



INFO NBLC DECEMBER 2024



be aware of what is
happening in our church



NBLC's activities

MONDAY

- Ladies' Ministry - BACK IN JANUARY
- Bible Study College Park 2 @ 3 pm - UNTIL DECEMBER 23

TUESDAY

- Meeting at Coliseum Coffee @ 9:30 am
- NBChoir @ 6:30 pm

WEDNESDAY

- Church Meetings
- Pastoral Visits
- Hautz' House Bible Study @ 7:30 pm - UNTIL DECEMBER 4

THURSDAY

- Wise Guys Bible Study @ 9:30 am - BACK IN FEBRUARY
- Music Lessons @ afternoon

FRIDAY

- Time in the Word Online @ 9 am
- Bands Rehearsal @ 6:30 pm

SATURDAY

- Bands Rehearsal @ 10 am
- Brazilian Bible Study @ 4 pm (Once a month)

SUNDAY

- ESL Study @ 9:30 to 10:30 am
- Sunday Service @ 11:11 am with KFC



MUSIC LESSONS

Music lessons are on Thursday afternoons at the church. Talk with the pastor and book a moment to learn piano, voice, drum, bass guitar or guitar!





SUNDAY SERVICES

11:11 am

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity. *(Psalm 133:1)*



KFC

This December, our KFC program will have an exciting lineup of activities aimed at engaging and inspiring our younger members. We'll focus on fun, promote faith growth, and fostering strong friendships. It's a wonderful opportunity for kids to connect with their peers and deepen their understanding of God's love through creative activities and meaningful discussions. We can't wait to see everyone there!



CONFIRMATION CLASSES

We're also thrilled to announce the start of our Confirmation Classes. These classes are a vital step in the faith journey for our young members, providing them with essential teachings and preparing them for the sacrament of confirmation. Participants will engage in spiritual learning, and aim at strengthening their commitment to their faith. For more information, contact our church!



ESL CLASSES

This year we started our English as a Second Language program at the church, to help non-english speakers to better communicate and learn new things within the community. It has been a huge success, and people in the classes already can notice the difference from the beginning until now! May God continue blessing our teachers, english speakers and learners, as they continue together in this journey of improvement!



GOD OF SURPRISES!

It has been said that GOD DOES NOT FILL THE PAGES OF THE BIBLE WITH WORDS TO KEEP US BUSY READING -- HE GIVES US TRUTH TO CHANGE OUR LIVES.

It seems to me that the best proof of the authority of Holy Scripture is a life transformed by the love and grace of Jesus Christ. The story of John the Baptist is central to the season of Advent. John's story is much more than dry theology. It's the story of a human being totally committed to God's service. It's the story of a person whose entire life was dedicated to preparing the way for Jesus of Nazareth. The God of the Holy Scriptures is a God of surprises. The God of Holy Scriptures occasionally steps into human history to show his love and concern for the human race. God did that when he set his people free from slavery in Egypt. He did it again, years later, when he allowed Israel to return to the Promised Land after 70 years of exile in Babylon. He stepped into human history once again when a little baby was born in Bethlehem almost 2000 years ago.

God isn't finished with the human race. Not by any means! The Bible says that the one we find in the Christmas manger will someday return to this earth. The season of Advent helps us to be ready for that day. God always prepares his people for the things that he's going to do. He speaks through his prophets and tells his people about the future. He makes promises. And he keeps those promises. John the Baptist knew that. And his job was to let the people of Israel know it too.

Pastor Terry Defoe, Elder of NBLC. Advent 2024



CHRISTMAS COLOURS

As we reflect on the Christmas season, let us consider its vivid colours, present in the nativity scene by the manger.

BROWN:

Brown is the colour of the shepherds' clothes, the earthy tones of the donkey, the ox, and the camels. It is also the colour of the wooden manger cradling the baby Jesus. The brown of the shepherds' garments speaks of work and sweat, of the burden of toil, and the drabness of daily life. It reminds us of the brokenness of this world and the hardships we endure. Yet, it also reminds us that Jesus came to walk alongside us, embracing our struggles and sharing in the human condition. Brown points to the reality that the Christmas event—the Christ event—is not yet fully realized. We live in the "in-between" time, where we taste the joy of heaven but await its fullness. In this time, we find comfort, hope, and the promise of salvation as we navigate the brokenness of our fallen world.

RED:

Red is the warmth of the fire that kept the newborn baby warm. It is the rosy glow of His soft skin as He lay quietly in the manger. It is also the red of candy canes, poinsettias, and the joy that fills this season. Red symbolizes excitement, happiness, and the salvation that became ours through the Christ event. This vibrant colour embodies the joy and togetherness that Christmas brings. It's the red of a jolly man's suit, the flicker of a fire on a cold winter's night, and the celebrations shared with loved ones. Red ties together the excitement and joy of this holy night when salvation came to us through the baby in the manger.

WHITE:

White is the colour of the angels' robes, the coats of the lambs, and the swaddling clothes that wrapped the infant Jesus. The angels who announced His birth appeared as a brilliant white light in the heavens. Today, white often blankets the land as snow, a symbol of purity and newness. In the Bible, white represents cleansing and redemption. It reminds us of the reconciliation God brought to the world through the baby in the manger. The Christ event marked the beginning of a divine process that would reconcile creation to its Creator.

The birth of Jesus is more than a tender story of a baby born in a humble stable. It is a celebration of redemption, a time of joy because the bridge between God and His children has been restored. The Christmas event is a profound act of love, uniting heaven and earth and offering us a new beginning.

JESUS IS GOD'S SIGN OF HIS LOVE FOR US AND HIS POWER TO FORGIVE OUR WRONGS.

JESUS IS GOD'S GIFT OF SALVATION, A PACKAGE OF PEACE, HOPE, JOY, AND LOVE!

This is the true meaning of Christmas.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Paulo Brum, Pastor of NBLC



SEMI-ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At the latest Semi-Annual General meeting we had on Nov. 24, I presented the current financial condition of New Beginnings. It seems like wishful/unrealistic thinking that God will give us what we need – even though we can't see how. Another word for wishful thinking is faith. After the meeting, I was reminded of this portion of Scripture from the book of Malachi:

Malachi 3:10-11

“Bring the whole tithe (10%) into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the LORD Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not drop their fruit before it is ripe,” says the LORD Almighty. “Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land,” says the LORD Almighty.

God, through the prophet, was reminding the people of Israel of what He had done for them and what He asked of them – that they bring their offerings to Him as required by the Law. He was also reminding them of what the reward was for doing that – He even asks them to TEST HIM. We are no longer bound by the law of sacrifice, but we live by faith in Christ. However, I think the principle still applies – we give to God and He will pour out His blessings on us. Right now, it seems the 80-20 principle applies – that is 80% of all the money is coming from 20% of our members. I am grateful to those who faithfully give and support our ministries, but I'd like to encourage others to examine their giving and see if they can trust that God can and will provide for their needs.

One of the points I was trying to make at the meeting is that God will provide for all our needs and beyond our needs if we are willing to step out in faith and trust Him. This applies, not just to the church, but to our personal lives as well. If we are willing to give to His ministries to bless His people and through us – this city - then He will pour out blessings to us that we cannot believe right now – both financial, spiritual and physical. I believe that He wants to do that with us – to use us to touch the lives of many people around us – if we are willing to trust Him with all that we have here and now.

In the new year to come, let's try an experiment – to TEST HIM - and see if He will not do as He has said. I believe that we will see amazing things!

Cam Thomas, Officer of NBLC



COMING SOON

Songs for Souls



On December 8th, we invite you to Songs for Souls! Our bake sale kicks off at 6:15pm, followed by a joyful music concert at 7 pm featuring our talented musicians. Enjoy delicious baked goods while supporting a great cause. Everyone is welcome to come, share in the festive spirit, and donate as you feel led. Let's come together to celebrate and uplift our community!

Christmas Eve

Join us for a special Christmas Eve service on December 24 at 5 PM as we celebrate the joy and hope of Christ's birth! It's a time for worship, reflection, and togetherness as we welcome the Saviour into our hearts. All are welcome!



NB Choir at Seniors Homes

Our choir is presenting at three Seniors Homes this year!!

- Dec 11 - Broadway Terrace @ 7 pm
- Dec 17 - College Park 2 @ 7 pm
- Dec 18 - Qu'Appelle House @ 7 pm

DO YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED?



SOULS HARBOUR

Our Souls Harbour gathering in November was a tremendous success! Our volunteers prepared and served supper for many hungry folks at Souls! Such a blessing to be able to have this Ministry. Mark your calendars Dec 8th for our Songs for Souls Concert. Your generosity helps fund this Ministry opportunity to do as God asks and "feed the hungry"!

BAPTISM

Celebrating new beginnings! In November, we rejoiced as four individuals made their public declaration of faith through baptism. We praise God for these new believers and the powerful work He's doing in our church family.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

Honouring the brave men and women who served and sacrificed for our freedom. On Remembrance Day, we pause to reflect, remember, and give thanks for their courage and dedication. Lest we forget!





WHO WE ARE

New Beginnings Lutheran Church is a local Regina church affiliated with Lutheran Church Canada. We are committed to serving our Lord Jesus and to serving the community of Regina so that all can come to know Him as Lord and redeemer. Our church is organized into key leadership groups: Officers, Elders, Committees and Ministries.

December brings new opportunities for connection and reflection within our church community. We invite all families to engage in our activities as we continue to cultivate dedicated and enthusiastic followers of Christ.

"You make known to me the path of life; in your presence, there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore".
(Psalm 16:11)

If you want to support us, there are several ways to submit an offering:

1. **In person** on Sundays or drop off during the week
 2. **Mail** - NBLC 1037 Victoria Ave. Regina S4P 0N6
 3. **Etransfer** - lutheranchurchnewbeginnings31@gmail.com
- Question - name our pastor



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