

The Greenwise Gazette

Tending to Creation at Immanuel Anglican Church, Regina

Regina 2024 Seedy Saturday

March 2 at St. Paul's Cathedral, 1861 McIntyre St. 10 am to 3 pm. This event is where local farmers, gardeners, and seed suppliers come together to share, trade and sell seeds of various plants. You'll find a wide selection of heirloom and organic seeds, as well as seedlings and plants.



In addition, there will also be informative workshops and presentations on topics such as gardening techniques, composting, and sustainable living.

Recycled Seat Belts

In Revelstoke, BC a small organization is taking seat belts from cars that are no longer operational and making them into purses and bags of all kinds. Each belt is thoroughly cleaned before being re-made. Every bag is a one of a kind. Available at <https://shopreworks.ca/> in Calgary, or at craft sales!



Forest Fires in Canada

Because of climate change, the number of hot days in Canada is growing. Nearly half of wildfires are started by Lightning, and forest fires ignited by lightning represent more than 80% of the total area burned. And because of climate change, lightning storms are becoming more frequent.

Can we slow the cycle? Some are recommending that we look at fire management and that restoring Indigenous governance of the land will help. We also need to take climate change seriously and do all we can to transition away from use of fossil fuels. More information can be found at this [LINK](#)

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Have stuff you don't need anymore?

A perfect way to stop items from going to the landfill is to offer them to someone else who can use them.



Immanuel is holding a **Garage Sale** on June 27, 28, and 29. When you're doing your spring cleaning, save anything that you don't need any more for our Garage sale.

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DIY recipes that kill germs

Hand sanitizer

Time to make: under five minutes

Shelf life: shouldn't expire

- 60 ml (4 Tbsp) pure aloe gel
- 125 ml (½ cup) grain alcohol (e.g., vodka) or rubbing alcohol
- 5-8 drops tea tree or thyme essential oil

Mix and store in a squeeze bottle. Optional: add 30 ml of vegetable glycerin to combat the alcohol's drying effect. Boost this recipe by reducing aloe to 30 millilitres and choosing rubbing alcohol.



Hand spray

Time to make: under five minutes

Shelf life: about six months

- 250 ml (1 cup) pre-boiled water (to kill bacteria) or distilled water
- 60 ml (¼ cup) witch hazel
- 10 drops of tea tree essential oil
- 10 drops of eucalyptus essential oil

Witch hazel has significant antibacterial and antimicrobial properties. It can be bought in bulk at most health food stores. Mix and store in a spray bottle. Use as a refreshing germ-fighting spray for hands and surfaces!

Always be mindful of allergies and skin sensitivities when making body care products. First conduct a patch test.

Olla Watering

An olla is a unique water catchment system that can be used in container gardens and garden beds to assist in reducing the amount of watering required. Olla is pronounced *oh-ya* which means “pot” in Spanish. It is an ancient watering system - essentially clay pots that slow-release moisture to plant roots under the ground.



Ollas are low-tech and zero energy. Think of them as terracotta clay pots that you fill with water and bury in the soil. Unglazed terracotta is porous, meaning that both air and water can travel through the pot. When plant roots are growing near an olla, they sense the moisture seeping



through the terracotta pot and grow towards the walls of the olla. For more information on ollas and how to make

your own, check out this [LINK](#)

SARCAN – Drop and Go for Immanuel!



Remember to drop off your cans and bottles to help us with environmental projects at Immanuel. The code is our phone number **3065864420**. If you prefer to bring your cans and bottles to the church, just let Max in the office know, so we can get them to Sarcan.

In 2024 we hope to have enough money to expand our rain barrel system with some pumps.

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