

The **2018 Income Tax Receipt** has been sent to everyone who contributed to SPUC in 2018 by email or by mail. If you didn't receive it, please feel free to let church office admin know. Thanks to all of your financial support!

Evelyn Bowman is in need of mid-weight wool for knitting baby blankets. Thank you in advance!

CLB 3-4 English students will join us for the **Free Community Soup Lunch Wednesdays February 20@ noon** in the Hall. Please come and enjoy the delicious soup, and also have conversations with these students, give them a chance to practice their English.

Join Rev. Deb Walker on **Wednesday afternoons** after soup lunch for a video series, "**Violence Divine, overcoming the Bible's Betrayal of its Non-Violent God**" Featuring John Dominic Crossan. This is an eight-week study that will take us right to Lent.

Are you ready for some pancakes St Paul's style? **Pancake Supper is cooking Tuesday March 5 @5:00-6:30 in the church Hall.** Invite your family! Invite your friends! Stay tuned for more information.

The **Blanket Exercise** which is held on **Wednesday, March 6 @7pm in the Hall** is based on participatory popular education methodology and the goal is to build understanding about our shared history as Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada by walking through pre-contact, treaty-making, colonization and resistance. Everyone is actively involved as they step onto blankets that represent the land, and into the role of First Nations, Inuit and later Métis peoples. By engaging on an emotional and intellectual level, the Blanket Exercise effectively educates and increases empathy. For more info, please visit the [*KAIROS Blanket Exercise*](#) website.

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What better way to spend a cold afternoon in February than with a good book? ***Seven Fallen Feathers*** is an insightful, rather disturbing and perhaps necessary read. Join other readers for Book Club style discussions being offered **February 20 at 7 pm and March 6 at 1:30 pm** in the Front Lounge. Don't forget - Lent is just around the corner. Why not add a small group to your Lenten journey? Sessions begin the week of **March 11** using the resource ***Everyday Skeptics*** which is available for purchase at the church office for \$15. For more information regarding Spiritual Growth Groups, contact Cheryl Wilken at c.wilken@shaw.ca

Men, women and children of all ages are invited to join together on **Friday March 1st @3pm at the Cathedral of the Holy Family** (123 Nelson road) for a ***World Day of Prayer*** worship service. This year's theme "**Come - Everything is Ready**" was prepared by the women of Slovenia. This service is open to all churches. Refreshments and fellowship will follow.

Next Visionary Board meeting – February 28 @Front Lounge

The church office will be closed Monday, February 19 for the Family Day.

SPUC's **Annual General Meeting** is set for Sunday, March 10 @ 11:30 am after worship service.

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We inhabit the land of TREATY 6. May we live in respect.

Parable and Story

February 17, 2019 @ 10:30 A.M.

Welcome to the folks from AIDS Saskatoon who are sharing their stories with us this morning!

Jesus is again in teaching mode. He is by the shore of Galilee and he is using story and parables to explore what the Kingdom of God is like. Those hearing, and close enough to ask questions, say: "why do you speak like this, why tell us stories?" Jesus tells them, that stories are the only thing that will open our hearts. We have hardened our hearts, shut our eyes and stopped listening to what God is staying and doing in the world. Stories are the only thing that will reach us, penetrate our fenced off hearts and open us to transformation. The kingdom of God is like: a rich harvest, a banquet table, a mustard seed, a measure of yeast, a net thrown into the sea, a sower of seeds. We are responsible for telling our own stories of what the Kingdom looks like, and we are responsible for bringing about the justice and grace of that Kingdom. Tell me a story.

Scripture of today: Matt 13: 24-35, 36-43

Bedrock Belief: God's Love Never Quits

Seed of Learning: Your favourite childhood story.

Prayer for Today:

Lord of stories, Jesus taught us through stories and the wisdom of the shared word. Teach us through your stories that we may learn, grow, and love. For the sake of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.