

The Greenwise Gazette

Tending to Creation at Immanuel Anglican Church, Regina

Chasing the Winter Blues Away



Regina's Winter Festival was held February 4 – 13, 2022. Here are some pictures submitted by a few parishioners



and Kid's Quest families showing how they participated

What are Ants doing in my house?

Believe it or not, ants play an important role in our environment. Ants turn and aerate the soil, allowing water and oxygen to reach plant roots. They take seeds down into their tunnel to eat the nutritious part of the seed. These seeds often sprout and grow new plants. Ants eat a wide variety of organic material and other insects, and provide food for many different organisms.

Ants come into the house (or our church!) to scavenge for food and water. When they do, they leave their own scent behind as a map for their friends.



Here are a few safe, DIY ways to keep the ants at bay in your house:

Remove the scent they leave behind by:

- Mix glass cleaning spray with dish soap in a clean spray bottle. Spray the mixture on areas where the ants show up. Repeat as needed.
- Sprinkle Ground Black or Red Pepper around your baseboards.
- Mix 10 to 20 drops of peppermint essential oil with 2 cups of water in a clean plastic spray bottle. Spray the mixture around the baseboards. Repeat as needed

For other safe DIY methods, check out this link:

[Healthline-How to Kill and repel Ants Safely](#)

Easy Ways to Feed the Birds

For Valentine's day, our Kids Quest kids made bird feeders using pipe cleaners bent into heart shapes, with cheerios strung on them. This one has been hanging for a few days, but the birds don't seem to be too interested!

If anyone tried the suggestions from last month and have some pictures to share, we'd love to hear from you.



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Recycling Corner

Hangers: Do you have a closet with a bunch of wire hangers that you no longer need or use? Bregg Cleaners will happily take them off your hands!
<https://breggcleaners.com/>



Bags: The city of Regina's Plastic Checkout Bag Ban Bylaw is now in effect. Remember to bring your reusable bags with you on shopping trips!

[City of Regina Plastic Bag Bylaw](#)

Bottles, Cans, etc.

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Spring is on the way!

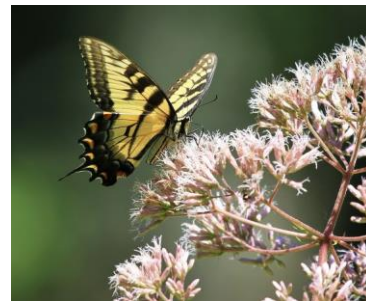
Mother nature teased us a bit in February, giving us a few days with temperatures around or above 0. Then back into the deep freeze – but it got us thinking about all the things we want to do in the spring.

With help from the grant we received from the Anglican Foundation in their **Say Yes! To Kids** initiative, we will be building a children's garden along the south side of the hall building.



The west side of our property is currently grassed, and is a storm channel. The city has agreed to allow us to plant a native garden in that space, attracting butterflies, bees, and other essential insects for a healthy ecosystem.

We will then be able to become part of the Butterflyway project. [Butterflyway website](#) This is a volunteer-led movement that is growing habitat for bees and butterflies in neighbourhoods throughout Canada.



Check out what's happening on the Nature Regina

[website](#)
[Instagram](#)
[Facebook](#)
[YouTube](#)



Saskatoon has a great website focusing on native gardens with some YouTube videos that are worth watching. Here are a couple you might want to tune into: [Growing Native Plants for Seeds](#) and [Gardening with Native Plants](#)

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