

First Baptist Regina News

For the Weeks of April 2 & 9, 2023

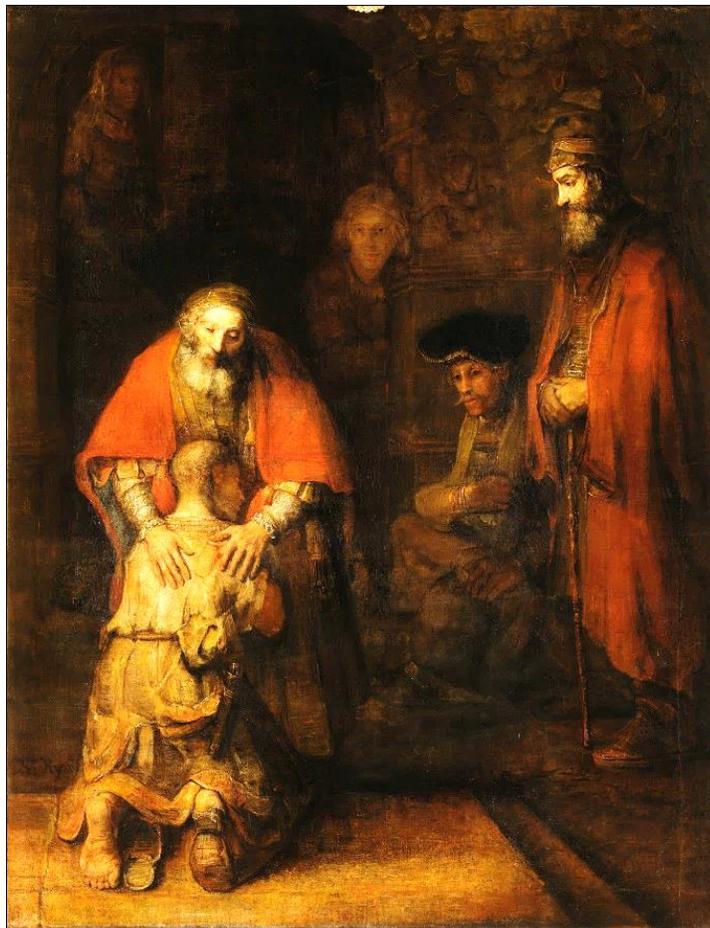
Jesus' Suffering and Death for the Life of the World

Jesus opened up a way for anyone and everyone to come home. He has given us a church family that welcomes one another on this journey. There are so many people who are praying, sharing, and caring for each other in this place. Above all, we point one another to Jesus. His love is renewing us every day.

We don't always get it right. There are struggles, questions, and failures. These make the moments of being welcomed and of welcoming others all the richer.

A Few Words of Thanks...

- Thank you to Natasha Skea for taking the lead on finding and framing the art print of "The Return of the Prodigal." Thanks also to Timothy Long for his help, and Jim Ellemers and Derrick Bellows for hanging the picture.
- Thanks to Sue and Dell Bornowsky who scrubbed down all the pews over several days recently and made some repairs as well.
- Thank you to everyone helping out with the Saturday lunch program alongside people from churches from across the city and across denominations. Over a hundred people came out last week. Need is increasing across charities in our city. Thanks to the Italian Star Deli who have been providing all the sandwich meats every week with a generous discount.
- Thank you to all the singers and musicians ministering through the Easter concert, and to those who provided refreshments afterwards.



"The Return of the Prodigal" by Rembrandt

And there are many more folks helping in all kinds of ways and with all ages.

For 132 years, First Baptist has been faithful in downtown Regina to share what we receive from God: a warm, loving welcome, new life, and goodness in abundance.

I am grateful to walk through the week of darkness with you. And I look forward, God willing, to celebrating Jesus' resurrection and entering into his joy with you once again.

With love,



Pastor Joel

Easter Week Games Night – Wednesday, April 12th

Time: 4:00 – 8:00 pm

Location: Lower hall

Food: Potluck – please bring a food item and/or snacks to share

This will be an informal evening of games and fellowship. Bring board games or card games to share. All ages and everyone welcome!

Beverages will be provided. To sign up, please [send an email to the church](#) or call the church office at (306) 359-1450.

Calling Men of All Ages!

Our Men's Breakfast will return this Easter season. It will be on Saturday, April 15th, 8:30 am, in the church library.

Bring your appetite and friends. No charge but donations will be accepted.

Call Pastor Joel at the church at (306)-359-1450, or [send an email to the church](#), to let us know you are coming.

Mark your calendars and invite someone to join you. All ages welcome.

Photo Directory Update

For those who have not had a chance to have their photo taken for the directory, we are planning to have two more photo sessions on April 23rd and 30th. For more information, contact Esther Gurnsey [by email](#) or at (306) 359-1450, Ext. 225.

Holy Week 2023 – The Journey to the Cross

Holy Week is April 2nd to 9th. Set aside time for silence, prayer, and fasting as we follow the story of Jesus' self-sacrifice for the world. We are offering morning and evening online gatherings for worship. Here is a list of Holy Week Worship Services and Events:

Palm Sunday, April 2nd

- Learning for Life: 9:30 am, in person and [online](#).
- Morning Worship: 11:00 am, in person and [online](#).
- “For God So Loved the World...” concert: 7:00 pm, in person and [online](#). An evening of concert and praise, celebrating the life, death, and resurrection of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Monday, April 3rd – Wednesday, April 5th

- Evening service: 7:00 pm daily, [online only](#); short services of daily prayer

Monday, April 3rd – Thursday, April 6th

- Morning prayer: 7:15 am daily, [online only](#)

Maundy Thursday Service, April 6th

- 7:00 pm, in person and [online](#).

Good Friday Service, April 7th

- 10:30 am, online and in person at Westhill Park Baptist Church. Pastor Ryan Emmons from Argyle Road Baptist will be preaching. This is a joint service involving First Baptist, Argyle Road Baptist, Westhill Park Baptist and Calvary Baptist Community (Weyburn) churches. The service will be live streamed from Westhill Park Baptist Church. [Join online](#).

Easter Sunday, April 9th

- Sunrise Service: 6:30 am, Wascana Marina. A short outdoor service with singing, readings of Jesus' resurrection, and a warm breakfast to follow. Please contact the church [by email](#) or at (306) 359-1450 if you plan to attend.
- Easter Sunday Morning Worship service: 11:00 am, in person and [online](#). Christ is Risen! From the Easter greeting to the Hallelujah Chorus and the Easter egg hunt, this joyful celebration of God's victory in the resurrection is the high point in our calendar as a congregation.
- For more information, visit [our website](#).

Voice – Women’s Novel Study

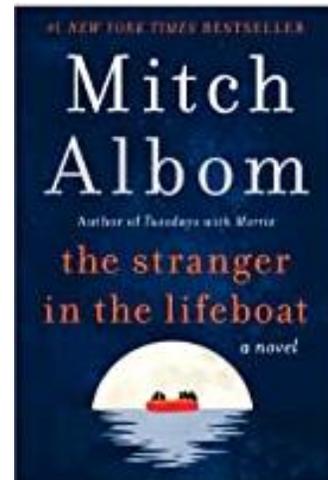
When: April 22, 10:00 am

Host: Julie Rich

Food: Coffee, tea, and snacks will be provided

The novel chosen for the April 22nd study is “The Stranger in the Lifeboat,” by Mitch Albom. In this book, “Albom’s gift for plucking heartstrings and finding meaning in life which has endeared him to millions, is on full display.”

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



“Glory to God Alone” – In Thanksgiving for Mark Anderson’s Years of Service

When: Sunday, May 7th, 11:00 am

What: A special Sunday morning service with guests, prayers, and communion, followed by a farewell meal and program in the lower hall.

We are all aware of Mark’s contribution to our worship services and concerts. Every Sunday for over three decades he has help direct our attention toward God. Many would also know and appreciate his humility, his great sense of humour and way with words, and his years of teaching Learning for Life. Mark has also frequently made himself available to support and advise the staff and board throughout his time. Outside our congregation, Mark has been the means of blessing many generations of young people and staff at Luther High School, including many of our own youth who attended there on scholarships thanks to Mark’s support.

Last fall, Mark and Roxanne announced their respective retirements here in Regina. This summer they will move to BC to a home in the mountains, closer to their sons and to the outdoor hikes and climbing that Mark enjoys. Please join us as we give thanks for all the ways God has ministered to us through Mark and to wish him and Roxanne well on this new time in their lives.

A love offering will be collected. For anyone wishing to contribute, gifts must be cash only. Please note that we are not able to issue receipts for income tax purposes. You may leave your gift in the offering basket at the church on Sunday morning, give it to a staff member, or bring it to the church before April 28th. Be sure to mark your envelope clearly with “Love offering for Mark and Roxanne Anderson.”



RSVP: (306) 332-4727

KLC WORK DAY!
MAY 6. 10AM - 3PM
LUNCH PROVIDED!



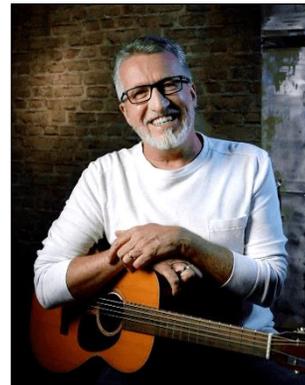
Steve Bell Concert

Date: April 29, 2023

Time: 7:30 pm

Place: Westhill Park Baptist Church, 8025 Sherwood Drive

For those who have not been to one of Steve's concerts, he is a fine performer, and a very thoughtful person with lots of good stories to tell.



The concert will be an evening of story and song, featuring music from Steve's latest album, "Wouldn't You Love to Know," as well as Steve Bell classics and favourites. Tickets are available through Westhill Park Church (306-775-1616). Or to purchase online, click here: [Steve Bell Concert](#). Tickets will also be available at the door on concert night.

Joint Conference for Christians on Creation Care

From June 9 to 11 of this year, A Rocha Manitoba and St. Margaret's Anglican Church of Winnipeg are partnering to present two events converging in a conference on creation care:

"Consider the Lilies" – A Rocha Manitoba's first annual conference for Christians and church leaders who want to learn about, discuss, and commit to creation care.

"Be Not Afraid: A Theological Consultation on Climate Change" – presented by St. Margaret's Anglican Church. For more information, go to: [Creation Care Conference](#).



There once was a fine musician who needed her piano tuned. Wanting to hire someone who would do the best job possible, she asked around, and learned that there was a Mr. Opernockity who had an excellent reputation. So she immediately hired the man, and, in due time, he came and tuned the woman's piano. After he left, the musician sat down to play. However, there were two or three notes that didn't sound quite right to her, so she called Mr. Opernockity and asked him to come back. "Sorry, no can do," he said. "Opernockity only tunes once!"

What's happening at First?

Children's Ministry

We have two classes that take place during the Sunday morning worship service, for children aged 3 to grade 6—Godly Play for the younger ones and Oasis for the older group. We also provide nursery supervision for babies and toddlers. For more information, please contact Pastor Cheryl [by email](#) or by calling (306) 359-1450.

Youth Ministry

The youth meet weekly for various activities. For more information about our youth program, please contact [Pastor Chris](#).

Adult Ministries

Morning Prayer: Join us Monday to Thursday at 7:15 am to begin your day with scripture and prayer, via Zoom. For more information, visit [our website](#). [Join morning prayer](#).

Spiritual Formation Small Group: This group meets, in person, Monday evenings at 7:30 pm at the church and is led by Pastor Kayely and Pastor Cheryl. Please note that the class on April 3rd is the last class.

Reading through the Bible: This group, facilitated by Norma Holtslander, is presently reading through the Gospels. The group meets every Wednesday, on Zoom, at 10:00 am. For more information, contact Norma, call the church at (306) 359-1450, or [email the church](#). [Join Reading Through the Bible](#).

Noon Prayer: Join others every Wednesday at 12:30 pm for a short time of scripture and prayer. In person, in the main office, or over Zoom. If coming in person, please use the Lorne Street entryway. For more information, visit [our website](#), or contact [Pastor Joel](#). [Join Wednesday noon prayer](#).

Voice: A small group for women who like to read and enjoy lively conversation. The group meets every second Wednesday from 7 to 9 pm, using Zoom. For more information, contact Bonnie Austring-Winter or Lauren Snook, visit [our website](#), [email the church](#), or call the church at (306) 359-1450.

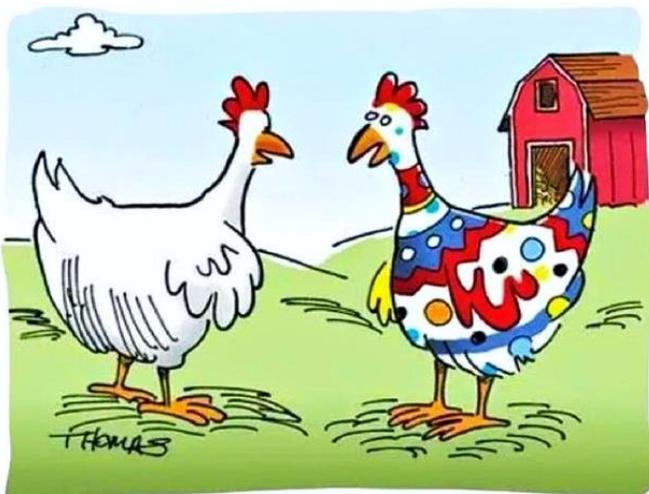
Learning for Life: This group meets Sunday Mornings, 9:30-10:30 am. Annabel Robinson is leading a class on the Gospel of Luke. This class is in person and on Zoom. For more information, contact Annabel, email [Pastor Kayely](#), go to [our website](#), or call the church at (306) 359-1450. *Please note that there will not be a class on Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023.* [Join "Gospel of Luke"](#).

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 (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. (*Donor's contribution to the processing fees is voluntary. Suggested donation: 3%*)
 - 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 3.5% 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. For further details, you may also email the church at main_fbcregina@sasktel.net or contact the treasurer at (306) 775-1497.



"I was an Easter egg."

At a couples' counselling workshop, a presenter said that 85% of husbands didn't know their wife's favourite flower. One husband turned to his wife and said, "It's self-rising, right?"

If you're cooking supper and you discover that you're missing one key ingredient, you can usually substitute it with going out.