

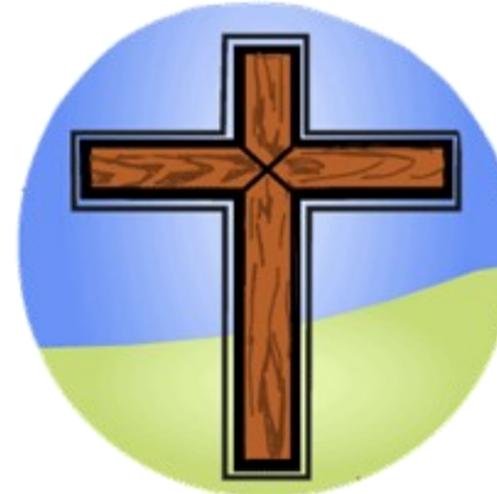
UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT QUEEN'S HOUSE

CENTERING PRAYER – all are welcome to gather in-person at Queen's House or virtually on Zoom on **Monday evenings, 7:00 – 8:15 p.m.** Fr. Paul Fchet, OMI will provide leadership and guidance for these gatherings, and additional insights regarding contemplation and centering prayer from the great teachers will be part of every evening. No fee – donations to Queen's House welcome. Register online to receive the Zoom invitation/let us know that you will be coming in person. Next gathering: **Monday June 7.** Registration deadline: **June 7, 12pm.** Call 306-242-1916 x222 for further information.

HIT THE RESET BUTTON: LEARNING TO SEE 'REST FOR THE SOUL' IN EVERYDAY LIFE - a retreat with Ana Gheysen on Zoom. If you are longing for an opportunity to hit the "Reset" button in your own life and take a deep breath - this retreat is for you! During this day we will pause to contemplate three images captured in Psalm 23: *green pastures beside still waters, a table set before me, and my cup overflows.* In these images we will find a way to be grounded, a way to be supported, and a way to be grateful. Using insights from neuroscience and spirituality, you will be guided in creating a personalized practice for your soul to find rest. Instead of seeking an escape from the stresses of the world, learn to find this rest while staying present to your beautiful, chaotic, messy and blessed life. Cost: \$60. **Saturday June 12, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.** A minimum of 9 participants are needed to offer this retreat. Registration deadline **June 10.**

THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS AND PSALM 51 - a workshop on Zoom with Lynn Mills - live from Dublin, Ireland. If you have been wanting to experience taking a "deep dive" into a specific piece of scripture, this workshop is for you. Although perhaps not as exciting as Raiders of the Lost Ark, the discovery of 2000-year-old scrolls in hidden caves in the desert of Palestine in 1947 is one of the most important archaeological finds of the last century. This lecture will give a brief introduction to the Dead Sea Scrolls, their discovery and the community associated with them and then will take a close look at Psalm 51, identifying key elements and themes such as repentance, cleansing, and transformation before exploring how these themes are picked up and repeated in the texts of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Cost: \$40. **Thursday June 24, 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** A minimum of 9 participants are needed to offer this retreat. Registration deadline **June 22.**

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: If you are interested in having a mentor and companion to accompany you on your spiritual journey contact Sr. Adeline Behm: 306-242-1916 x228 / email spiritualdirection@queenshouse.org or visit our website http://www.queenshouse.org/?page_id=463 to see a list of our affiliated spiritual directors. In-person and online meetings are available.



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MESSAGE FROM THE REOPENING COMMITTEE: The reopening committee has good news! Resurrection will open for in-person worship starting on June 6, 2021. In-person services will be held in conjunction with virtual services which will continue to be available for people worshipping remotely.

As was the case last fall, in-person worship attendance will be monitored and capped at a maximum of 30% of our church's capacity. Anyone interested in attending in-person worship will be required to sign-up through the Sign-Up Genius link on our website or by contacting Ryan Baker at the church office. Extra safety precautions will be in place in our church building including required masking, physical distancing, hand sanitization, and no congregation singing at this time.

Each member is encouraged to reflect on his/her own comfort level and personal circumstances when deciding on which format of worship is most appropriate. Things to consider for in-person service:

- Do you and your close contacts pass the screening test (on the church website)
- Have you been immunized against COVID-19 – this offers you protection from potential exposure

Council will continue to monitor the situation closely, and should circumstances change, in-person services will be halted if required.

HOLY COMMUNION: If you are wishing to receive Holy Communion, please contact the church office or Pr. Ali directly to make an appointment.

HELPING WOUNDED CHILDREN IN CAMEROON: The Saskatoon Cameroonian Association is raising funds for the victims of a school shooting in the town of Kumba, Cameroon. The tragedy occurred on October 24, 2020, leaving seven children dead and at least 12 more injured during the shooting. All donations can be made through the church office and the funds will be remitted to the appropriate agencies. If you have any questions about this fundraising campaign, please contact Pastor. Ali, Linus Luki or Ryan.

STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING COURSE TRAINEES: We would like to acknowledge and introduce the following people who have signed up to take the Stephen Ministry training course: Karen Crawley, Marilyn Hueser, Wilber Hueser, Elaine Leite, Don Meister, Frank Saworski, and Pastor. Ali Tote. The Stephen Ministry training course continues to meet on Zoom from 1:30 until 4:00.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASSES: Marriage preparation classes have started with four couples presently attending: Adam Barrett and fiancée Kelsey Usselman, Jennifer Hueser and fiancé Michael Haugen, Bronwyn Craig and fiancé Russell Goodman, Lindsay Pannell and fiancé Rick Heidt. Stephen Davis and fiancée Karla Hillis are currently taking marriage preparation classes with Pastor Dennis Hendricksen in Regina where they have moved. Please, keep all these couples in your prayers.

PASTOR ALI'S APPOINTMENT TO THE NATIONAL CHURCH: Pastor Ali Tote has been appointed Assistant to the National Bishop for Faith, Order, and Doctrine (FOD). Pastor Ali will be working limited hours (3-4 hours) every week in his new role of Assistant to the National Bishop Susan Johnson, while still serving Resurrection Lutheran Church. This appointment does not alter his ministry and commitment with Resurrection. For your information, the Rev Dr Gordon Jensen and our Synod Bishop Sid Haugen are also members of the FOD committee that Pastor Ali will be working with. This portfolio/committee deals with important matters of faith, order, and doctrine in the church (ELCIC) across the country, conducts research and studies, and provides insights for consideration to the National Church Council (NCC), our National Bishop Susan Johnson, and the Conference of Bishops that includes all five synod bishops and our National Bishop. Please, keep Pastor Ali in your prayers.

RESURRECTION LUTHERAN COMPOST PROJECT UPDATE: We are now accepting "Greens" (grass clippings, kitchen scraps (**no meat or dairy**), weeds, coffee grounds green plant material etc. Please deposit Green material in Bin #2 located by the fence behind the sheds near the parking lot. Please contact the office when you are dropping off "Green" material to ensure that our Compost committee is made aware that new material has been added as the material. Deposit Brown material in Bin #1. There is finished and sifted compost available in Bin #7 (north end) for anyone looking for material for filling pots or hanging baskets, or for top dressing on their lawn. Please help yourself.



May 30, 2021

Reopening for In-Person worship

Sisters and brothers in Christ,

Last Sunday, we celebrated the confirmation of the following confirmands: Elyse Dreger, Mabor Dut, Eva-Marie Tote, Akuei Thuc, and Ethan Woloschuk. We are proud of them for their confirmation journey, and we pray God's blessings upon the continuation of their faith and life journey. They will continue to be active in the life of the church, and we encourage them to take every opportunity to serve. We are all grateful for the support of the families throughout their confirmation journey, and for the godparents whose faithfulness helped support and guide the confirmands from baptism to confirmation.

Thanks to the substantial improvement we are experiencing with pandemic, the celebration of confirmation last Sunday had close family members attending in-person with everyone else attending worship remotely. In a way, it served as a test-run for the re-opening of our sanctuary for in-person worship. Families were seated together as a bubble, adequately and safely physically distanced from one another. As things continue to get better, we will see more restrictions lifted. I encourage everyone to get vaccinated so that we can protect one another and do our part in the fight against COVID-19. Speaking as an epidemiologist, I can assure you that all vaccines approved in Canada are safe, including AstraZeneca despite rare blood clots occurrence in some vaccine recipients.

As we implement our re-opening plan for in-person worship, please, know that we are well prepared, and that our church space is very safe. Moreover, most church members have been vaccinated with at least one shot, which increases our safety level significantly. We thank sister Angela England who, as a physician and church council member, has led our re-opening effort as chair of our re-opening committee. We thank each member of our re-opening committee for their tireless work behind the scenes: Betty Harper, Elaine Leite, Shelley Witt, Brian Hogan, and Brian Unverricht. Thanks to their work, we are able to conduct in-person worship safely. Worship for the time being and for a foreseeable future, will be a hybrid of in-person and remote attendance.

Please, sign-up for in-person worship, as we look forward to a gradual re-opening. Let's continue to pray for all affected by this pandemic, especially those who have lost loved ones, and the sick in hospitals. Let's pray that our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ will guide us throughout this reopening process and keep us safe.

Abundant blessings in Christ,
Pastor Ali Tote