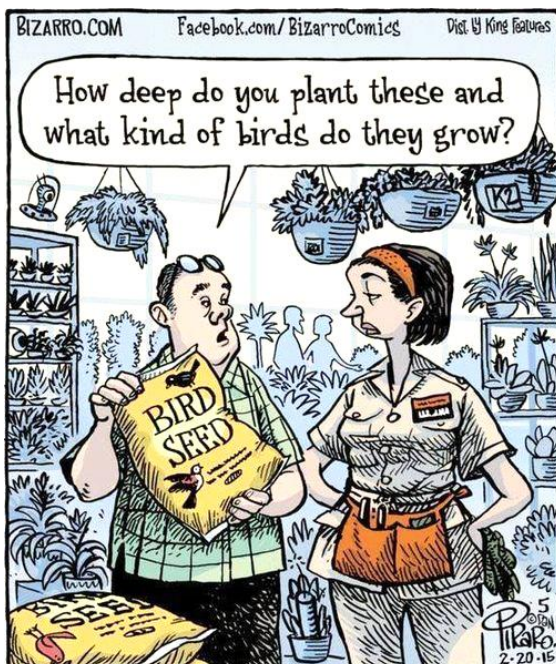
### ***"Choir of Angels"* – Saturday, June 4th, 7:30 pm**

This concert will be presented by the Regina Philharmonic Chorus at Knox Metropolitan United Church, 2340 Victoria Avenue. The concert will feature Victoria Stroeder, soprano, Tava Burton, soprano, Holly Gilroy, alto, Michael Hawkes, bass, and Hart Godden, Artistic Director.

Tickets: Adults, \$35, Students, \$15, Children, \$5. Tickets available from chorus members or by visiting [reginaphilharmonic.com](http://reginaphilharmonic.com). Masking and proof of vaccination will be required for entry.

### ***"Forêt, Fleur et Faune"* – Sunday, June 5th, 7:30 pm**

Alysse Sailor-Tedford, soprano, is a recent music honours graduate (Voice Major) of Wilfred Laurier University. Alysse will be sharing an inspirational evening of vocal selections, accompanied by pianist Maria Fuller and flutist Marie-Noelle Berthelet. Alysse is Jack Sailor's daughter. The concert will be held in our sanctuary. Free will offering. Everyone is welcome!



Carl and Abe are two old baseball fanatics. They agree that whoever dies first will try to come back and tell the other one whether or not there's baseball in heaven.

One evening Abe passes away in his sleep. A few nights later, Carl hears what sounds like Abe's voice. "Abe, is that you?" he asks.

"Of course it's me," Abe replies.

"I can't believe it," Carl whispers. "So tell me, is there baseball in heaven?"

"Well, I have good news and bad news," Abe says. "The good news is, yes, there's baseball in heaven. The bad news is that you're pitching tomorrow night."

## 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

There are in-person classes for children up to Grade 6 during our 11 am worship service. The children are currently working through the Easter Season stories. 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.

**Voice:** A small group for women who like to read and enjoy lively conversation. Voice is hosting a novel study on June 22nd. See page 2 for details.

**Reading through the Pauline Epistles:** This group, facilitated by Norma Holtslander, meets every Wednesday, on Zoom, at 10:30 am. Following this week's meeting (June 1st), the group will take a break for the summer. For more information, contact Norma or call the church at (306) 359-1450. [Join Reading the Pauline Epistles](#).

### 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.

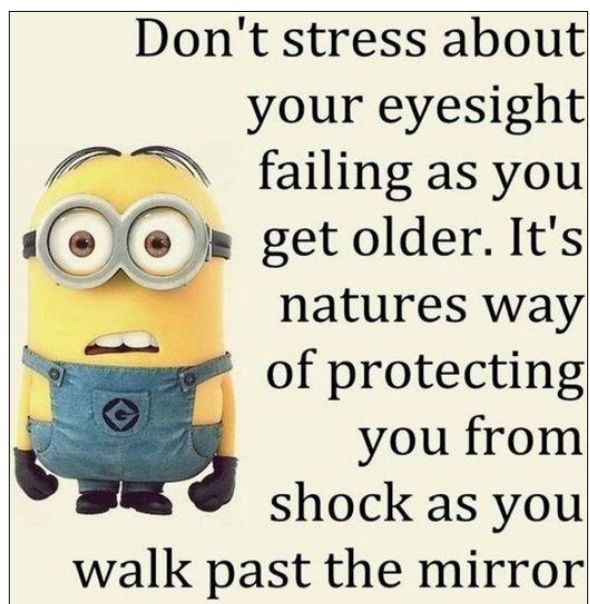


## Tithes and Offerings

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](http://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](mailto:main_fbcregina@sasktel.net) for further details.



Congratulating a friend after her son and daughter got married within a month of each other, a woman asked, "What kind of boy did your daughter marry?"

"Oh, he's wonderful," gushed the mother. "He lets her sleep late, encourages her to go to the beauty parlour regularly, and insists on taking her out to dinner every night."

"That's nice," said the woman. "What about your son?"

"I'm not so happy about that," the mother sighed. "His wife sleeps late, spends all her time in the beauty parlour, and makes them eat take-out meals most of the time!"