

# First Baptist Regina Weekly News

*For the Weeks of September 4 & 11, 2022*

## **Looking Back With Gratitude...and Ahead With Anticipation**

As I write, the hot summer sun is pouring through my office window while the cool evenings remind me that fall is just around the corner. Fresh herbs and garden-grown produce make star appearances in savoury dishes while ice cream remains the kids' favourite treat. Road construction projects are still in full swing as we're all in the habit of slowing to 30 kph. Teachers are preparing their classrooms with haste, while students soak up the last days of summer break. For football fans, the Labour Day Classic is right around the corner and Winnipeg fans are invading our city. There are signs all around us, in nature and in our community, that another grand summer is coming to an end and fall is almost here.

The same could be said as we look around the church. The organ has been tuned and the piano awaits its turn. The bells will be pulled out of storage and choir music has been chosen right through to Christmas. Learning for Life classes have been thoughtfully selected and plans for the children and youth are well underway. In just a few days, Pastor Joel will return from his Sabbatical to welcome new staff members, Cheryl Johnston and Louise Krueger. With all this in mind, I take a few moments to reflect back on summer. For I know that this type of reflection produces gratitude and reminds us all of God's faithfulness throughout life's journeys.

On May 15th, we said goodbye to Pastor Joel, Heather and family, praying that this break would help them enjoy some much needed rest. At the same time, Maria Fuller concluded her short-term contract with us, leaving us wondering what would be next with the music minister position vacant, Richard's position not filled, and our Lead Pastor away. At a time that could have been very challenging, instead we saw many of you step up to help. Throughout this summer, at least two things have been evident: Our community cares deeply for one another, and God is with us. Before Pastor Joel left, and after several attempts to bring in extra help from outside, he sensed God saying "You have what you need right within this community." Thank you, Lord!

Throughout the month of May, we were grateful to be able to dedicate children from five families to the Lord. And in June, we all gathered for our Church Picnic on Willow Island.





Then there were the patio parties, BBQs and other informal fellowship opportunities times that gave us opportunities to do life together. Back in the church, we enjoyed the contributions of a diversity of gifted preachers, musicians, prayers, tech people, ushers and kids leaders, all making it possible for us to worship together.

Proving that we are even stronger when we work together, we took part in initiatives too big for any one church to do on its own. The Saturday lunch program continued each week with 200 lunches given out within 15 minutes of opening. Out at the lake, kids, teens and adults from our congregation took part in making another beautiful summer at Katepwa Lake Camp.

I want to say thank you to each of you for doing your part, and for being a part of this community in whatever way God has called you to help. I wish I could name each one of you, but know that would take pages, because it truly has been a team effort as we have kept First Baptist going. Please do not feel bad if health didn't allow you to be more involved, for it is God who has sustained our congregation in ways beyond our imagination. Great is God's Faithfulness! How great indeed!

Looking forward to what God has planned for First Baptist this fall!

With love,  
Pastor Kayely



## Fall Kick-Off – September 11, 2022

Please plan to join us on September 11th as we gather once again as a community, for an extra special Time for Friends immediately following the Worship Service at 11 am. Many people have commented on how much they have missed Time for Friends over the last two and a half years. To mark its return, we are kicking off the fall season with an assortment of potluck-style finger foods. We invite you to bring hot or cold appetizers, a veggie tray, a fruit tray, donuts, cookies, squares and the like, so we can mingle and fellowship together as we eat. Drinks will be provided.

## First Baptist Fall Retreat 2022 – September 16-18

Our fall retreat is less than two weeks away! *Everyone of all ages welcome!* The weekend will include sessions for teaching, reflection, and worship; as well, there will be free time and opportunity for deepening our friendships, spending time outdoors, and finding some rest and renewal.

The last few years have thrown a number of challenges our way. Our speaker, Rev. David Schuchardt, lead pastor of Northview Community Church here in Regina, will share how the Psalms offer us resources to navigate complex times. (See poster in the church foyer.)

Here are a few details you may want to know:

- We will meet at Katepwa Lake Camp at 7 pm, Friday, September 16th, and stay until 2 pm, Sunday, September 18th. Or you can talk to Pastor Kayely about joining us for a day if staying overnight doesn't work for you.
- There will be teaching sessions Friday evening (around a campfire), Saturday morning and afternoon, and a relaxed worship service Sunday morning.
- There will be free time for fishing, canoeing, sports, hikes, prayer, reading, board games, chats, etc.
- Options for accommodations include in the lodge with washrooms, in a cabin, or bring your own tent or trailer. Please let Pastor Kayely know of your preference.
- Cost is \$50 per person (no cost for young children). Includes meals and accommodations. There is the opportunity to request a subsidy if needed.
- Each family will be asked to bring about 2 dozen "finger food" snacks. The snacks should be suitable for leaving at room temperature. (E.g. chips, fruit, cookies, etc.)

Questions? Please contact Pastor Kayely in person, by phone (306-359-1450), or [by email](#). To register, click here: [Register for First Baptist Fall Retreat 2022](#) or go to [our website](#).

**Songs of Faith  
for  
All Seasons of Life**

**Orientation → Disorientation → Reorientation**

Psalm 8	Psalm 13	Psalm 136
Friday, September 16, 2022 Evening: Fireside	Saturday, September 17, 2022 Morning	Saturday, September 17, 2022 Afternoon
"The Ease of Glory"	"Dark Night"	"New Ground"
Can you remember back to those first days of faith? Often they had the same quality of a first love. Faith came easy and God seemed to be pouring his attention on you. Worship was so natural.	The intensity of our first days of faith often blind us to the possibility that everything can change in a heart beat. This is why we can feel so disoriented when unexpected crisis hits. Where God felt close, he now seems absent.	God doesn't help us avoid the pain of life, he guides us through it. This is a part of our "growing up" into the fullness of Christ. As a result we stand again, but on a new foundation of tested and proven faith. Our worship is deeper.

Sunday, September 18, 2022  
Worship Service  
Psalm 1 "Songs for Life"

As modern people we are not often called upon to rely on our faith in God. Most modern day problems have modern day solutions. But, then we find ourselves in the midst of a global pandemic and we realize how fragile we truly are. The Psalms offer us the resources of faith to navigate these complex times.

Rev. David Schuchardt is the Lead Pastor of Northview Community Church (Free Methodist Church in Canada). He, along with his wife Sarah and his three daughters, Cassidy, Asinri, and Maeve moved to Regina from Toronto in 2014. David has a M. Div from Tyndale Seminary and is currently completing a D. Min from Northeastern Seminary.

## **Fall Schedule for Sunday Worship Services**

Just a reminder that next Sunday, September 11th, we will switch back to our usual schedule, and our worship service will begin at 11 am.

### **Learning for Life (L4L) Begins September 11th**

Two classes will be offered, as follows:

#### **“The Hymns we Love” – Sunday Mornings, 9:30-10:30 am**

Have you ever wondered how some of our most beloved and recognizable hymns came to be? We hope you will join us for this L4L opportunity that will examine and discuss the words, music, and histories of a handful of the most iconic hymns of our faith. There also will be opportunity to listen to diverse sacred and secular recordings of these hymns, because “next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise” (Martin Luther).

We are grateful to have Dr. Mark Anderson teaching this in-person class in the lower hall, prior to Sunday worship services.

#### **“Understanding our Bible” – Sunday evenings, 7:30-9:00 pm**

Have you ever wondered why some Psalms ask God for things that Jesus tells us we should not want? Have you noticed how the prophets are filled with both anger and hope? How is that possible? Why are some of strange and frightening images included in portions of the prophets and in Revelation? Why four gospels and not one? Who are the authors of the New Testament letters arguing with? Have you ever treated a Proverb as though it was a promise? The Old Testament histories and Acts have some strange stories in them. What difference do they make for our lives? Some laws of ancient Israel make sense to us, and others puzzle us. How do we take them seriously today? These are questions we bring to the Bible as we seek to understand and apply God’s Word in our lives today.

We will wrestle with these questions and others in a class led by Dr. Axel Schoeber this fall. The dates are September 11, 18, 25, October 16, 23, 30, November 6, 20, 27 (no classes on long weekends). The class will be held at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Victoria, BC. We have been invited to join remotely via Zoom. A link will be provided in the First This Week email.

If you have any questions about either of the Learning for Life classes please contact Pastor Kayely [by email](#) or by calling the church at (306) 359-1450.

## Lebanon Fundraiser

On Sunday, August 28th, a number of us met at the home of Bryan and Carmen Orthner for our annual missions fundraiser in the form of a patio party. We enjoyed some great Lebanese food prepared by Bryan and Carmen.

Following the meal, Bryan shared some information about Lebanon. Here are a few examples of the challenges facing the Lebanese people:

- A shortage of power, which often results in having electricity available for only four hours a day.
- One of the worst inflation rates in the world. The United Nations estimated that 82 percent of the country was living in poverty by the end of 2021.
- The highest per capita population of refugees in the world, which continues to put an enormous strain on social services, infrastructure and employment.



*Using a cell phone for light during a power outage in Lebanon*

Bryan also shared about some of the ways that Canadian Baptist Ministries (CBM) is working in conjunction with its partner, the Lebanese Society for Educational and Social Development (LSESD) to help meet the needs. For more information about the challenges facing the people of Lebanon and how CBM, working with its Lebanese partners, is helping to meet the needs, go to <https://www.cbmin.org/lebanon/>.

Whether or not you were able to attend this event, you can still contribute to the fundraiser by giving in one of the following ways:

1. Online with a credit card: <https://www.givetogo.org/team/FBCRegina>
2. Mail, or drop off, your donation to First Baptist Church, 2241 Victoria Ave, Regina SK S4P 0S4. (Please do not leave cash in the mailbox.) If you require an in-person pick up, call the church at (306) 359-1450.
  - Make cheques out to "CBM"
  - Note "SENT Lebanon" in the memo line or on the envelope
3. For information about other ways to give, such as by monthly automatic donation, please call Barb Keys at CBM at 1 (905) 821-3533.

## **Music@First**

### **Sanctuary Choir**

Fall is just around the corner and I am excited about the new choir season that is rapidly approaching, when the Sanctuary Choir will once again have the opportunity to “make a joyful noise unto the Lord. (Psalm 100:1)” The choir will sing two anthems per month, and, for the other Sundays, lead the congregational singing from the loft. For those who would be interested in a lighter commitment, there is an option to sing with the choir only on anthem Sundays.

Rehearsals will be on Thursday evenings from 7 to 8:30 pm in the sanctuary. Our first rehearsal will be on September 8th. I look forward to seeing all current members. Past members are also warmly welcomed, and any new members can be assured that they will be enthusiastically received!

If you're interested in joining, or would just like to know more about it, please call the church office at (306) 359-1450 or send an [email to the church](#).

—Louise Krueger

### **Ring-a-Ding-a-Ling, It's Almost Time to Ring!**

The First Baptist handbell choir, JuBELLation, will have its first rehearsal of the season on September 13th at 6 pm, in the sanctuary. For more information or if you have any questions, please call the church at (306) 359-1450 or send an [email to the church](#).

—John Nelson

### **Welcome Cheryl!**

We are pleased to announce that Cheryl Johnston is now officially a member of the First Baptist Church Regina staff team as the Children and Family Minister. She started on September 1, 2022.

Cheryl Johnston and her family have been a part of our congregation for a number of years. Cheryl has frequently served in our children's ministries over the years. She was also part of the team who helped re-start our own youth group that Pastor Chris now runs. Some of you will also recognize her as a faithful Zoom host throughout the pandemic. Among her many accomplishments, Cheryl holds a Bachelor of Theology degree from Canadian Bible College, has certification as a Saskatchewan Elementary Teacher and is qualified as a Spiritual Director. Her current work has been in educational services through Saskatchewan Polytechnic. She is appreciated by many and we believe she will be a valuable asset to our staff team.

## Saturday Lunch Help

The weekly Saturday lunch program is consistently drawing a crowd and meeting a need in our community. The lunch program is hosted each week in the lower hall at First Baptist with different churches taking turns to prepare and serve the meal. It is exciting to see churches from around the city working together to make this ministry happen. And to those we serve, it is helpful to consistently offer one central location so there's no confusion about where to get lunch.



Louise Krueger, Barb Ziolkowski, and Tom Chen have been working hard all year as hosts both to the volunteers from the other churches involved, and to our guests. They ensure that our church building is open, coffee is made, visiting churches are supported in their volunteering each week, and that everything is locked up at the end. Ray Schultz greets people at the door and runs the elevator weekly for guests. *We are now looking for a few more volunteers that could commit to being hosts.*

Is this a ministry opportunity that resonates with you? If so, some practical details will be helpful to you. Hosts commit to being here from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm on the Saturdays when they are serving. The goal is to find enough volunteers so that hosts only need to be scheduled once every 4-6 weeks. If you are interested or have questions, please call the church at (306) 359-1450 or [send an email to the church](#).

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Patient: Doctor, I slipped in the grocery store and really hurt myself.

Doctor: Where did you get hurt?

Patient: Aisle six.

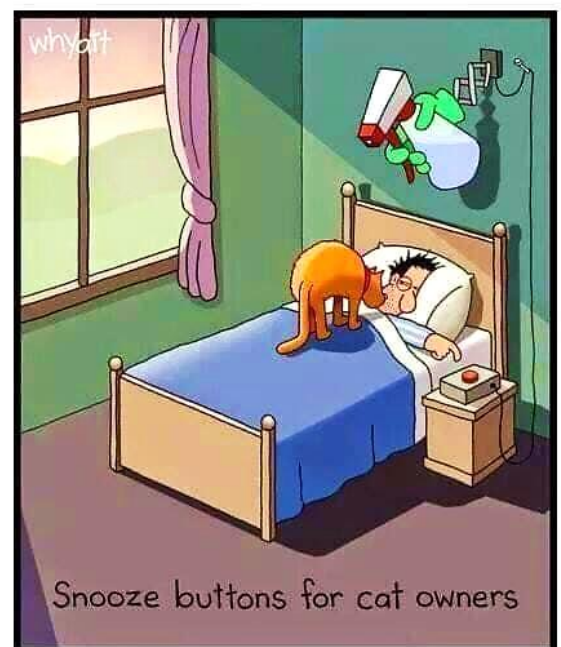
Doctor, giving patient the results of her sleep study: "It looks like you stopped breathing in your sleep over 65 times per hour."

Patient: "Did I start back?"

Lawyer: Do you recall the time that you examined the body?

Doctor: The autopsy started around 8:30 p.m.

Lawyer: And Mr. Eddington was dead at the time?





## What's happening at First?

### Morning Prayer

[Morning Prayer](#) will resume on September 6th. 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

Over the summer, the kids have been learning about the Books of the Bible during the worship service. That class wrapped up on September 4th. The Godly Play and Oasis classes will resume next Sunday, September 11th. For more information, please contact Cheryl Johnston [by email](#) or by calling the church at (306) 359-1450.

### Youth Ministry

The youth are taking a break for the summer. They will resume meeting in the fall. For more information about our youth program, please contact [Pastor Chris](#).

### Adult Ministries

**Learning for Life (L4L):** This class will resume next Sunday, September 11th. There will be a class Sunday morning and Sunday evening. See page 4 for details.

**Reading through the Bible:** This group, facilitated by Norma Holtslander, will resume meeting on September 14th, and will be reading from James to Revelation. The group meets every Wednesday, on Zoom, at 10:00 am. (Please note the new starting time.) For more information, call the church at (306) 359-1450 or [send an email to the church](#).

### 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

Just a quick reminder that masks are now optional in the church, including during the Sunday morning worship service. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact [Pastor Kayely](#), Ron Phillips (board chair), or the church office [by email](#) or at (306) 359-1450.

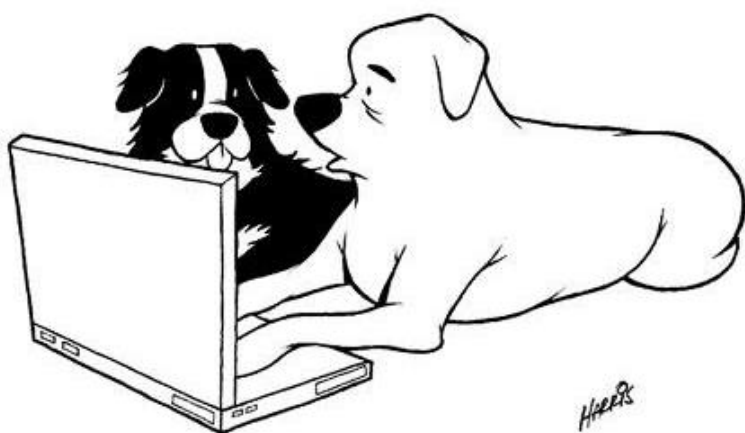


## Tithes and Offerings

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.



*"And then I just hit delete. I haven't actually eaten any homework for years."*

- Q. What happened to the illegally parked frog?  
A. It got toad away.
- Q. What did one DNA say to the other DNA?  
A. Do you think these genes make me look fat?
- Q. What do you get when 9 ants move in with their buddy?  
A. Tenants.