

## Newsletter



**Confirmation 9:15** 

**Sunday Service 10:15** 

**Sunday School 10:30** 

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# BRIDGES OCTOBER, 2025



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#### A curse and a blessing

<sup>5</sup> This is what the Lord says: "Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who draws strength from mere flesh and whose heart turns away from the Lord. <sup>6</sup> That person will be like a bush in the wastelands;

they will not see prosperity when it comes. They will dwell in the parched places of the desert,

in a salt land where no one lives. <sup>7</sup> "But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. <sup>8</sup> They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit."

Jeremiah 17:5-8

This is an amazing passage. It contrasts selfishness with faith. The selfish person gets so inwardly focussed that he/she cannot even see the blessing God brings for them to embrace. It is the faith-based person who sees the blessing and action of God around him/her and who gets to enjoy being a part of that. May each of us be protected from the curse of spiritual blindness that comes from being selfish. May each of us receive the blessing of God as Jeremiah describes it. May we live in the peace and security that the Spirit brings as we seek to serve him.

Pastor Boyd



## REFUGE

Restoring Adolescent Lives

**Rock Solid Report** 

Rock Solid Refuge is a ministry that is financially supported by Immanuel. Bonnie and I undertook a road trip in southern Saskatchewan and decided to stop for one night in Shaunavon (middle of nowhere) and go see the Rock Solid campus (25 minute drive from the middle of nowhere). This ministry was founded by Dallas Block and several others from the surrounding area. What Rock Solid does is have a one year Christian based program for troubled adolescence. These teenagers (boys only) range in age from 13 to 18. It is the only program of its kind in Canada for this age group. The issues may be addictions (alcohol and drugs), depression or behavioral struggles. The boys have a very structured day, with daily postings of each one's duties. Duties include gardening, horse care, kitchen duties, building maintenance, laundry. Each boy also has a designated space to continue their schooling on-line. The music program is popular with everyone. Rock Solid has also developed a support program for families of troubled teens. This 6 week program is called The Keys. This side trip was well worthwhile with a personal tour by Dallas. More information https://rocksolidrefuge.com/.

Len Lewin

## Mark Your Calendars UPCOMING EVENTS





Make sure to pick up your shoe box, fill it up with items and mark it for a girl or boy. Bring it back before **November 2, 2025.** 

Add \$12.00 per box for shipping and handling.

#### MEN'S BREAKFAST



Men's Breakfast has been cancelled for the month of October due to Joan Carlson Memorial. Join them on the second Saturday of November.





Join us <u>October 18</u>, <u>10:00am</u> to help in cleaning out some of the rooms in the Church.

Bring a truck if you have one.

Any help will be appreciated.

## Potluck

Next Potluck is October 26, after Service.

Join us with your favorite dish.

"Sharing is caring"



We have been are asked that we keep the shelves and table for the sharing corner in the north west corner of the foyer and not move forward as this scratches the flooring.

Bread and pastries are brought on the second and fourth Sunday of the month

We are so happy that the sharing corner was also used to share our bountiful gardens. Zucchini being the favourite. Lots of apples too.

Plants were also brought and found homes.

#### **VOLUNTEER SHEDULE**

DATE	OF Oct 25	12 Oct 25	19-Oct-25	26 Oct 25	
DATE	05-Oct-25	12-Oct-25	19-001-25	26-Oct-25	
Speaker	Boyd	Boyd	Jacqueline	Russ	
Leader	Donna	Len	Duane	John	
Reader	Chris	Donna	Tracey	Rylee	
Greeter	Steve/Laurie	Frank/Jean	Tracey/Dee	Lorne/Linda	
Sunday School					
Music	Al	Choir	Al	Caroline/Jacqueline	
Prayer Team	Jane/Karen	Kathy/Kelly	Dave/Kathy	Chris/Coreena	
Ushers	Tony	Frank/Jean	Tony	Frank/Jean	
Communion	Dietrich		Strand		
Sound	Neil	Graeme	Henry	Adam	
Mediashout	Connie	Cheryl	Lillian	Julie	
Counters	Theresa/Florence	Colleen/Beth	Gloria/Len	Nina/Sandy	
Coffee	Jean	Florence	Gill	Colleen	

Please remember if you are unavailable, find someone who is willing to trade with you or cover for you.



#### **Highlights of the September Council meeting**

- New roof is in and paid for on old church and Fireplace Church.
- Bible Studies are starting up again this month.
- Services this summer went well August attendance was down.
- Pastor Boyd is preaching with a pastor in Pakistan on Sunday evenings, and looking at doing some training with pastors in Pakistan
- Fall Work Bee − October 18, 2025 − 10:00 −
   Bring a truck if you have one
- ♦ Ladies conference is upcoming October 4.
- Recorded Sunday services will change to the Announcement and the Sermon only.
- We require more sound technicians training will be provided. See Graeme.
- Sunday School resumes this month. Additional Teachers would be appreciated.

Submitted by Julie Villadsen



#### July Financial Report

Total Offering Received	\$18,443.50
Total Average per Sunday	\$4,610.88
Total budget Needed Per Sunday	\$5,471.00

Average Attendance 74

#### **August Financial Report**

General Funds Received

Total Offerings Received \$19,266.36
Total Average per Sunday \$4,816.59
Total Budget Needed Per Sunday \$5,471.00

Average Attendance 70

On behalf of Council, we thank you for your generous donations towards the Building Projects. To date we have received \$37,380.00 and continue to pray for God's Blessings upon us.

Submitted by Angela St.Pierre



#### Pennies for Pastors.

Loose change is collected on the first Sunday of the month for Pastors in the Mission field.

In Sept.. \$260.00 was collected.

#### What's Been Happening...





<u>Aug. 13</u> Ten men from Immanuel enjoyed another great breakfast.

Abraham Crowell blessed us with his story and then we had round table discussions about our sources of knowledge that enhanced our lives.

Submitted by Howard Gitzel

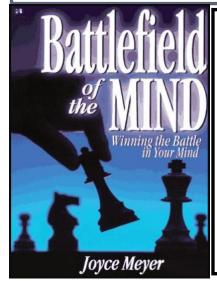
Photos by Duane Spooner





#### Beth's Book Store

Check out our book store in the foyer of the church



We have chosen "Battlefield of the Mind" as our book of the month.

It is available in the foyer of the church. Check it out and also check out the gift section.

## Potluck

Aug. 14





back the children to Sunday School and Confirmation classes on Sept. 14 with a potluck lunch. The children were excited to be back.

The dessert table was overflowing with goodies.

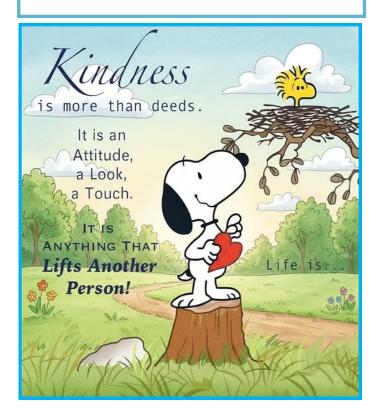
### THE KIDZ PAGE



Sunday School is now in full swing. Start up date was Sept. 14 with a potluck dinner enjoyed by all. Michelle will be leading the children with "Superbook academy" being the curriculum of choice again this year.

We do have a shortage of teachers, so please pray for people to step in to this position. We also have some new children that are enjoying our church, which is so good to see. Please continue to pray for all our children.

We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who taught last year, and to Michelle for leading Sunday School again this session.





The Sunday School children went behind the church and found fallen leaves to put on the poster board in the Sunday School room.

#### From The Mouths Of Babes!

- Johnny had been misbehaving and was sent to his room. After while he emerged and informed his mother that he had thought it over and then said a prayer. "Fine" said the pleased mother. "If you asked God to help you not to misbehave, He will help you." "Oh, I didn't ask Him to help me not to misbehave," said Johnny, "I asked Him to help you put up with me."
- A little girl dressed in her Sunday best, was running as fast as she could, trying not to be late for Bible study class. As she ran she prayed, "Dear Lord, please don't let me late! As she was running and praying, she tripped and fell, getting her clothes dirty and tearing her dress. She got up, brushed herself, and starting running again. As she ran she once again began to Pray, "Dear Lord, please don't let me be late! But don't shove me either."



Prayer is our way of communicating with God and it's a two-way conversation. Jesus modeled a powerful life of prayer. What if we could learn from His example and transform our own prayer lives?

Join us soon as we explore the Ingredients of Prayer:

- The Role of the Holy Spirit in Prayer
- The Power of Asking in Jesus' Name
- How God Answers Prayer

**Intercessory Prayer** 

WHEN: Thu Oct 16 7-9pm

Fri Oct 17 9am -9pm

Sat Oct 18 9am - 5 pm

WHERE: Bethel Community

Church 14204 25th St NW, Edmonton

REGISTER: (cost is \$100 for meals & manual)

The Power of Prayer DE#3 Edmonton | Dunamis Fellowship Canada

dfcanada.org/event-details/the-power-of-prayer-de-3-edmonton

For more info contact Jane or Russ Graff (780-446-7370)









SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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9:15 Confirmation 10:15 Sunday Service Sunday School	Pastor's Day off	11:00 am Prayer Group  7:00pm Ladies Bible study	9:30 <u>Ladies</u> <u>Bible Study</u> 7:00pm <u>Prayer meeting</u>		10:00am Pastor's Bible Study	9. Breakfast  1:30 pm  Joan Carlson  Memorial
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26. 9:15 confirmation 10:15 Sunday Service Sunday School  Potluck	Pastor's Day off	28.  11:00 am  Prayer Group  7:00pm Ladies Bible Study	29. 9:30 <u>ladies</u> <u>Bible Study</u> 7:00 pm <u>Prayer</u> <u>Meeting</u>	30.	31. 10: 00 am Pastor Bible Study	
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Neighbourlink is a charity that Immanuel supports



Location: 2 Keystone Drive, Stony Plain

Sat, Oct 18, 2025 5:00 PM - 9:30 PM Doors at 5pm

6-7:30 Dinner: catering by Freson Bros.

7:30-9:00 Live Performance by Sterling John

9:00-9:15 closing Tickets: \$75:00



EconoLube supported us last year with this event and recently contacted us to say they are doing it again!! This local, family run business has been going for 35 years and are a continually providing support to the community. We are so grateful to be selected again and want to share the promotion with all of you. Here are the details:

Starting Sept 22:

FREE On-Rim Tire Changeover with an Oil Change \$20 OFF an Off-Rim Changeover with an Oil Change No appointment needed — just have your tires with you when you come in for your oil change!

A portion of our proceeds will go to supporting NeighbourLink Parkland.

- \*The tire changeover must be done during the purchased oil change.
- \*\*This promotion runs from September 22 November 15, 2025.



#### Impossibly Easy French Apple Dessert Squares

#### Ingredients:

#### Streusel

1c Bisquick mix

1/2 c brown Sugar

1/4 cup butter or margarine

3/4 c chopped nuts

#### Fruit Mixture

6 c apples, sliced peeled

2 tsp cinnamon

1/2 tsp nutmeg

1 c Bisquick mix

1 c sugar

1 c milk

2 tbsp butter or margarine melted

4 eggs

#### **Directions:**

- 1. Heat oven to 350 F. Spray 13x9 pan with cooking spray.
- 2. In medium bowl, mix 1 cup Bisquick mix and brown sugar. Cut in 1/4 cup butter, until crumbly . Stir in nuts; set aside
- 3. In a large bowl, mix apples, cinnamon and nutmeg, spoon into baking pan
- In a medium bowl, stir remaining ingredients until blended. Pour mixture over apples.
   Sprinkle with streusel.
- 5. Bake 45 to 55 minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean and top is golden brown.
- 6. Cool 30 minutes or until set before cutting into squares. Store in refrigerator.