



2024 Annual Report

Lakeview United Church

3200 McCallum Ave. Regina SK

*Christ Centred, Mission Focused,
Love Filled and Spirit Guided*

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION OF LAKEVIEW UNITED CHURCH,
REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN, HELD ON MARCH 23, 2025 IN PERSON AND ON LINE**

Agenda

A list of attendees at the meeting will be circulated for attachment to the Minutes of the Meeting.

1. Welcome to Members, Adherents and Guests (Kenneth Ready, Board Chair).

Rev. Brenda Curtis appears at this meeting as a representative of Ministry and Regional Council and in the absence of a Lakeview Minister.

Quorum.

2. Opening Prayer
3. Appointment of a Recording Secretary for the meeting

It is the practice of the Lakeview Congregation to include all in the proceedings before this Congregation who have identified an allegiance to Lakeview, whether as a Member or as an Adherent

Voting:

That all persons present as Members or Adherents of Lakeview Congregation be permitted to vote on all matters coming before this meeting.

Recording Secretary

That _____ be appointed as the Recording Secretary for the Meeting

4. Approval of the Agenda

Motion that the Agenda for this Meeting as Published, be approved.

5. Approval of the Minutes of the 2023 Annual Congregational Meeting held on March 17, 2024

Motion that the Minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting held on March 17, 2024 as Published in the Annual Report, be approved.

6. Recognition and memory of the passing of members of the Congregation in 2023 and a moment of Silence
7. Remarks by the Chair of the Meeting (Kenneth Ready)

12. Approval of the appointment of Members to the Church Teams as published in the Agenda:

Operations Team

Rodger McDonald as Chair which includes Finance (Ron Hopkinson) and Building Use (Lily Tingley and Beverly Roberts) and Bob Allen, Dennis Miller, Bill Jensen and Gord Nylén

Ministry and Personnel

Judy Ready as Chair and Karen Hack, Marion Kelly, Gord Layman

The Dinner Committee

Penny Penniston Chair and the many members and friends of Lakeview who make up this finely tuned group who can put on a pretty nice function

A/V Team

Ron & Margaret Hopkinson, Lily & Bill Tingley, Chandra Mark, and Bojin Ouyang

Caring Committee

Margaret Hopkinson, Ron Hopkinson, Floralyn Wessel, Becky Canham and Mary Ann McFadyen

Hospitality Committee

Kathy White/ Rob Bredin/ Judy Ready

The Board of Trustees

Paul Korpan (Chair), Dale Canham and Mary Ann McFadyen

Worship and Music Committee

Nathan Pylypuk
Judy Ready
Erin Shoemaker
Vicky Klatt
Emily Ready

IN MEMORIAM 2024

Those we loved and lost in 2024

Christine Wallenberg - March 24

Lydia Bonk – May 31

George Cooper – April 10

Kenneth Fawcett – July 16

Herbert Roberts – May 14

Lois Griffin – Oct 15

Laura Seidlitz – May 23

Joyce Hodder – Oct 25

Romans 8: 38-39 I am sure that nothing can separate us from God's love—not life or death, not angels or spirits, not the present or the future, and not powers above or powers below. Nothing in all creation can separate us from God's love for us in Christ Jesus our Lord

19. Approval of the Agenda

Motion that the Agenda for this Meeting as Published, be approved.

Moved by Flora Lynn Wessel

Seconded by Judy Ready

In favour All

Opposed None

Carried

20. Approval of the Minutes of the 2022 Annual Congregational Meeting held on March 26, 2023

Motion that the Minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting held on March 26, 2023 as Published in the Annual Report, be approved.

Moved by Lily Tingley

Seconded by Alison Elliott

In favour All

Opposed None

Carried

21. Recognition and memory of the passing of members of the Congregation in 2023 and a moment of Silence (Margaret Hopkinson)

22. Remarks by the Chair of the Meeting (Kenneth Ready)

The Meeting was referred to the Chair's Report as published in the Annual Reports for the AGM.

23. Remarks by the Minister (Carla Blakley)

24. Report of the Treasurer (Ron Hopkinson) including:

(d) Acceptance of the Financial Reviews for the year 2023

Motion to accept the Financial Review for the year 2023, as presented

Moved by Ron Hopkinson

Seconded by Dennis Miller

Discussion

Ready for the Question

In favour All

Opposed None

Carried

25. Presentation and Acceptance of the Visionary Board, Congregational Teams and Ministers Reports for 2023, as submitted

Motion to accept all of the Reports before the Congregation for the year 2023 as submitted

*Moved by Ken Ready
Seconded by Alison Elliott
Discussion
Ready for the Question*

*In favour All
Opposed None
Carried*

26. Election of the Officers and Members of the Visionary Board

The Members of the Visionary Board, proposed to be elected at this Meeting for the term ending with the next Annual General Meeting:

Kenneth Ready, Chair
Ron Hopkinson
Bob Allen
Allison Elliott
Karen Hack

Ex officio Rev Carla Blakley

*Moved by Ken Ready
Seconded by Ron Hopkinson
Discussion*

*In favour All
Opposed None
Carried*

27. Approval of the appointment of Members to the Church Teams as published in the Agenda:

All those persons whose name has been noted in the Agenda are elected to serve on the respective team for the term ending with the Next Annual general Meeting

*Moved by Paul Korpan
Seconded by Lily Tingley
Discussion*

*In favour All
Opposed None
Carried*

**Rev Carla Blakley is a member ex officio of all Church Teams saving Finance and Ministry and Personnel.

28. Old Business

29. New Business

On behalf of the Congregation, Paul Korpan thanked the Board for its work during the year past

30. Closing Prayer

Motion to adjourn Margaret Hopkinson

Adjourned at _____

Report of the Church Visionary Board to the Lakeview Congregation

March 23, 2025

This is the Report of the Visionary Board, on the occasion of the Annual General Meeting of the Congregation of Lakeview United Church, Regina, Saskatchewan for the year ending December 31, 2024. It is a record of the life and work of the Congregation and a resource for interested readers looking back on Lakeview over the past year.

I should make it clear that a short sentence or two about a project or accomplishment is not a measure of the value of that effort. This report would necessarily need to be longer and more comprehensive to fully acknowledge the participants, the goals and the success of what we are doing.

So read this as a “snapshot” of life at Lakeview.

The Visionary Board:

The Visionary Board was established pursuant to the Model of Governance approved by the Congregation in 2015.

The current Members as of this date are:

Ken Ready, Chair

Ron Hopkinson, Treasurer

Bob Allen

Alison Elliott

Karen Hack

Janet Harvey (added in 2025)

The Visionary Board meets regularly, usually on the second Tuesday of every month, excepting July and August. The current normal is to meet in person, with Board members or guests attending via remote according to their circumstances.

From time to time, the Board invites members of Teams of the Board to attend Board meetings, or vice versa. Members of the Congregation are certainly welcome to attend at any time.

The format of a regular meeting is based loosely on a template that addresses the business referred to the Board or for which the Board is lawfully obliged to act.

At the very end of 2023 --- and now continuing into 2024 and beyond --- we received a sizeable payment from Sask Tel in conjunction with a project that will see the installation of a “cell phone/internet repeater” structure on our Bell Tower. For the next ten years, the Congregation will receive an annual payment of \$18,000 which will go some way to managing the significant financial demands of operating an institution like Lakeview Church. This continues to date with obvious financial impact.

It is noteworthy that we have continued to operate with a deficit (expenses v income) for Lakeview in the 2024 fiscal year. As a result of good choices and the obvious change in our circumstances (a change in Ministry being significant) we in fact ended 2024 with a relatively modest deficit. Nothing on the scale of past years.

In last year’s report I advised the Congregation that our continuing deficits were not sustainable. I used the phrase “we do need to turn this ship around in 2024 and going forward.”

To continue the metaphor, the wind was at our back for half of the year (ie no full- time minister’s salary), which was not predicted nor budgeted for. A good, albeit temporary outcome, financially but not for good reasons.

I don’t think we should be wringing our hands and worrying about how we get on a better and more solid footing. I think we need to understand what we are doing well, and keep doing it. And accept the risk that some ideas will work and some will not. And embrace the mantra that “if we build it, they will come”.

In 2024, we continued to work on:

Community Hub

We developed spaces in our building for what we hoped would be a small but vibrant and relevant “Community Hub”, consisting of professional resources who rent space at Lakeview and who bring benefits to not just Lakeview but the surrounding community. So far, a few starts in this direction, but presently a project that has not yet realized its potential

We continue to work on this idea.

New Projects

Development of projects that have a distinct financial impact, such as the SaskTel installation of repeaters, for the new 5G network. A successful undertaking.

end of the Marathon. And by the organization itself, who generously gifted \$400 to Lakeview with thanks.

Branding/ Social Media/Website:

We gave this some effort last year, limited to some extent by available resources.

Every week an emailed newsletter reaches a good number of our members.

We have access to good resources to bring these plans to life. In particular we recognize and thank Catherine Ready who has initiated many new ideas, updated what we had been doing and introduced new “touch points” between the Church and the members of the Congregation.

A social media presence is good for Lakeview. Not overwhelmingly so. But considerate of what we have time for and what the majority of our audience are interested in.

A more detailed report on the activities we are involved in around social media is found in the Annual Reports.

This is a valuable asset for us.

Streaming of our Sunday services:

This will always be a work in progress. We are only limited by our vision and the restraint of a responsible Treasurer.

Our YouTube Channel has a subscription of about 165 viewers. Arguably each viewer actually represents 2 individuals. Anyone watching a Sunday Service or other streamed programming will be able to see a note below the broadcast which shows the number of screens watching at any given moment in time and have watched that particular broadcast to date.

Our technology took a big step forward with the addition of a new camera and new streaming website. (The full cost of this plus some sound system enhancements totalling approximately \$6,500 was borne by an anonymous donor). The consistency of delivery has improved steadily since first introduced. Some of the glitches or interrupted viewing came about because the technology is new and the learning curve in how to operate this has taken a longer period of time than hoped for.

We are now in the period where improvements will be by small increments, but hopefully positive and worthwhile. (This new technology has many possibilities for a more polished production, better graphics, third party resources and remote operation). And as we get smarter, easier for others to operate.

It should be noted that whenever or wherever possible, if asked, we will provide this service.

Queer Connections YQR / Pride Parade/ Pride Sunday/ Pride Prom/ Transparent Group

This has been an interesting series of success stories for Lakeview.

Credit for many of the things that we now do in the Queer Community should be given to our past Minister Carla Blakley:

- (a) Queer Connections YQR is a group of high school age children who gather on select Friday nights at Lakeview under the supervision of several high school teachers (active and retired) to socialize in a safe space where their sexuality is not subject to judgment. It is a respectful use of our space, and is consistent with our declared support as an Affirming Ministry.
- (b) Pride Parade and Pride Sunday occurs in June every year. Lakeview has been a visible supporter of a part of our community that appreciate what we say and what we do.
- (c) Pride Prom is a celebration of graduation for Grade 12 students and supporters who get dressed up, enjoy a meal provided by our Dinner Committee and mark the occasion in our gymnasium with other like minded students from all over the City.
- (d) Transparent Group is a group of parents and caregivers of transgender children, who need a level of support that we have been able to provide. Meeting regularly, this is a self-funded group that addresses a very unique interest and need in the community

The Two Church Experience

In 2024, we embraced the former Tri Church Experience --- with the merger of Wesley and Sunset Church as Harmony Congregation --- we are now down to two. We will share Sunday Services over the summer months again this year.

Worship and Music

Worship is the reason we exist. It is the common denominator for each and every one of us coming to Church. How we “produce” this for our members and guests is really the differentiator between Lakeview and every other Christian congregation in Regina.

We enjoy the contributions of musical guests from time to time, as well as the dependable contributions of our praise band. This is a versatile group that has happily embraced being a part of a pretty ambitious program. And our choir who enjoy the fellowship that comes with singing in a church choir, always in tune and in time with the music.

Narrative Budget – Lakeview United Church – 2025

We have budgeted for a deficit of \$10,000 in 2025 but that is being somewhat conservative with some of our income estimates. We are working at securing long-term professional tenants for our community HUB and adding more offices. Our budget assumes that we will have a minister in place starting in September and we will make use of pulpit supply and contracted pastoral care in the interim. We expect higher utility costs and our insurance costs have increased by 50% from 2024. There is considerable uncertainty around the impact of tariffs on our costs but if tariffs proceed, we can expect increased costs for goods and services. We have not budgeted for the impact of tariffs.

We have some new members involved with our audio visual services during worship. We are supporting LGBTQIA+ youth and a trans parents group. We have received approval for another New Horizons for Seniors grant to host another computer literacy session and at least one session on planning for death and end of life care. The role of the church is to welcome people, nurture them and equip them as followers of Jesus.

Our Plan for Ministry for 2025

A. To provide meaningful life-changing worship every week of the year

Experiential worship through music, prayer, creative liturgy and inspired sermons is a priority. The music and hymns are carefully chosen to complement the message of the day. Our music program includes the senior choir, the praise band, and the music talents of Nathan and other musicians. We expect to use our live streaming capability for special services as well as for regular Sunday worship for those who can't be with us in person. Hospitality and welcoming are an important part of our church's way of inviting newcomers to share in the fellowship that surrounds the worship service.

Includes a portion of the minister's, administrative assistant's and building superintendent's salaries, cost of utilities, office supplies and maintenance, organists' honorarium, pulpit supply and worship materials

\$133,000

B. To nurture persons in their faith journey

Our study group provides an opportunity to deepen the faith for individuals and the congregation as a whole. We will continue to support our children's ministry with an engaging and inspiring Sunday school program. We continue to host an active scouting program from Beavers to Venturers.

Includes a portion of the minister's, administrative assistants and building superintendent's salaries, cost of utilities, office supplies and maintenance, Sunday School leader, Sunday School supplies and other Christian education costs

\$56,900

AUDIO – VIDEO REPORT

The audio-video team (AV) is responsible for operating the electronic AV system for (1) LUC church services and (2) announcements, from its location in the balcony of the sanctuary. These Power Point presentations are displayed on monitors (screens) in the sanctuary, in the Welcome Center and in the main hallway.

- (1) Services include the regular Sunday worship services, funerals, weddings, special events, e.g. Christian Unity, Christmas Eve, Shrove Tuesday. The AV component includes ensuring that the sound system (pulpit microphones, Minister's/Choir Director/handheld wireless) are working properly at the correct volume, and the monitors in the sanctuary are displaying the appropriate power point presentations and, in some cases, videos with the accompanying musical audio, frequently requested by families at funerals and weddings.
- (2) Announcements include a scrolling list of events that are offered by LUC, other churches, and community organizations. These include upcoming happenings, e.g. UCW and Dinner Group events, Bible Study notices, community meetings, donation requests.

The volunteer teams in 2024 providing these services on a rotational basis were:

Brent Blakley (resigned in November 2024 due to other commitments)

Rod and Stacey Domoslai

Ron and Margaret Hopkinson

Bill and Lily Tingley

We were fortunate to recruit two new technicians who commenced volunteer responsibilities in January 2025: Chandra Mark and Bojin Ouyang. Welcome and Thank You!

We are grateful for the assistance of Cheryl Conly our office administrator who prepares the Power Point presentations, our Ministers and our congregation who contribute information to include in the announcements, and to Rob Bredin, Gord Nylen and Ron Hopkinson our hardware experts when the system goes down.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lily Tingley

March 6, 2025

CARING COMMITTEE (Visiting) AND PRAYER CIRCLE ANNUAL REPORT 2024

Our Caring Committee (visiting)-members in 2024 were Margaret and Ron Hopkinson, Floralyn Wessel, Becky Canham and Mary Ann McFadyen. The committee members made as many in person visits as possible, with additional phone visits. We tried to keep in regular touch with the people on the visiting tree, by each of us taking responsibility for one or more of our isolated friends. We also contacted the next of kin for all these people. All the visits and calls were warmly appreciated. It is still a joy to bring a smile into the voice or onto the face of those we visit.

The visiting list of those in need of special attention from our more able-bodied members was regularly updated. We grieved the loss of several of our more senior church friends in 2024 including Lois Griffin, Joyce Hodder and Herb Roberts. We sent Easter and Christmas cards to those on our visiting list and combined these with a special 'visit', where possible.

Invitations were sent out to the 'Quiet Christmas Service' held on Thursday Dec 12th. These were sent to each family who had lost a family member in 2024. This included members and adherents of Lakeview United Church as well as those others whose funerals were taken by Rev Carla Blakley or Rev Cheryl Toth and/or who were attending the grief groups. The service was in person and online and was led by Rev Cheryl Toth with music by Nathan Pylypuk.

The Prayer Circle continued to surround those in need of prayer, communicating the needs by email to a faithful group of 10 members. The members of the prayer circle were Ron and Margaret Hopkinson, Mary Ann Mc Fadyen, Becky Canham, Judy Ready, Alison Lohans, Bill Buchanan, Cameron Lowe, Floralyn Wessel and Virginia McKenzie. Many prayer requests or updates were sent out in this way.

Anyone requesting special prayers is welcome to contact Margaret at (639) 590-6719 or by email at m.hopkinson@sasktel.net

Margaret Hopkinson
Chair, Caring Committee

Music Director's Report 2025

I am blessed to lead the Music Ministry at Lakeview Church and acknowledge that this work would not be possible without the support of our Worship team and the dedicated musicians who volunteer their time and talents.

These include the members of our choir: Anne Karasin, Colleen Kembel, Margaret and Ron Hopkinson, John and Kathleen Law, Alison Lohans, Dennis Miller, Don Povey, Emily Ready, Blaine Scott, and Floralyn Wessel, as well as the members of the Praise ensemble: Stacey Domoslai, Lee and Ryan Elliott, Don Povey, and Nadine Smith.

I am also grateful for our Finance team and board who have provided additional funds in the budget to compensate those musicians who provide the Special Music. This has allowed us to also feature musicians from outside our congregation. This past year, we were able to feature David Hopkinson, Ron Hopkinson, Alison Lohans, Hannah Pottle, Don Povey, Emily Ready, Amanda Schenstead, and Marianne Woods. I look forward to welcoming them back along with other musicians.

It is with sadness here that I acknowledge the loss of Latricia Williams this past year. Latricia was a long-standing member of our congregation and a dedicated part of not only our choir but other ensembles in the city. She and her family remain in our thoughts and prayers and she is deeply missed.

Lastly, I would like to thank our Audio-Visual team and Ken Ready for managing the live stream. These people ensure our singers and instrumentalists are heard in the sanctuary and online

Thank you for continuing to entrust me with this important ministry at Lakeview Church. It is my hope that our work guides you deeper in meaningful worship.

Sincerely,

Nathan Pylypuk
Music Director and Organist
Lakeview United Church

DINNER COMMITTEE REPORT

Looking back, 2024 was a year of new considerations. The Covid restrictions were part of our past. We felt encouraged to open our doors, stretch out our arms and welcome our friends and neighbours inside to join us.

In March, we offered an in person, sit down style Irish Stew Supper on St Patrick's Day, Sunday March 17th. We served 108 persons who enjoyed both the meal and the wonderful entertainment provided by the Flatland Fiddlers. Our Lakeview family and neighbours seemed willing to come together as they had before our pandemic concerns. The Committee felt justified in our belief that people wanted to gather together, rather than eat their meals at home. But was that true?

On Friday May 10, we presented our Italian Supper as a take home style event. Would more people respond to this format, or would they miss the conviviality of community? Well, this time, 128 persons purchased dinner. Once again comments were very complimentary. Folks indicated that they enjoyed the food but apparently also endorsed the opportunity to have the meal in their own home. No clear definition yet of the most popular approach.

How then should we present the Fowl / Fall Supper? For decades we have welcomed the opportunity to celebrate the season, the harvest, the community, by gathering to feast together. Is the desire to gather still with us? To test the waters, we opted to serve an in person, sit down meal and looked for the support, or lack of it, to help us understand the wishes of our community. Once again the meal was well received and our attendees were very complimentary to our entertainers, Time of Our Lives. The results remained unclear. We hosted 119 guests.

What did we learn with our three meals in 2024? We remained confident in our ability to present a fine meal. More people attended the take home meal than the in person events. Price or day of the week did not seem to be a deciding factor. Sadly, support has not rebounded to pre-pandemic levels for either style of meal.

Going forward we will continue to puzzle over how best to serve our church community. As always we looked to our objectives for guidance:

- to provide an opportunity for the congregation to work together with humour and respect
- to generate new revenue dollars for the Lakeview community
- to provide for our church family and our surrounding neighbours an opportunity to come together for a pleasant evening.

Perhaps we need a refresher, a different style of event altogether. Times change, family schedules change and maybe we need to change as well. We will continue to think about all of this.

While format and style may remain unclear, we know some things with certainty. We know how very thankful we are for the support we receive from our community. We know you are there for us. This year our meals generated a profit of \$5,290 which is directed to the work and service of our church community under the direction of the Board. Countless volunteers come together to make these events possible and we thank each and every one of them.

Think of the Dinner Committee as 2025 rolls along. Consider joining us. All are welcome.

Respectfully submitted

Penny Penniston – for the Dinner Committee

**Lakeview United Church Women
Financial Statement at Dec 31 - 2024**

Opening Balance Jan 1 2024 **\$ 13,293.97**

Revenues – Net per Category:

New To You Sale	\$ 1,991.45
Catering and Funeral Receptions	8,710.86
Christmas Market	<u>4,258.16</u>

Total Annual Revenues **14,960.47**

Expenses:

Cleaning, Laundry and Kitchen Supplies	1,150.00
Gifts To Lakeview United Church:	
Operations Fund	7,500.00
Staff	300.00
Purchase of Freezer	1,694.63
Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning	1,165.50
Kitchen Renovation	6,593.50
Miscellaneous	323.61
Gift to Isobel Johnson Women's Centre	<u>1,000.00</u>

Total Annual Expenses **19,727.24**

Closing Balance, Dec 31 2024 **\$ 8,527.20**

OPERATIONS TEAM

As part of the modifications of Lakeview United Church governance structure, support teams were created effective March 2015. The Operations Team has responsibility for the “management, care and control of land, building, fixtures, contents and leased or rented goods of the church”. The team is a consolidation of the Property Committee, the Building Use Committee (as previous), the Finance Committee and Information Technology. Activities and issues identified by the Team or other church groups are inter-related and addressed by the Team.

Highlights of some developments in 2024 and early 2025 follow. Separate reports for Building Use and Finance are appended. It is noted that residual implications from the pandemic on church use still exists.

Building Structure

- Inspections and observations of the structure and its components are ongoing and attention is often required. The size, age, and support of the building on Regina’s clay soil lends itself to some movement which creates cracks in walls and surfaces. Dry weather is not helpful. Wall cracks continue to develop. Support columns have to be periodically adjusted.
- Concrete at the main entrance was repaired.
- Insurance costs for the building and internal features have increased.
- An updated appraisal of the building and contents was obtained.
- Some modifications to the bell tower associated with the SaskTel project were undertaken.
- Work and modifications to the gym and the kitchen area as identified by UCW in consultation with the OT were completed.
- The admin entrance doors and the security control system were upgraded.

Plumbing, Heating and Fire Protection

- Plumbing and electrical issues were addressed as necessary.
- The aging electrical system is due for an assessment and possible upgrades.
- The heating system had limited modifications and generally performed satisfactorily with some maintenance requirements.
- Fire suppression needs and timely inspections were addressed.

Operations Team - Building Use Report

Lakeview continues to rent space to several long-time tenants. The gym is especially busy in the evenings and Saturdays. There are also a few organizations that rent storage space only. According to our Treasurer, Lakeview received nearly \$97,000 in rental income in 2024.

Lakeview was the location for the Regina Lyric Musical Theatre winter performances again in 2024. We continue to welcome the small worship group in the Chapel on Sunday afternoons and Queer Connections YQR, a group of allied and queer high school age youth, who come together twice a month at Lakeview, an all-inclusive welcoming space.

The kitchen continues to be a hub of activity with the UCW Lunch Ladies/Baking Group and the New Horizons Seniors' Planning Program lunches.

Thank you to Joan Ziffle, who continues to be the On Site Rep for off-hours events at Lakeview. This role provides valuable support for Lakeview Clergy during funerals and weddings as well as support for renters (provide access to the church and lockup afterwards, be onsite &/or a contact should support be needed, basic cleaning after weekend events so that the church is acceptable for morning worship). The service charge for the On Site Rep is included in the rental charge and is not a Lakeview expense.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Conly
Office Admin/Building Use Coordinator

Outreach 2025 Report

Once again, the outreach committee's main event provided hampers to the Imperial Community school. With the help of grant funding from Share the Warmth sponsored by SaskEnergy, each family member received at least one article of warm clothing, either sweatpants, sweaters or flannel shirts, plus pairs of thick warm socks. Members of LUC knitted hats and mitt sets, and Abadoo Promotions donated sweatshirts, all items were wrapped and included in the hampers. Plus, a \$100.00 cheque was provided to Imperial Community School to purchase age-appropriate fun scholastic books for the children of the families. Members of the congregation also provided games and puzzles for the children and their families to work on together over the holidays.

The congregational members actively participated by contributing cash of over \$1326, and by donating food, games, and puzzles for each family. On December 18, volunteers wrapped gifts, assembled the food (ham and milk -partially donated by Fresco-), eggs, bacon, carrots, potatoes, oranges, cereal, granola bars, powder juice, bread, jams, dessert, cookies, cereal, pasta, spaghetti sauce) and placed the correct sizes of clothing for each family in each hamper, which were delivered to the school for distribution.

We purchased clothes for a total of 75 people to be included in the hampers. The money received from the Share the Warmth grant provided us with the ability to purchase articles of clothing for all the family members. We are truly grateful as are the recipients of the hampers and the school's principal and teachers. We say THANK YOU for allowing us to help others in our community. Together we can all make a difference in others' lives.

Once again Lakeview United Church was also able to provide a cheque for \$300.00 dollars to Coronation Park Community school to help with their community Christmas supper for the children and their families.

The next event in partnership with the UCW is the New to You sale April 4 and 5th. Once again, we are asking for the congregation's help to provide 'treasures and trinkets to sell at this community event, and to help set-up, sell, and tear-down over the two days. It is a huge commitment but is well received by the community. A portion of the funds will go to the Isabel Johnson Center at the YWCA, a domestic violence service in Regina.

Thank You

Kathy White

2nd Regina Scout Group

I am providing this report to the congregation of Lakeview United Church, to help its members understand what we do and the importance of the Church's sponsorship of our Group.

The 2nd Regina is the oldest and largest Scout Group in the province. It is reported to have assisted in relating communications when telephones went down in the aftermath of the 1912 Regina Cyclone.

The 2nd Regina and the Church have a continuous relationship spanning some 60 or more years. The Group has used the Church as its home since the Church was built and opened to the community.

The Group has over 60 registered Youth Members in Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. Of these, there are 33 Beavers (Grades kindergarten, one and two) with a waiting list for new Beavers. The high membership numbers at this level provide a foundation for sustained and future growth.

The Group has 15 registered adult Leaders. These Leaders are volunteers. Parental participation is strong.

All Sections meet at different times every Thursday evening at the Church, during the school year.

The essential pillars of any successful scouting program are outdoor experiences and challenges, where youth work together and non-competitive group collaborations. The 2nd Regina is highly active in its outdoor programming. It organizes at least one outdoor weekend event every month, including winter months.

It participates in an annual wilderness Program Camp in Cypress Hills. Camp is a true wilderness camp, with no buildings or other permanent infrastructure. This program is a progressive five-year program that challenges Youth to learn outdoor survival practices, orienteering, hiking and self-discipline. Youth who graduate from the program will have hiked some five days in small groups in the wilderness without external supports, with each youth spending the last 36 hours finishing the hike alone.

For many of its youth members, the 2nd Regina provides them with their only outdoor camping experiences.

The 2nd Regina is a strong and stable organization. It mentors other start-up groups and Leaders from other Groups. It organizes the province's largest and longest sustained bottle drive in the province, a drive that has collected bottles in the Lakeview area since the 1960s and fills a semi-trailer twice a year. It organizes an annual Christmas tree pickup and recycling program. Last Christmas, it picked up over 800 trees. It invites other groups to participate in these fundraisers, to assist in raising funds for their groups.



Annual Report about 2024

to our

Supporting Churches & Friends

Annual Report to our Friends and Supporters

Winter 2025

During the past year (2024) ICF continued to serve in North Central Regina.

Through the collaboration of volunteers from the community, supporting churches, and staff the ministry continued to provide these services:

- Morning Prayer ceremonies from Tuesday through Friday
- Coffee, tea and snack after the morning Prayer Ceremony (about 20,000 visits)
- Preparation of 120 sandwiches for distribution at Trinity Lutheran Church from Tuesday through Friday with volunteers from Bread of Life Lutheran, Sonlight CRC, Our Savior's Lutheran, Eastside United, and Christ Lutheran.
- A soup and bannock meal each Wednesday (almost 5,000 including more than 600 deliveries)
- A selection of clothing, furniture, household appliances, and more through the Community Sharing Time each Thursday afternoon
- Bedding supplies (Mattresses, box springs, bed frames) on Fridays
- A Family Breakfast each Saturday morning (@ 6,000 meals including @ 600 deliveries)

Additionally, the ministry provided space and support for various groups, including:

- An AA (Alcoholics Anonymous meeting) each Tuesday evening
- A monthly meeting of the Indigenous Grandmother Support Network on the 2nd Friday
- A monthly meeting of the Intercultural Grandmothers Uniting on the 3rd Friday

The ministry was pleased to host a Christian Indigenous music concert in July 2024 featuring Falynn Baptiste and Jonathan Maracle with his group Broken Walls.

The Ceremonial Garden also provided a venue for an inaugural Prayer Service on the evening of the national Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day).

Looking forward to 2025, Indigenous Christian Fellowship hopes:

- to host the premier exhibit of the art series "Home Fires Teachings"
- continue development of the Ceremonial Garden and completion of repairs to the roof
- review and revision of the ministry's bylaws
- recruitment of a new Executive Director to replace Bert Adema

The Council and staff of Indigenous Christian Fellowship thank our friends and supporters for your continued support through another year.

Bert Adema, ICF Executive Director

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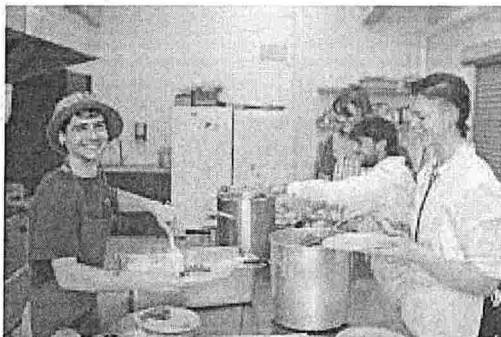
2023-2024

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Wow, what a whirlwind this year has been! The old dining hall came down a few days after camp wrapped last summer, and a team of talented professionals led by FoxTail Carpentry spent the next nine months rebuilding it, while simultaneously, some passionate volunteers spent that time securing funding to complete this dream. So much hard work went into this major capital project and I couldn't be prouder. Thank you to all those who donated their time, money, and talent to help us get over the finish line! And get over it we did! Camp training started on time with a fully functioning kitchen and dining hall and it is a wonderful new

space that all campers and staff spent lots of time in this summer. LBC provided eight overnight camps and four weeks of day camps throughout the summer of 2024. All together we provided programming for 579



campers. As we wind down another camping season, I'd like to express a giant thank you to our amazing community that shows up for us time and time again when needs arise. Next summer will mark 120 years of camping out at LBC, and year after year, generation after generation, committed and wonderful folks keep lending a hand and helping us to provide amazing life experiences for young people in our province and I think that's always worth celebrating!

2024 by the Numbers:

- We had another year of 4 Day Camps and 8 Overnight sessions.
- In total, we had 579 registrations!
- LBC hosted 5 rental groups this year. This was lower than normal due to Dining Hall construction.
- Through grants, partnerships and donations, we were able to provide some level of financial assistance to 54 campers!
- 100% of families said they would recommend LBC



Financial Information:

-In 2023-2024, LBC had a Net Income of \$16,200

-We also paid off the majority of the \$1.3 million Dining Hall build, with one small loan remaining.

-Wesley United Church donated \$372,522.26!

-Many communities of faith have stepped up and donated to camp and the dining hall project. We are so grateful for your support.