

Lakeview United Affirming Statement

You deserve to be welcomed here.

We strive to insure there are no barriers to inclusion within the Lakeview community: all races, ethnicities, genders, orientations, gender identities, abilities, ages, and people of all socioeconomic status, are welcome.

It is imperative that we recognize the value of diversity and are committed to embracing each individual with joy, compassion and love.

At Lakeview we believe that our community, the ministries which they undertake and the assets which it owns are to be used by all to promote equality and love. Lakeview is committed to seeking out all races, ethnicities, genders, orientations, gender identities, abilities, ages, and people of all socioeconomic status to serve in all levels of governance, committees. Your voice is important and welcomed.

This is our pledge, that we will do our best to welcome you here.

Treaty 4 Territory

We are privileged to gather today in Treaty 4 Territory which is the traditional territory of the Cree peoples and the homeland of the Métis people.

Order of Service – March 30, 2025 Fourth Sunday in Lent

Prelude Welcome & Announcements & Land Acknowledgement Moment of Silence

Lenten Response with Lighting of Candles: #125 More Voices – When a Grain of Wheat (x2)

Call to Worship (responsive on screen)

Prayer of the Day

Call to Confession Prayer of Confession (on screen) **Assurance of Pardon**

Opening Hymn: #395 Voices United – Come In, Come In and Sit Down (vs 1, 2

& 4)

Hebrew Scripture Reading: Joshua 5: 9-12

Responsorial Psalm: #759 Voices United – Psalm 32

New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21

Special Music: *Emily Ready –* Hosea

Gospel Reading: Luke 15: 1- 3, 11b - 32

Reflection

Hymn of the Day: #89 More Voices – Love is the Touch

A New Creed (on screen)

The Prayers of the People (response on screen)

Sharing the Peace (responsive on screen)

Offertory Prayer (on screen)

The Lord's Prayer (on screen)

Benediction

Closing Hymn: #127 More Voices – I Saw the Rich Ones

Dismissal: (responsive on screen)

Thank you to all who helped in today's service!

Worship Leader: Pastor Cheryl Toth Music Director: Nathan Pylypuk Special Music: Emily Ready

Readers: Ken Ready **AV:** Ron Hopkinson

Communications/Social Media: Catherine Ready Hospitality: Kathy White/ Rob Bredin/Judy Ready

In case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Rev Cheryl Toth at 306-591-5924.

Looking Ahead:

Sunday, April 13 – Palm Sunday

Friday, April 18 – Good Friday

Sunday, April 20 – Easter Sunday with communion

Lakeview Newsletter: If you would like to receive the Lakeview email newsletter, please email your name to Cheryl C. in the office at lakeviewuc@sasktel.net and she will have you added.

Sundays in Lent: Each Sunday we will be counting the weeks of Lent with planted bulbs at various stages of growth

Lenten Practice: Self-Examination and Penitence

Today's gospel tells the parable of the Prodigal Son who comes to understand that he has broken key relationships in his life. He longs to repair them. That moment of insight is at the heart of the Lenten practice of self-examination and penitence.

Self-examination is a way of looking at your life to gain insight, seek forgiveness and grow in awareness. Penitence is a way of expressing sorrow and seeking reconciliation with God, a person or a community. If you want to learn more:

- Speak with Pastor Cheryl about this.
- **Download the** *Pray as You Go* **app.** It's free and created by the Jesuits in Britain. They have a section called Examen Prayer that introduces you the practice of self-

examination in a thorough and supportive way.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Lakeview "Treasures & Trinkets" NEW 2 U Sale</u> is coming up on Friday, April 4 from 4:00 – 7:30 & Saturday, April 5 from 9:00 – noon.

Donations: If you have items to donate **prior to April 4**: clothing, dishes, glassware, toys, games, sports equipment, books, small appliances, please bring them to the church and place them on the stage in the gym between 9:30 and 3:00 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays.

Regina CGIT lt's that time of year again. The Regina CGIT are selling plants through Growing Smiles. It may still be chilly outside but it is never too early to start dreaming of warmer days in our gardens. The orders are due by April 30th, 2025, and the pick-up date is May 16th. We thank you for your support. Proceeds will be going towards CGIT programming and outreach. This link will take you to our website: https://rcgit.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home

<u>Heritage United Garage Sale</u> – Thurs, April 24: 10 – 7 pm, Fri, April 25: 10 – 2 pm. For more information call Heritage church office 306-949-8377



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An Affirming Ministry in Lakeview

